

NEW FIRE ESCAPES TO BE TESTED TODAY

Firemen and High School Boys Will Have Great Time on the "Chute-the-Chute."

If the weather man does not continue on his grouch, there is some great fun in store for the members of the Asheville fire department, the students of the high school and other interested persons this afternoon, when the new fire escape which was recently installed at the auditorium will be given a thorough test.

The escape is of the "chute-the-chute" variety and it is said that the sport experienced as one goes down it is vastly more exciting and enjoyable than any to be found on Coney Island. A number of the members of the board of aldermen have already tested the new apparatus and they have announced that it is all right; however, they declare that they do not wish to accept it until it has been given a hard test. There are some suspicious folks who believe that their idea in trying it again is simply to get the opportunity to take another ride and to let the high school children in on the fun proposition.

It has been suggested that the escape be used by the city as a means of obtaining revenue with which to meet current expenses. An admission fee might be charged, it has been suggested, for a ride through the chute and it is believed that these persons who enjoy such fun "could patronize it day in and day out."

JOHN PENLAND GIVEN PRELIMINARY HEARING

Gus Walker, Negro He Cut Seriously Some Time Ago, Is Able To Be Out.

John Penland, colored, was given a hearing by Justice of the Peace W. H. Under yesterday afternoon and was bound to police court charged with cutting Gus Walker, colored, at the barn of the Citizens' Dray company two weeks ago. It will be recalled that Walker was seriously cut and that his wound for a while was considered extremely bad. However, he recovered sufficiently to appear yesterday and will doubtless be placed on the stand in city police court this morning.

It was testified in the court of the magistrate that Walker was cursing Penland and that the latter demanded that he stop, since his wife was a short distance away and he did not care for her to hear the language. However, it was testified, Walker continued the use of the abusive language and Penland promptly drew his knife from his pocket and cut Walker's throat.

Penland was not placed on the stand yesterday. He is in the city jail awaiting trial in police court this morning.

EXPRESS RATES WILL BE GIVEN ATTENTION

Conference in New York for Purpose of Thoroughly Threshing Out Question.

Asheville commercial organizations have been informed that the express rate conference of associated commercial organizations of the United States will meet on November 22 in the assembly room of the Merchants' association of New York for the purpose of investigating express rates over the country. The various organizations over the country are requested to be represented at the meeting or present thereat any instances wherein they have knowledge of excess or unsatisfactory rates.

RARE SOUTHERN HUMOR

There are some rare jokers in the south. Some of them are employed by various publications, but the best are governors of various sovereign states. Perhaps they do not realize their powers but—

Who not master jokemiths would in solemn convulse advise an organized movement to reduce the production and increase the price of cotton and in the same breath advise that the president be asked to help the good work along by enforcing the laws prohibiting restraint of trade?

The humorists who perpetrated this joke were Governors Mann, of Virginia; O'Neil, of Alabama; Noel, of Mississippi; Sanders, of Louisiana, and Colquitt, of Texas, aided and abetted by delegates less well known to fame from other states.—New York Herald.

The tortoise lives longer than any other known animal.

AMUSEMENTS



GRACE CAMPBELL In "The Country Boy," Auditorium Tonight

"The Country Boy" The following comment was taken from the Charlotte Daily Observer: "The Country Boy" was the attraction at the Academy of Music last night and there can be no denial of its extreme cleverness. The theme deals with a familiar situation—an ancient as the prodigal son himself but as fresh as the last good-byes waved by a fond and weeping mother to her departing boy. A country lad, full of fire and the right sort of ambition, feels cramped in his native village and desires to seek his fortune amid the white lights which glimmer around Broadway and 42nd street. He simply knows he cannot fail—is there not a loving girl waiting for him to prove himself a man before making him the happiest mortal on earth? Could anybody fail with so glorious an incentive?

The curtain falls with the two folded gently and praiseworthy in each other's arms.

The lines abound with very clever bits. The boarding house table scene being twenty-four karat realism and funny as a circus sideshow. "Joe Weinstein," a rather spectacular young person, attached to the outskirts of the theatrical profession, seldom opens his mouth without emitting large orders of slang that could not have been born out of sight of the statue of Liberty, much of which is brand new and all of which possesses the aptness which is so distinguishing a trait of Gotham conversation. But along with this light stuff there is much that is very sound. There is a whole volume of sermons in Merkle's talk to Wilson just as the latter is about to shuffle off this mortal coil—and sermons too, delivered so cleverly as never to scare off the very attentive audience of one.

The cast evidences a very thorough grasp of the spirit of their vehicle. Stapleton Kent as "Merkle" being particularly effective.

Tickets are selling at Whitlock's.

"Beverly"

The attraction at the Auditorium on Tuesday, Nov. 14th, will be A. G. Delamater and William Norris, Inc., original Studebaker theatre, Chicago, production of George Barr McCutcheon's "Beverly," by Robert M. Baker. The Buffalo Commercial has the following to say concerning the attraction.

"Geo. Barr McCutcheon's 'Beverly' opened a week's engagement auspiciously at the Teck theatre last evening before a crowded house. The dramatization promises all of the elements that go to make a successful play, admirable characters, elaborate settings, clever situations and an interesting plot. All the parts are well acted and the company enters into the play with spirit and effectiveness. Certain calls were frequent, the ending of the play not being the signal for long continued applause."

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The Firing Line

The coming of "The Firing Line," the first dramatization of any of the celebrated books of Robert W. Chambers, which is to be presented at the Auditorium on Saturday, Nov. 18, is being looked forward to by all who have read the works of this noted author. The action of the play closely follows the text of the book. One of the principal scenes is laid at Palm Beach, Fla., and no more distinct, yet delicately tinted pictures of an American winter resort, in full blossom of its brief recurrent glory has ever been presented. It is clearly Mr. Chambers' purpose to show that the substitution of society lies in the constant injection of new blood into its veins.

The company which Mr. Delamater has selected for its production is made up of first class people, who have only been connected with high class attractions. The scenic equipment will be particularly elaborate.

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BELIEF IN ASHEVILLE FOUNDATION OF CLUB

New Organization Will Likely Prove Power for Good in City's Development.

At the organization of the Asheville Ad-Men's club Saturday, the credo of the Winston-Salem club was read, which met the general approval of the local club. Substituting Asheville for Winston-Salem, the credo reads as follows: I believe in Asheville. In the pre-eminence of her location in the Land of the Sky. In the beauty and healthfulness of her hills. In the undeveloped, unlimited power of her resources. In the variety and marvelous efficiency of her industries. In the skill and inventive genius of her workmen, the public spirit of her business men, and the resulting prosperity of her people.

I believe in North Carolina and her mission in the glory of her past and the greatness of her future—and I believe that the same spirit of Gullfrost court house and King's Mountain—the spirit that lavishly have its blood, brain and money to the upbuilding of the country—still lives in North Carolina's sons and daughters and waits only the word to call all North Carolina to the still greater things before us.

I believe in the tremendous transforming power of optimism. I believe that it is lack of faith which checks the development of individuals, associations and nations. That skepticism is the only thing which stands between the Old North State and her great destiny. And that when the pessimism is transformed to optimism North Carolina will again take her rightful place in the vanguard of industrial progress.

Therefore I am resolved that I will avoid, and help others to avoid and escape from the deadening, demoralizing rut of criticism, skepticism and inertia. That I will, be a booster, not a knocker. And that I will neglect no opportunity to show my faith in the future of North Carolina and in Asheville and labor unceasingly for its fulfillment.

It is probable that the "credo" of the local organization will be patterned after that of Winston-Salem. The club as yet is hardly in smooth running order, but the members have the spirit which will make it a telling power here in a very short time.

PUCKERLESS PERSIMMONS.

Apparently the scientists cannot be prevented from robbing us of all our cherished traditions and privileges. After having upset about everything else in the world they have now discovered a way of taking the pucker out of the persimmon, although why they should have thought this necessary no one seems to know.

The scientists clearly are interfering with a law of nature and also robbing life of one of its sources of joy. There are few more mirth-provoking things in the world than watching the uninitiated attempting to eat a green persimmon. The pucker of the persimmon comes from tannic acid and we fall to see what the scientists are going to accomplish by removing tannin from the persimmon. One might as well eat a cucumber and be done with it.

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CIVIL CASES WILL BE TRIED THIS WEEK

Superior Court Convenes Today for Four Weeks' Session, Judge Henry F. Lane Presiding.

Superior court for the trial of civil cases convenes this morning for a four weeks' term, with Judge Henry F. Lane presiding.

The calendar, which was recently made out for the first two weeks of the term, contains twenty-eight cases, four of which are against the Southern Railway company, two against the Champion Fibre company and one against the Asheville Electric company.

A number of the cases involve matters of great importance and some of them were instituted a year or more ago. One of the more recent cases is that of Garrett D. Carter and wife against the Southern Railway company et al, which was instituted for damages because of injuries received by Mrs. Carter during the early part of the year near Smith's bridge. In an attempt to cross the tracks, Mrs. Carter was knocked down and dragged a few feet by the locomotive, sustaining injuries which necessitated her being taken to the hospital.

OUTSIDE HELP SAVES TOWN

DAYTON, Va., Nov. 13.—A fire which threatened the destruction of this town was checked by the use of fire apparatus brought here by automobile from Harrisonburg. The Belmont hotel, Layman Carriage works, Coolie store, three dwellings and four other structures were destroyed entailing a loss of \$30,000. The origin of the fire has not been determined.

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