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**FESTIVAL CHORUS WILL SIT IN TIERS**  
 But the Audience Will Be All Smiles Tonight.  
**First Concert of Asheville's Great Music Festival.**  
 FAMOUS THOMAS ORCHESTRA, EMINENT SOLOISTS AND A CHORUS OF 115 VOICES AT THE GRAND  
 The first concert of the Asheville Music Festival association will take place this evening at the Grand opera house, beginning promptly at 8:30 o'clock. The arrangements for the concert are about complete. The soloists and members of Thomas' orchestra are all here, and the final rehearsal of the chorus together with the soloists and orchestra was to take place this afternoon.  
 The interior of the opera house has been altered to suit the requirements of the occasion. All the scenery has been removed and the stage has been extended six feet into the auditorium for the accommodation of the orchestra and chorus. The orchestra will occupy the front of the stage. During the numbers by the chorus the singers will be to the rear of the orchestra, but in full view of the audience. This will be accomplished by placing the chorus in tiers. The rear tier will be elevated about five feet above the stage.  
 Miss Clarke and Dr. Jackson attended the rehearsal last evening. Each sang a little, and although the singing was merely incidental and without any special effort, the result was such as to give an understanding of what was to be expected, and the members of the chorus were highly enthusiastic over the magnificent art of the artist.  
 No special costume has been selected for the members of the chorus, though the arrangement is that the ladies will wear either black or white evening dresses. The gentlemen will wear the usual dress of the evening. It is thought that the black and white combination will have a very striking effect. The whole scene will unquestionably be brilliant in the extreme.  
**MISS CLARKE.**  
 Miss Caroline Gardner Clarke, the soprano of the festival, who arrived yesterday, is a guest of the Hotel Berkeley. Miss Clarke was born in Rochester, N. Y. She displayed from her earliest childhood a musical nature of the finest quality. When about 14 years of age she went to Boston, where her beautiful voice at once attracted attention, and in 1878 she was placed in charge of that accomplished artist and teacher, Mrs. Clara Doria Rogers, under whose care she rapidly advanced in the study of music and in the development of her noble voice. Soon after her arrival in that city she gave a concert at the Hotel Berkeley. It was her instruction Miss Clarke learned to sing the celebrated songs of his friend in a manner which Mr. Dresel declared he had never heard. Miss Clarke remained an admiring and staunch friend until his death, corresponding regularly with Miss Clarke when she was out of the city and taking the greatest interest in her studies. In 1892 Miss Clarke went to Germany to "ausprechen" and to get the tradition of the German Lieder, placing herself for this purpose with Frau Joachim, whose admiration of Miss Clarke's abilities was unbounded. Returning home in the spring of 1892, she resumed her studies with Mrs. Rogers. Indeed, it may be said that Mrs. Rogers has been her only teacher in the art of singing. It was not the intention of Miss Clarke's parents that she should adopt music as a profession, but her reputation became so widely extended and demands on her presence at musical and concert parties were so numerous that under the advice of friends and the persuasion of prominent musicians she prepared herself fully for operatic and concert work. Miss Clarke is an artist of rare capabilities. With a magnificent voice of a force of wide range and exceptional sweetness, she sings with a breadth of tone, expression and enthusiasm that carry with them a charm that makes her one of the most popular singers of the day.  
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**WHY THIS CARPENTER IS WEARING A BARREL**  
 OPOSED TO WORK BECAUSE IT DOESN'T AGREE WITH HIS CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS.  
 Street Superintendent Bostic is in despair. He is up against the toughest problem that has been presented to him in a long experience with tough problems.  
 When Oscar Carpenter was sentenced some three weeks ago to work on the streets 30 days for vagrancy he explained to Mr. Bostic that work did not agree with his constitution and bylaws; that work did not run in his family, that he came of a long line of languid ancestors, none of whom had ever toiled, neither had he spun.  
 Carpenter, who claims to be from Swain county, says he served a term in the army, and that he came here from Washington, D. C., where he "did time" for 60 days. He says he worked three days of the 60. During the three weeks of his incarceration here Mr. Bostic has never succeeded in getting a stroke of work out of Carpenter, although he has tried every means suggested by his experience.  
 Yesterday the gang was taken to Fine street. One end was knocked out of a barrel, a hole to fit the tired man's head was made in the other, and the man went "work" painted on the side. In this loud costume Carpenter has been making his way through the middle of the street while the others worked, and simply grinned.  
 He asked this morning whether he would take out the barrel, or whether he decided upon the barrel, as being easier to carry.  
 There are certain rules and precedents which make it possible for the authorities to administer a flogging if he persists in his refusal to work.

**LABOR QUESTIONS ARE INQUIRED INTO**  
 STATEMENTS MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION AT LAST ATLANTA SESSION.  
 Atlanta, Ga., March 21.—The industrial commission finished its work in Atlanta today and the members will leave at 4 o'clock for Memphis.  
 Several questions of the Central Labor union of Macon, said organized labor is not as far advanced in the south as in the north. He was questioned regarding the rules of the typographical union, of which he is a member.  
 Andrew Mulvey of Augusta, a member of the Federation of Trades, told of organized labor in Georgia. The most interesting part of his testimony was to the effect that numbers of men throughout the state put their wives and children in cotton mills to earn money for the head of the family to spend in drinking, gambling and other dissipated ways.  
 He stated that one of the roads was insolvent and the other had no money. He believed the creation of the Georgia Railway commission had worked to the benefit of the big lines only. The short lines were at the mercy of the big lines, he said, and existed only by sufferance.  
**PLAY BALL!**  
 Exposition by the Montford Avenue Line Accepted by the Club.  
 At the meeting of the Baseball club, held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms last evening, H. W. Redwood acted as chairman. J. L. Hunter resigned as manager and Alfred S. Barnard was elected to succeed him.  
 A proposition from the Montford avenue line was read before the meeting and accepted. The company proposes to enclose and put the river ground in good condition, build a grand stand and bleachers and to furnish transportation for the team. The A. L. I. recently decided to hold their weekly drills on whatever ground the club should select. The car line will also furnish free transportation to the A. L. I. and regular drills will be held every Thursday evening, with prize drills, sham battles, etc., at intervals.  
 Work was begun on the grounds today. A bicycle track will be built, so that altogether the "river ground" promises to be a popular resort during the season.  
 Manager Barnard will write at once to arrange dates, if possible, with the various clubs of North Carolina and Tennessee. Practice will begin as soon as the ground is ready.  
**BILTMORE HOUSE IS ONE.**  
 Ten Most Beautiful Buildings in the United States.  
 An architectural journal of Boston, the Brochure Series recently asked architects and architectural students to prepare a list of the 10 most beautiful buildings in the United States. The number of lists sent in was more than 20, and these lists of course included a great many buildings, but the selection based on percentages included in the winning 10 Mr. Vanderbilt's Biltmore House.  
 The winning list and the percentages were: 1. National capital, Washington, 96.2; 2. public library, Boston, 95.3; 3. Trinity church, Boston, 96.4; 4. congressional library, Washington, 75.5; 5. Columbia university library, New York city, 70; 6. Trinity church, New York city, 55.7; 7. Madison square garden, New York city, 45.8; 8. St. Patrick's cathedral, New York city, 35; 9. Biltmore House, N. C., 29.10; 10. city hall, New York city, 29.

**MAFEKING STILL AWAITING RELIEF**  
 No News From Column Moving Toward the City.  
**"Mind British Don't Catch You" Says Steyn to Kruger.**  
 DESULTORY FIGHTING REPORTED FROM WARRENTON, NORTH OF KIMBERLEY—BOERS RETREATED.  
 London, March 21.—The only news from South Africa showing activity on either side comes from Warrenton, north of Kimberley, where desultory fighting occurred Saturday, resulting in the retreat of the Boers toward Ebestonia under shell fire.  
 The progress of the column toward Mafeking has either almost ceased or is forbidden to be mentioned in the dispatches. Nothing new comes from Colonel Plumer, and Mafeking apparently still awaits relief.  
 A Pretoria account of the skirmish at Fourteen Streams March 16, says the Boer command, from James has destroyed the railroad bridge. The engagement lasted half an hour, with the result of one bugler slightly wounded.  
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 It is said that when President Kruger left Bloemfontein after his recent visit there, Steyn's parting remark was: "Mind the British do not catch you, or you will get better quarters at St. Helena than I!"  
 The Boers at Alwal North are reported as still holding their position in the big hills of the Free State side. From a Pretoria dispatch it appears that there is some misunderstanding regarding the besting of the Boers. It has been quoted to the effect that Salisbury said Great Britain could accept the intervention of no other power which leads to a belief that the Americans will be listened to in the final settlement.  
 Private Captain Canham, whom the queen visited at Netley hospital, returned to South Africa today, fully recovered.  
 Houghton, Mich., March 21.—Leading mine managers and engineers from the Transvaal, who have visited the copper belt since the beginning of the Boer war regard the destruction of mining plants in the Transvaal as perfect. The notable cast is headed by Wilton Lackaye, famous for his Svengali, who has made an even greater hit with the rabby, William Norris, whose creation of the Hebrew poet has been a hit everywhere. Rosabel Morrison, formerly a star in "Faust" and "Carmen," Mme. Cottrill, the operatic comedienne, Little Mabel Talliferro, the cleverest child actress on the stage, and 20 others selected especially for the parts they play.  
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**IN SCOTT'S FAVOR.**  
 Washington, March 21.—In the senate yesterday Mr. McComas of Maryland, representing the majority of the committee on privileges and elections, presented a report declaring Scott of West Virginia entitled to his seat in the senate. The resolution was placed on the calendar. Mr. McComas stated that Mr. Pettus of Alabama would present the minority report.  
**GOOD ROADS LECTURE.**  
 T. W. Raoul and the magic lantern were at Haw Creek school house last evening. The audience was too large for the seating capacity of the house, showing that interest in the subject of good roads is rapidly spreading. At the close of Mr. Raoul's lecture many expressions of approval were heard from those present.  
**YOUNG WOMAN MURDERED.**  
 Jefferson, S. C., March 21.—The half-charged remains of Cassie Brown, a young white woman, were found in the woods near here today. There was evidence that she had been murdered, and Harvey Jackson, John Jackson, J. T. Steen and Ben Jackson, all white, were arrested.  
**BISHOP DENIES.**  
 Philadelphia, March 21.—Bishop Hurst, presiding over the New Jersey Methodist Episcopal conference at Atlantic City, denied the published statement that he had announced yesterday that McKinley had accepted the chair of international law in the American university at Washington.  
**DIED OF HIS WOUNDS.**  
 Marietta, Ga., March 21.—The negro Bailey, who attempted to assault Miss Snellgrove last Thursday and was taken to the hospital yesterday by a mob, died yesterday of his wounds.  
**ROOT HOME FROM CUBA.**  
 Washington, March 21.—Secretary Root arrived yesterday from Charleston.  
**TO VISITORS.**  
 For Importing Cigarettes Blomberg's, the leading cigar store, 17 Patton Avenue.  
**FLOUR MARKET.**  
 Biltmore Patent, ½ sack, 65; ¼ sack, 31.30; sack, \$2.60; barrel, \$5.00.  
 Tooth Powders and all the preparations that are desirable for the teeth at Wingood's—"He puts up prescriptions."  
 Wood's Special Mixed Sweet Peas should be sown now. New lot at Grant's.  
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 Ten to one your neighbor trades at Wingood's—"He puts up prescriptions."  
 Every physician recommends Wingood's—"He puts up prescriptions."  
 You know, Wingood?—"He puts up prescriptions."

**THIRTY PEOPLE HURT BY ELEVATOR FALL**  
 FRIGHTFUL EXPERIENCE OF PRINTERS IN AN ELEVATOR SHAFT IN CHICAGO.  
 Chicago, March 21.—Thirty persons were injured this morning by the falling of a freight elevator in the building at 166 Market street, where the victims of the accident were employed by a printing company. It is thought that none of the injured will die, although several are badly hurt. Patrol wagons and ambulances were called and the injured were taken to their homes or hospitals.  
 The men worked all night in the printing shop and had crowded into the elevator at the top floor. The big elevator moved slowly down the shaft till the third floor was reached. Then, according to the story of Mr. Olsen, who had taken a lift in the elevator, the machinery going, something snapped and an instant later the lift crashed into the basement.  
**SIX LIVES SAVED BY YOUNG NEGRO**  
 RESCUES A FATHER AND CHILDREN FROM A BURNING BUILDING IN N. Y.  
 New York, March 21.—Six lives were saved by the gallant work of a young negro during a fire at a flat house in West 134th street today. The man's name is M. S. Anderson. He detected the fire while on his way to work.  
 The flames had gained considerable headway, and in a window of the second floor stood a man named Nelson with his little children hovering about him, their escape having been cut off by the flames.  
 With two passersby, Anderson ran into the building next door and up to the floor. With his two companions holding his legs, Anderson swung head downward and, swaying his body backward and forward, managed to reach the children as they were held up to him by the father.  
 All were taken out safely in this manner. Firemen brought other occupants of the building down a ladder.  
**"CHILDREN OF THE GHETTO."**  
 Zangwill's Play to be Given at the Grand Opera House Next Month.  
 Manager Plummer of the Grand opera house has contracted with Liebler & Co., managers of "The Allen in the Christian," James O'Neill in "The Musketeers," James A. Herne in "Sag Harbor" and Sarah Cowell LeMoine in "The Greatest Thing in the World," to bring their original production of Zangwill's "Children of the Ghetto" to his theater on April 21.  
 This is the same company and production that recently went to London but returned because the war scare has almost spoiled theatrical business in London. The notable cast is headed by Wilton Lackaye, famous for his Svengali, who has made an even greater hit with the rabby, William Norris, whose creation of the Hebrew poet has been a hit everywhere. Rosabel Morrison, formerly a star in "Faust" and "Carmen," Mme. Cottrill, the operatic comedienne, Little Mabel Talliferro, the cleverest child actress on the stage, and 20 others selected especially for the parts they play.  
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**COTTON FUTURES.**  
 New York, March 21.—Futures opened steady, March, 9.53; April, 9.56; May, 9.47; June and July, 9.43; August, 9.27; September, 8.41; October, 8.08; November, 7.95; December, January and February, 7.94.  
 The following closing quotations on cotton are furnished by Hubbard Bros. & Co., New York:  
 March, 9.42; April, 9.41; May, 9.40; June, 9.34; July, 9.32; August, 9.20.  
**DEALS IN DIRT.**  
 The following deeds have been filed in the Register of Deeds Mackey's office:  
 W. M. Sutton and wife to Eliza J. Henderson, 72 acres on Haw Creek ..... 750  
 T. W. Patton and wife to Eliza J. Cannon, property west side North street ..... 60  
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 Grant's No. 24 cures colds, 25 cents at Grant's.  
 Everybody knows Wingood's—"He puts up prescriptions."  
 Key West and Tampa Cigars by the Box at Blomberg's.  
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 Fresh lot of Gibson's Lime Tablets at Grant's.  
 Huyler's at Wingood's—"He puts up prescriptions."  
 "He puts up prescriptions." Who? Wingood!  
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 We sell Gregg's fresh roasted coffee, Clarence Sawyer.  
 Wingood—"He puts up prescriptions."  
 Golf Goods supplies—Blomberg's.  
 French Briar Pipes—Blomberg's.

**MOONSHINERS MOB NEGRO INFORMER**  
 Inoffensive Man Horribly Mutilated and Hanged.  
**Crime Committed at Night Near Carthage, N. C.**  
 ONCE GOT AWAY FROM MURDERERS, BUT WAS CAUGHT AND TORTURED—ARRESTS HOURLY EXPECTED.  
 Raleigh, N. C., March 21.—[Special.]—Governor Russell is informed that George Ritter, a simple and inoffensive negro of 35 years, was taken from his home near Carthage at night by four masked men and horribly mutilated, shot and hanged to a tree.  
 Moonshiners committed the crime because they believed Ritter had informed on them.  
 Ritter was taken to the hospital, where he wanted to see Ritter and ask him some questions, and not to be frightened. He went out with them.  
 Pistol shots were heard, and later Ritter's body was found, the lower part cut to pieces and his head smashed. Ritter was tortured before death. An attempt was made to hang him first, but he got away, ran and was pursued a quarter of a mile and caught.  
 His wife and daughter were taken to Carthage for safe keeping.  
 The officers think they know three of the whiteappers. Masks and hats were found. The men's tracks were measured. Arrests are hourly expected.

**WILL INVESTIGATE MACRUM'S CHARGES**  
 EX-CONSUL TO PRETORIA SUMMONED TO GO TO WASHINGTON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
 Washington, March 21.—The house committee on foreign affairs has decided to investigate the allegations made by Charles F. Macrum, ex-consul to Pretoria, relative to the opening of his official mail by the British authorities. Representative Wheeler of Kentucky introduced a resolution to this end, which was referred to the committee on rules.  
 After some consultations chairman Hill on behalf of the committee agreed to investigate the charges without direction from the house if that would be satisfactory to Mr. Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler assented and has wired Macrum to come to Washington as soon as possible.  
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