

The Piedmont Fire Insurance Company

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

ASSETS

Cash in National Bank and Office	\$ 6,387.15
Premiums in Course of Collection	13,109.94
Real Estate (unencumbered)	75,000.00
Loans, secured by collateral, first mortgages, etc.	113,043.37
Rents Accrued and Other Items	158.86
Total Assets	\$207,699.32

LIABILITIES

Cash Capital	\$ 50,000.00
Reserve for Re-Insurance	72,905.60
Unadjusted Losses	6,778.94
Total Liabilities	\$129,684.54
Net Surplus	78,014.78
Surplus as Regards Policy Holders	\$207,699.32
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AMUSEMENTS

The Blue Mouse. The reigning musical success in New York, which has now been presented nightly to crowded houses, will be presented in the near future by a special company organized by the Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan under the direction of Clyde Fitch, the author of "The Sorcerer."

EDWIN BOOTH'S JOKE

Booth Took the Conceit Out of an Actor in His Company. Edwin Booth, usually described as a most serious and unbending character, was found of his occasional sense in "The Clansman," when the story of a young boy who was back in the seventies when a play of the old California State in San Francisco that the great took place. Mr. Booth was playing a tribar engagement in connection with John McCollough and Thomas W. Keene. "Julius Caesar" was the piece and the "three" were alternated in the parts of Brutus, Casius and Mark Antony, while Mrs. Edwards assumed the role of Julia Caesar. The latter took himself very seriously, and Booth and McCollough resolved to put up a job on him. The Saturday matinee with Keene as Casius, Caesar was mouthing his enormous self-importance the day in the first act. "Let me have men about me who are false," when William A. DeBoer, who weighed two hundred and forty pounds, and C. R. Bishop, who though shorter tipped the scales at two hundred and twenty-five, came down on each side of Edwards and taking his hands and kneeling in prayer. "How high and mighty Caesar, so far below himself?" "Edwards was paralyzed with amazement. There was silence for a moment, then the audience taking in the situation burst into a mighty roar of laughter which made it impossible for "Caesar" to continue and he rushed off the stage and followed by his entire train. Booth and McCollough joining heartily in the merriment.

drama of western life. "The Cowboy's Romance," to a large and wildly enthusiastic audience. The play is a tale of the west thirty years ago, the scenes being laid in Utah, and the plot is a love affair in which the threads are crossed and tangled, with tragedy ever hovering over the principals. Mr. Robert Turner in the title role of the cowboy looks the part and made a modest hero, but one measuring up to the heroic ideal in devotion, courage and physical strength. Miss Flora Randolph, who essayed the role of a half-breed, is the real heroine, and Mr. Fred Cummings as Elisha Young made such an accomplished villain as to elicit hisses whenever he appeared. The play is full of action, growing out of the love of the cowboy and the villain for the heroine, who she has a rival for the cowboy's heart in Sarah the Indian maiden, who however makes the heroic sacrifice to save her lover from conviction for a murder committed by an Indian at the instigation of Young, the villain. The third act of the piece presents a trial scene in the early Utah days in which the attorneys, witnesses and others are well fortified with shooting irons, which they exhibit occasionally in the tense moments of the trial. This ends in the acquittal of the cowboy and the exposure of the guilt by Crazy Dog, the Apache. Young escapes and is pursued and cornered by the Indian, and a knife duel in the moonlight ensues, in which Young finally shoots the Indian with a revolver he had taken from a tenderfoot. Just at the critical moment the cowboy appears and he and Young engage in a physical combat in which the wounded Indian comes to the rescue. Young is thrown over the canon and all ends well. The play as presented went with a whoop and aroused the enthusiasm of the audience throughout. The verdict of the crowd Monday and last night is that this is the best repertoire company which has played here this season. The same company will present an original production of "The Devil" at the matinee performance today. The play is not the Savage version of the piece, but is said to be on somewhat similar lines. The bill for tonight will be a bright comedy production, "A Runaway Match," which is one of the best in the repertoire. On Friday night the same company will present what it regards as its best bill, "Camille."

Dandy Dixie Minstrels.

The most pretentious aggregation of colored performers will be with the "Dandy Dixie Minstrels" at the Academy of Music, this afternoon and tonight. Besides "Billy Kersands," whose admirable monologue and parodies entertained thousands of theatregoers at the New York Roof garden, last summer, the "Dandy Dixie Minstrels" offers an olio of specially entertaining novelties, a first part of stunningly spectacular effects, an afterpiece of brilliantly funny farce, "The Posse and the Spellers," and the famous "Cotton Pickers' Band." Traveling in their \$20,000 Pullman Palace Car, "The Dandy." This magnificent bill, after visiting every important city of the United States and Canada. Among the all-star performers are, Billy Kersands, the grand old minstrel star; James Crosby, the tall talker; Campbell and Meaux, comic improvisators; Monroe Tabor, the silver voiced tenor; Prince, the sardonic wire wonder; Buddy Jones, the precocious dancing marvel; and here other headline singers, dancers, and merry minstrel men.

NEWS AND NOTES OF SPORTING WORLD.

The Spokane Country club is planning the finest golf course in the Northwest. Charles W. Boyer has resigned as president of the South Atlantic League. Manager Clark Griffith of Cincinnati has sixteen pitchers to try out this spring. "Emergency" Kelly and "Blink" McCloskey are back in Boston looking for bouts. Jem Discoll and Leach Cross will furnish the next fistic entertainment in New York. Sailor Burke and his manager, Billy Madden, have reached the parting of the ways. If he is reinstated by the National Commission Elmer Stricklett will be back on the job with Brooklyn. Manager Hugh Jennings of the Detroit team has not turned over Catcher Stanage to George Stallings. The mayor of Terre Haute, it is reported, has agreed to lift the lid and permit a little boxing now and then. Many a man who is well bred needs the dough. Prejudices are merely other people's opinions.

Vernon Stock Company.

For one week, beginning next Monday, the Vernon Stock Company will be seen as the attraction at the Academy of Music. Seats are now on sale at Hawley's and from present indications, a crowded house will be had throughout the engagement in this city. The Danville, Va., Register of Feb. 3rd gave the following account of the company and play:

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SAVED LIFE OF WOULD-BE SUICIDE

Special to The News. Greensboro, Feb. 6.—Miss Rosa Cook, a waitress at the Hotel Guilford, took poison yesterday with the intention of committing suicide and would have succeeded but for the hard and prompt enunciation of "There was apparently no cause for the deed except that the girl had become dissatisfied with her surroundings. She is popular among her fellow waitresses and employers, and up to the present time has possessed a jolly and bright disposition. However for the past few days she has been despondent and hysterical. Miss Cook is attractive, good looking and is highly respected. It is stated that she possesses some property and works because she dislikes to be idle. In honor of H. E. Bonitz, of Wilmington, who is grand regent, the local lodge of Royal Arcanum gave a banquet last night in the K. of P. hall. Addresses were made by Mr. Bonitz, Dr. J. W. Long, Messrs. J. C. Morris, A. W. McAlister, A. M. Scales, W. R. Pickard, E. L. Sides and S. C. Anderson. The occasion was most enjoyable.

Wonder if any jealous statesman ever told Henry Clay his name was mud.

It takes a clever girl to make a fellow in love when he doesn't want to.

A Poor Weak Woman

As she is termed, will endure bravely and patiently agonies which a strong man would give way under. The fact is women are more patient than they ought to be under such troubles. Every woman ought to know that she may obtain the most experienced medical advice free of charge and in absolute confidence and privacy by writing to the World's Dispensary Medical Association, R. W. Pierce, M. D., President, Buffalo, N. Y. Dr. Pierce has been chief consulting physician of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y., for many years and has had a wider practical experience in the treatment of women's diseases than any other physician in this country. His medicines are world-famous for their astonishing efficacy. The most perfect remedy ever devised for weak and delicate women is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. IT MAKES WEAK WOMEN STRONG. SICK WOMEN WELL.



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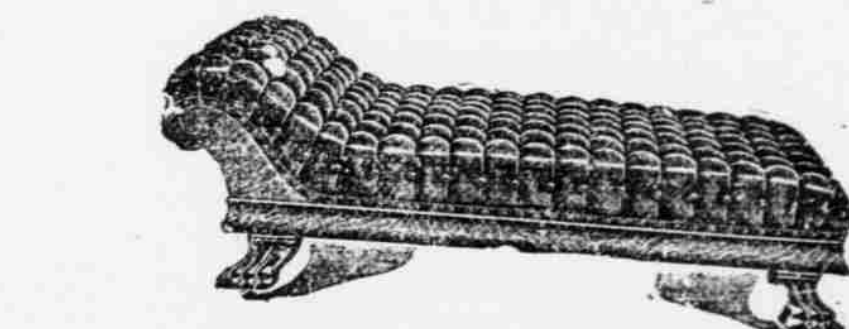


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