AMUSEMENTS

"THE BLUE MOUSE."

This season's greatest success in New York, "The Blue Mouse," which will be the attraction at the Academy of Music very shortly, will be presented by a company of twenty-fie people, a duplicate of the organization now appearing in the farce at the Lyric Theatre in New York.

A TALK ON BLACK CORK.

Nelse in "The Clansman" Tells the Secrets of Darky Impersonation.

Albert Hanna, who brings down the house by his comical Uncle Nelse in "The Clansman," said the other day:

"Darky impersonation is a specialty and few of those who essay it achieve complete success. It is easy enough to put on the makeup and imitate in a general way the darky talk and shambling gait. It is in the peculiar intonations of the voice that most performers fail I was raised in the South and have been a close observer of the actions and speech of negroes. The distinction between the old house servants and the plantation or cotton field negroes is most important. In "The Clansman" Nelse is supposed to have lived with whites all his life and to have absorbed their ideas to a large extent. Aleck, on the other hand, is a cotton field negro suddenly raised to the dizzy height of High Sheriff by the changes of Reconstruction politics.

"I used to double as Nelse and Dick, the scared negro corporal in the last act. It was an awful job. Nelse alone is sufficient to keep any actor busy. To my mind the best performer is the one who gets the most laughs without indulging in physical violence o rhorse-play. Nelse strikes but one blow—when he knocks down the scalawag white Governor of South Carolina. Otherfise he does everything by voice, facial expression, movement and gesture. I enjoy playing the part because the audience is always thoroughly in sympathy with the old fellow who 'lubs his ol' massa, fit all thru the war with him,' and who has no use whatever for the Freedman's Bureau type of negro."

What Are the Greatest Songs?

The New York Herald recently commented on the question, "What will be a feature of the Dandy Dixie are the greatest songs"—songs that have stirred the human heart, songs whose rhythm and melody are for all time? Many views were advanced by the various readers, but by almost unanimous consent the following were the songs that were entitled to that distinction and voted to an exalted position in the "Hall of Fame:" "The Star Spangled Banner," "The Marseillaise," "Die Wacht Am Rhin," "Song of the Evening Star," from "Tannahauser;" "The Lost Chord," from "Il Trovatore,;" "God Save the Queen" and "Dixie."

These imortal melodies, together with many patriotic anthems and the newest ballad coon songs, and the sweet old-time songs to the South, Band, which will be seen at the Academy of Music this afternoon and tonight.

Scene from "The Unwritten Law," Vernon Stock Co.

The Vernon Stock Company will be seen at the Academy of Music, for one week beginning Monday night. The Danville, Va., Bee, of February 2d, gives the following account of the performance of this company:

"The Vernon Stock Company, a most excellent dramatic organization, made its initial bow to Danville at the Scademy last night, and it must be acknowledged the company more than fulfilled all the promises made by its advance notices, and deserves all the praise that has been extended to the praise that has been extended to the company by press and public in the past.

"'The Unwritten Law,' is new, a good play and gave the greatest satisfaction, but it is a play that needs actors and they were not found wanting in the Vernon Company.

"A criticism of the personnel of the company will be made later on better acquaintance, and if all the companion plays are as good as the opening Danville will agree with the other cities that 'The Vernon Stock Company is the best yet.'

"To-night the company presents a play of the plains, 'A Cowboy's Romance,' and is very well spoken of as a companion play to 'The Squaw Man.'"

PLEA FOR PARKS A MODERN SYSTEM

The park committee of the Greater Charlotte Club, of which committee Dr. E. Reid Russell is chairman, is determined to put up a winning fight in their efforts to secure one or more parks for the city, conveniently located and properly laid out and maintained.

The committee has already issued several statements and has done a good deal of work, having in view the arousing of public interest in the matter, but they have not completed their work by a great deal and to-day a circular is being distributed broadcast over the city, bearing on the park question, which will be of interest to the public.

The pamphlet being scattered broadcast to-day is entitled: "A Plea to the Citizens of Charlotte for Park Improvements," and was compiled by Dr. Russell, who has abundant information on the value and necessity of parks in cities, the pamphlet being issued as one of the official statements of the Greater Charlotte Club.

Parks a Necessity.

"Fresh air and out-door exercise are absolutely essential for the health of a community," is the leading sentence in the pamphlet, which continuing says:

"Where can children of a city go for fresh air? To the parks of the city. Where can grown persons go for fresh air, enjoyment and social meetings and greetings? To the parks of the city.

"We have now only two small parks and they should be kept better—Vance Park and Carnegie Park. Charlotte has a splendid opportunity for a great park.

City Has 46 Acres Donated.

The pamphlet states further that something over 46 acres have been donated to the city for park purposes in the eastern part of the city, known as "Independence Park." This property was donated to the city as follows:

July, 1904—From the Highland Park Company, 12.85 acres.

July, 1904—Brevard and Springs to the city of Charlotte, 1 3-4 acres.

August, 1904—From board of water commissioners, 26 1-4 acres.

"The conditions upon which this property was given to the city," continues the statement of the committee, were as follows:

"For a public park for the use of the white people of Charlotte, and to be held, used and maintained by the City of Charlotte, its successors, for that purpose, and whenever the City of Charlotte, or its succesors, cease to keep and maintain such property for the purpose aforesaid, the same is at once to revert to granter herein, its successors and assigns."

Recommendations Are Made.

The committee offers the following recommendations as to the proper disposition to be made of these donations of land for park purposes:

First—We should have a small house and a man put in charge, to take care of it and other parks of the city.

Second—It should be thoroughly drained and walks fixed and shrubberies and flowers planted.

Third—There should be driveways around the property, and they should be macadamized by the convict system.

Fourth—That a committee of aggressive and progressive men be appointed to personally supervise and see that these parks are put in good order and shape.

Fifth—A small building should be built on these grounds as a nucleus for a museum and art galleries similar to those in the parks of Edinburgh.

Sixth—There should be a band stand erected and the place thoroughly lighted.

From the plans of the above it will be seen that the plans of the committee, if carried out as outlined, will give to the city a system of parks, with the nucleus for extension and greater things when the city becomes greater, that will place Charlotte in the front rank in point of public parks among the cities of the South.

MUCH PRAISE FOR ADMIRAL SPERRY

His Good Judgment in Supplying Relief for Italy is Commended.

WASHINGTON, FEB. 6.—Rear Admiral Sperry cabled the Navy Department to-day that the total value of naval stores supplied to the earthquake sufferers in Italy was $143,126, of which the Culgoa furnished $142,128. The statement does not include the value of stores furnished by the supply ship Celtic, the Red Cross steamer Bayern, nor the expenditures for houses, purchased out of the congressional appropriations.

The commendable zeal displayed by Admiral Sperry in rushing supplies to Italy has found cause for gratification at the Navy Department and Secretary Newberry has sent Admiral Sperry a congratulatory message for his prompt action and excellent judgment. The naval commander dispatched the relief ship to the scene of the disaster immediately after news of it reached him, and without awaiting instructions from authorities at Washington.

It was announced at the headqaurters of the American National Red Cross last night that further funds are not required in Italy and Sicily at this time. Over $900,000 were contributed to the American Red Cross, and of this amount $312,269 was contributed through the society in New York.

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Biographical Calendar

February 6th.

Jacques Lebaudy, heir to the accumulated fortune of the sugar refiner who was the richest man in France, Parisian dandy, soldier of fortune and last, but not least, the "Emperor of Sahara," was born 33 years ago today. His present whereabouts are unknown, but he is supposed to be on his palatial yacht somewhere in the Mediterranean, seeking to forget in a mad pursuit of pleasure the ill fortune that has followed his attempts to place himself on a throne.

In his early life Lebaudy was eccentric, and there were some who called him mad. Relieved from the necessity of work by the immense fortune he had inherited from his father and his brother, Max, he spent his youth in traveling and drinking to the dregs such pleasures as Paris and other European capitals can offer to the idle rich. He was still a youngster when Paris palled upon him and, sore smitten of enui, he originated the crack-brained idea of establishing an empire and making himself an emperor. For the scene of his triumph he selected the desert of Sahara.

Getting together an "army," which is said to have numbered 400, in three ships, including his yacht, he made a descent upon the unfrequented part of Africa, as to the nationality of which there is some doubt, and proclaimed himself "Emperor," under the style of Jacques I. Once he went to London in a visit—that was in 1904—and established himself with the court in a hotel. Early in 1905 he was sued in the English courts by his "commander-in-chief" for salary and claimed that as an "Emperor" he was beyond the jurisdiction of the court. As, however, it was found that there was no contract, the question of his status was left unsettled, as he won without it.

In 1905 he was in Trieste, where his eccentric behavior caused him to be placed under police supervision. He went away hurriedly and left behind him a lady styled the "Empress."

For a time after his solemn proclamation of himself as an "emperor," Lebaudy was surrounded by hordes of flatterers, some attracted by his money and others by his supreme audacity. To these he apportioned out titles and honors with profuse liberality, and to-day there are many bogus noblemen who received their titles from Lebaudy. He appointed ambassadors and ministers and established consuls in many European and American cities, and although these were not recognized by any nation, they served to exalt the majesty and vanity of their imperial master.

From last reports, the "empire' is now in the last stages of dissolution, and the "emperor" has succeeded in almost entirely dissipating his vast fortune in attempting to foster his rattle-brained project.

Are Investigating "White Slave" Trade.

NEW ORLEANS, FEB. 6.—It became known to-day that three women in the employ of the Federal government have been engaged in New Orleans for several days securing evidence in the so-called "White Slave" traffic.

A woman known as Fannie Ruddy is being held by the authorities as a material witness, and it is said a number of other arrests will be made.

Revolts at Cold Steel.

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5:52 a. m., No. 44, daily, for Washington and points North. Day coaches Charlotte to Washington. Pullman sleeper Atlanta to Raleigh.

6:30 a. m., No. 35, daily, for Columbia and local points.

8:00 a. m., No. 16, daily (except Sunday), for Statesville, Taylorsville and local points. Connects at Mooresville for Winston-Salem and at Statesville for Asheville.

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