

In Society

MR. ABRAM MILLER STATES HIS SIDE

Regarding the Masonic Bazaar He Says He Has Absolutely No Intention of Leaving the Masons—History of His Suit Club is Given

To the Editor of The Chronicle:

As a pure matter of defence of myself and my business, I ask space in your paper to reply to the report of the "sensational flurry" in which I am represented by a reporter, as lodged in a suit against the methods employed by the Masonic Bazaar in raffling a valuable piano and other articles of property. I do not now have, never have had any complaint whatever to make against the Masonic Bazaar or any method it has employed or may hereafter employ in regard to a raffle. The facts in the case are these:

Example No. 1. Several weeks ago I devised a scheme for selling suits of clothes, hand tailored, where a club of 75 members agreed to pay me \$1 a week. In return I was to deliver to the club members each one a suit of clothes of property. I do not now have a member's selection from certain goods. The weekly payments were to cover a period of 26 weeks. The club members held drawings among themselves beginning with the first week; the members drawing the lucky number received his suit of clothes and dropped out of line, the suit costing him \$1, and this process was continued for 25 weeks. It is easy to see that 51 members of the club paid \$25 each for a suit, and twenty-four members received each a suit of clothes costing from one dollar to twenty-four dollars per suit. This scheme had hardly been set on foot before I was informed by Solicitor Clarkson through the press that it was a gambling game, and, as such, would have to be discontinued. I did not agree with the Honorable Solicitor that the plan was immoral in tendency or in violation of law, but wishing to be, and to be regarded as, a law-abiding citizen, I abandoned the plan to my own great detriment, and to the inconvenience of seventy-five members of the club.

Example No. 2. The Masonic bazaar had donated to certain articles of property. (The title to this property was in the Masonic Bazaar, just the same as the title in my suits was in me and the only difference being the Masonic Bazaar acquired title by gift, whereas I acquired title by purchase.) The Masonic Bazaar proceeded to raffle these articles off by a method the reporter article to some person who bought a ticket and who, by this it will be seen that the person who held the lucky number got a great deal more than his money's worth and the thousands of patrons who held unlucky numbers got nothing.

(In the case of my suits, every man who paid his money got a suit; twenty-four people out of seventy-five got suits for less than \$25, but fifty-one people got suits worth \$25 and paid only \$25 for them.)

The argument is advanced that since the Masonic Bazaar had certain articles of property, it could dispose of the same to whomsoever and in whatever manner it saw fit. If this be true, why could I not do the same thing with my own goods? The "Sensational Flurry" was caused in this case by the fact that Clarkson's office and I inquired of the difference between my case and the case of the bazaar. He said he had investigated the matter and had instructed the bazaar not to proceed to the chief of police, with instructions to lay the matter fully before that official. I complied with his request and thereupon my interest in the matter ended.

I have no desire to cripple the Masonic Bazaar, nor to interfere in any way with its programme. But I do have the desire, and now make the desire, and intend, and every individual shall have equality of opportunity and be given an absolutely square deal before the law, by the officials charged with the administration of the law. In other words, I pray for sincerity of purpose, equality, justice.

What I have said has been in defense of myself and my business and has been meant in no spirit of criticism or greatest pride. It says the world over as the greatest fraternity yet organized.

Yours very truly,
ABRAM MILLER.

THE FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, COMPILLED BY MAYOR T. S. FRANKLIN AND MR. G. SCOTT, OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, CONTAIN NO MORE INTERESTING REPORT THAN THAT CONCERNING THE GRADED SCHOOL RECORD IN THE CITY.

The following tables show the total enrollment and average attendance in both the white and the colored schools:

Table with 4 columns: School Name, Total Enrollment, Average Attendance, and Grand Total.

There will be a meeting of the voters of Ward 3 this evening at 8 o'clock at C. B. Moore & Co.'s store, on Church street, to arrange a ticket for the coming primary.

DR. A. D. GLASCOCK, OSTEOPATH, Phone 1037. Hours 9 to 4. Graduate of the American School, Kirksville, Mo. All acute and chronic diseases successfully treated. City calls by appointment. Office No. 1, Carnegie Court, By the Library.

HAVE YOU SEEN BAZAAR VAUDEVILLE

This is One of Main Features of Big Show Now Given by the Masons.

"Have you seen the vaudeville show at the Masonic bazaar under the direction of Prof. Kessler?"

"Well, if you haven't, you are missing one of the best attractions of its kind ever put on the local stage."

This is a specimen of conversation that is being heard on all sides to-day. Those who have visited the bazaar without exception come away delighted with the big affair and pleased with every feature that is connected with this interesting collection of amusements, things for sale, of every imaginable character, something to please everybody, and a numerous list of other attractions that are all mingled together in one happy, pleasant and crowded scene that bursts upon the eye of one entering the building like a vision of beauty, and holds the attention of the senses spell-bound so long as the visitor remains in the building.

"I have seen many bazaars and fancy-work exhibits and such things, but this is the grandest yet" is another frequently heard statement about the Masonic bazaar being held this week.

It is said that the bazaar, to which the merchants of the city and others are generously donating, has on hand for sale almost everything that could be imagined from the finest pieces of fancy-work to a barrel of potatoes or a mowing machine. And the purchasers too are finding many good things for sale which they consider bargains because their purchases are both satisfactory and are procured at reasonable prices. It is no uncommon sight to see a patron of the bazaar leave with both arms full of a big load of purchases, including groceries, work-dainties, and numerous other things that make the bazaar so popular with the crowds.

The ladies, to whom the success of the bazaar is so largely due, have given of their time and labor most generously and their efforts being appreciated not only by the Masons but by patrons of the bazaar at large.

There are many centres of interest within the four walls of the building which continue to hold the attention of large crowds without wearying them for a moment. The entire building is a mass of booths, bunting, articles, whose number is almost without end, and crowds of people who enjoy their trip around the line of booths and the various other attractions that they are swept on with the tide of visitors and never once do they have an opportunity to lose interest, for there isn't a least thing in the entire bazaar but what is radiant to attract a good sized number of patrons every minute.

The bazaar is so far meeting with all the success that those interested looked for and it is probable that the attendance during the remainder of the week will increase so that the best times are yet to come.

PERSONAL MENTION

The Day's Record of Those Who Come and Go.

Mr. R. S. Stewart, of Lancaster, S. C., was among yesterday's guests at the bazaar.

Mr. John G. White, of Grover, was among the visitors in the city yesterday, stopping at the Buford.

Mr. D. S. Leak, of High Point, was an out-of-town visitor in the city yesterday, a guest at the Buford.

Messrs. O. F. Mason and C. E. Child, of Dallas, spent yesterday in the city, guests at the Buford.

Mr. J. L. Blackstock, was among yesterday's guests at the Buford.

Mr. C. E. Whitney, of Bessemer City, spent yesterday in the city guest at the Buford.

Mr. Robert F. Rankin, of Mount Holly, was among the out-of-town visitors in the city yesterday.

A. D. NEAL & COMPANY LEADING TAILORS

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SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETS

Representatives of United Lutheran Synod in Session Here To-Day.

The Sunday school committee of the United Lutheran Synod of the South, is in session today at the Y. M. C. A. Building. The committee is composed of one representative of each of the eighth district Synods of the Lutheran Church of the South.

The meeting is being held in the interest of the Sunday school work, the principal object being to arrange a programme for Sunday school normals for the coming summer season, for the various district Synods. The work of training teachers is the principal matter which is being discussed.

The committee express themselves as highly pleased with the outlook for Sunday school work at present and are of the opinion that the outlook is brighter than it has ever before been in the South.

The committeemen present at this meeting are Revs. A. J. McCollough, of Albemarle, chairman; C. K. Bell, of King's Mountain; Dr. T. O. Keister, of Roanoke, Va.; W. H. Roof, of Hickory; and Prof. G. F. McAllister, of Mount Pleasant.

The Home Mission Board of the United Synod of the South, of which Dr. I. W. Yoder, of Lincolnton, is chairman, held a meeting at 10 o'clock this morning in the reading room at the Y. M. C. A.

HAWAII DEFENSES ARE INCREASED

Island Legislature Takes Steps to Bar Japanese—National Guard Recruited to Full Strength for Protection in Case of Possible Conflict.

HONOLULU, HAWAII, April 14.—The Legislature of Hawaii is taking all possible steps to comply with the wishes of the War Department at Washington in furnishing information as to what Hawaii can do in the way of self-defense in the event of a possible war.

Several bills have been introduced into the Legislature along these lines. One bill provides for the preparation of an accurate list of all able to bear arms within the Territory.

Another bill aims directly at the Japanese living here, making it a misdemeanor for Orientals to organize into companies for drill, to take part in any military drill, or to belong to a society or school organized for the purpose of instruction in drill without the written consent of the Governor.

During the last war excitement of a year ago there were many stories in circulation of Hawaiian Japanese being drilled by Japanese officers here as representatives of their government. It is doubtful if there were any substantial ground for such reports, but the passage of the bill referred to will prevent any further apprehension of the plantation Japanese being organized into an army corps for the purpose of assisting a Japanese force in Honolulu.

In the last session of the Legislature a bill was passed forbidding the ownership or possession of firearms of any description, and of ammunition, unless the same was reported to the county clerks of the different counties.

It is understood that the local commandant of the National Guard, as well as the commandants of the regular army posts here, are in constant communication with the War Department regarding the status of affairs in Hawaii.

A few months ago several members of the intelligence department of the War Department visited Hawaii and made a thorough investigation into conditions, studying the topography of the country from the standpoint of practical military men.

During the last few weeks the National Guard of Hawaii has been recruited up to full regimental strength and efforts are now being made to organize extra companies to be trained under the same course of training in order that the regular force be stationed here may be augmented without delay in cases of emergency.

EASTER HAT A REAL FIRE EXTINGUISHER

Bonnet is No Earthly Use To-Day, But It Saved the House from Flames.

NEWBURYPORT, MASS., April 14.—Frank Southey has found some use for an Easter hat.

"H-M. SELL IT" IN THESE LATE DAYS

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AT THE STAR Great Scenic and Electrical Display of "DESTINY"

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PENNY COLUMN

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WANTED—Two unfurnished rooms for light housekeeping, no children. State price and location. "M." care Chronicle.

WANTED—Good milk cow. 1010 E. 4th street. Phone 1864-J.

WANTED—Two or three energetic boys. Good proposition to the right fellows. See Mr. Weaver at The Observer office.

WANTED—Two nice rooms for light housekeeping, by couple with no children. Address "S. L. N." care Chronicle.

WANTED—Boy to carry The Evening Chronicle. Good route in heart of city. Call at Chronicle office.

FOR FIRST-CLASS umbrellas recovered and repaired. I have no agents out canvassing for me. Call and see. Work fully guaranteed. 406 S. Tryon street.

500 WOMEN and children needed at H. C. Long Co's Oxford Sale Friday and Saturday.

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WANTED AT ONCE—Three first-class coatsmakers and two trouser makers. The Tate-Brown Co., Charlotte, N. C.

MISCELLANEOUS

HERE IT IS—200 pairs Ladies' and Misses' Oxford shoes, all sizes, sold up to \$2.50, choice 75c. H. C. Long Co.

TO-DAY'S MOVEMENTS OF THE MARKETS

QUOTATIONS ON COTTON, STOCKS, GRAIN PRODUCE

The Chronicle's Financial and Commercial Review of the Prices Current.

INTERESTING MARKET FEATURES ARRANGED FOR BUSY READERS

COTTON

NEW YORK, APRIL 14.—Cotton opened active at an advance of 4 to 7 points. The demand was of excellent character and continued after the call, when further gains were made. Opening: May, 10.10, bid; July, 10.08; September offered 9.94; October, 9.95.

NEW YORK STOCKS. NEW YORK, APRIL 14.—Trading and price movements at opening of stocks was mixed and irregular, with some liquidation in leading issues, resulting from losses sustained yesterday. There were some net gains at the end of 15 minutes. Gould stocks were prominent. A strong tone was developed.

Chicago Grain and Provisions. CHICAGO, APRIL 14.—The wheat market opened a little lower on cables but met good support from commission houses with the market showing strength at an advance. Opening: Wheat, May 127 1-2; Corn, May 66 1-8; Oats, May 53 3/4; Pork, July, 18.05.

CHARLOTTE. NEW YORK.

These figures represent prices paid to warehouse, April 14:

Table with 4 columns: Commodity, Price, and Location.

Charlotte Grain. (Corrected daily by Conrane-McLaughlin Co.)

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Charlotte Produce. (Corrected by R. H. Field & Co.)

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LIVERPOOL COTTON. Futures opened quiet and steady; futures closed steady. Receipts 3,000; American 10,500. American sales 10,000; speculation and export 500. Middlings 5.42; Middlings steady, 5.42; Spots steady, American sales 3,500.

LONG HAIRED MEN. Preach the "Only Gospel" on the Streets To-Day, and Reap More or Less Remunerative Harvest From Sale of Papers that Fully Describe the "New Way."

Two middle-aged men with long flowing locks and with voices that would compare favorably with the fabled voice of the Greek Stentor, appeared on the streets to-day proclaiming the near approach of a new era for the earth, and declaring that they had the only true religion.

As usual the two patriarchal-looking men drew large crowds and while they alternated at taking a round at the crowd with their new doctrine, the other one circulated through the crowd and sold papers for whatever the purchaser felt disposed to contribute. They did a good business on the first round here and the crowds were on the increase this afternoon.

"Shiloh's Messenger of Wisdom" is the paper which may be had for Turkey or a dollar as the buyer chooses to invest in this literature.

The men with the Sampson-like beard declared without using any limiting adjectives that the end of the world is dangerously near at hand and that the earth is on the point of being burned off with terrific fire, after which it will be utilized by the descendants of the elect as a millennium abode.

BULGARIA MAY MAKE DEMANDS. Cabinet in All-Day Secret Session—Demand Recognition from Turkey.

SOFIA, APRIL 14.—The Bulgarian cabinet is holding an all-day secret session considering the question of mobilizing the army to force Turkey to recognize the independence of Bulgaria.

The time is ripe for a hostile move, the Bulgarians believe, considering the internal anarchism of Constantinople.

Up Before the Bar. N. H. Brown, an attorney, of Pittsfield, Vt., writes: "We have used Dr. King's New Life Pills for years and find them such a good family medicine we wouldn't be without them."

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"THE FAMILY THEATRE" "That Place" Offers as Special Attraction for Easter Week

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Bargain Column

THE GEM IS CONDUCTING THE Denny as a dining room for ladies especially. This room has been refitted and refurbished to a facility possible is provided for prompt, excellent service. Police attendants and strict order maintained.