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At The Operetta.

A large assemblage of the good people of Hickory gathered in the opera house, on Friday evening, to enjoy the beautiful operetta by Franz Abt, and old and young, citizens, and strangers, awaited with pleased anticipation the rising of the curtain.

We can confidently assert that although expectation was raised to a considerable height by the known ability of the gifted "Prima Donna" of the evening, and the reputation of the sweet-voiced "White Bird," yet the reality far exceeded our anticipations, and the whole performance full of lovely visions, and charming melody, was one of which Hickory has reason to be proud.

The first act was the "Angel Chorus," and the curtain rose on a beautiful woodland scene with a background of lofty mountains, and among the trees, and softly outlined against the clouds, and mountain peaks, arose the ranks of white robed singers, higher and higher, above, around, and everywhere, in the soft obscurity of the pale light, and tall and graceful forms, and tiny white winged fairies with sweet pure voices smiled the full chorus. Then from among the groups came out one fair maid, and, advancing to the front, her clear young voice told the story of "the beautiful maiden, with heart as pure as morning's ray." As she concluded her song, the curtain fell amid the loud applause of the audience.

We have not space to describe all the successive scenes of this beautiful entertainment, but from first to last, there was not one which was not very attractive. Cinderella at the mother's grave, and the sweet vision of the "White Bird" gliding out from the forest, and in lovely melody speaking comfort to the distressed maiden, and captivating the hearts of the audience. The "Wicked Sisters" preparing for the King's Fete, which act was so takingly rendered by Misses Motz and Link, and the fine trio which followed; then came the enchanting scene of Cinderella, and the "Fairie Birds" in which a troop of lovely little children in white with gauzy wings came to the aid of Cinderella, and encircling round her helped her in her arduous task. The sweet song of the "Fairy Birds" in which they sang "Adieu, Adieu, for the daylight has faded," was followed by the gradual lowering of the lights, until the fairy-like children, and the beautiful scenery vanished softly, and the curtain fell on a picture dim as the baseless fabric of a dream.

There was also the gorgeous brightness of the "King's Fete" with its "dazzling throng of ladies fair," its groups of pages, the entrance of the King, Queen, Prince and Courtiers, and the slow and noiseless evolutions of the mazy dance, in which the handsome young Prince was personated by Miss Mary Battle in the most graceful and charming manner.

Then followed the solo by Cinderella, Mrs. Sanborn, which is the gem of the operetta, and worthy of a more pretentious work.

In it the rich voice of our charming Prima Donna arose in sweet waves of sound, and easily filled every corner of the auditorium, mounting and soaring, without an effort, until every other sound was hushed in breathless attention.

The final scene in which the sixty-four performers from Claremont together with Miss Nellie Waddell as "White Bird," appeared in an exquisite tableau, closed an entertainment of which we may be justly proud when we consider that Hick-

ory furnished not only the singers, but the beautiful setting of the operetta in the artistic and lovely scenery which added so much to the beauty of the whole.

As Professor Sanborn says, "To our friend, Mr. Grace, we owe, as usual, a thousand thanks for help which was invaluable and above price."

President Harrison has just removed Collector Saltonstall, of Boston, whose term does not expire until May. Was there any charge that this Collector is not faithful and efficient? None. Secretary Windom simply intimated to Collector Saltonstall that the President wanted his office, and when he declined to resign he was removed. Was this only "in the interest of the public service?" In Mr. Saltonstall's place the President has appointed A. W. Beard, who is first and always an office-holding or office-seeking politician. Was not "party service" made the "essential and discriminating test" in this as in nearly all the President's appointments?

Benjamin Harrison is the most monumental promise-breaker and pledge-trampler who ever sat in the White House.—[N. Y. World.]

A Carolinian Abroad.

A London correspondent of a New York journal gives some interesting information concerning Capt. E. J. Hale, of Fayetteville, N. C., who was Consul at Manchester, Eng., during President Cleveland's administration, and has since resided in England.

The correspondent writes: "Major E. J. Hale, ex Consul in Manchester, has gone to India to represent a powerful syndicate of North of England capitalists. The exact nature of his errand Major Hale declined to state for fear a rival concern should get wind of it and sponser his plans by cable. Major Hale will return to England in May. It is a good deal of a compliment to him as an American, and also to the record he made as Consul, that he was selected for this journey when a hundred or two Englishmen were eager for the job. Next summer Major Hale will return to America as the resident agent there for the Manchester Ship Canal."—[Charlotte Chronicle.]

Mr. Hale is a former citizen of Hickory.—[Ed.]

A Big Landslide.

WEAVERVILLE, Cal., Feb. 14.—News is just received of one of the biggest landslides ever known on the Pacific coast, which occurred fifty miles below here a few days ago.

The land slid into the Trinity river, raising the water to a depth of 300 feet and backing up the river fourteen miles.

The sliding mass was about a mile long and 400 yards wide.

Many buildings were swept away with their entire contents. Two Chinamen were buried in the debris and several persons barely escaped.

John E. Starling Acquitted.

The trial of the indictment against John E. Starling for murder, at the Superior Court of Johnston, has been one of the most interesting tried in this State for years. He was charged with the murder of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Sene Brown, a respectable old lady of seventy-three years of age. Another indictment charging him with the murder of her grandson, his nephew, killed at the same time, remains upon the docket.

NEWS NOTES.

GLEANED HERE AND THERE

The Sultan of Zanzibar is dead.

The Duc D'Orleans has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

The House Committee has reported in favor of holding a World's Fair.

A party of Europeans has been captured at Tonquin, China, by pirates.

Barnum, having finished his season at Paris, will return to the United States in March.

The rules reported by Representative Connor have been adopted by a vote of yeas, 171; nays, 145.

The North Dakota Lottery bill, which had passed the Senate, was defeated in the House. God and the people have spoken against this iniquity.

Careful note was taken of yesterday's Congressional reports in hope that they might show Senator Chandler on his feet condemning the last outbreak of the race war. Did he fail to note that a colored man was, on Saturday last, shot to death with seven bullets in the State which used to be inhabited by Benjamin Harrison and Colonel William W. Dudley?—[Cincinnati Enquirer.]

The Smithfield Herald says the people down there have the "grip" on one side, and old-fashioned mumps on the other side—of the suspension bridge.

We are informed that we are soon to have a Daily Patriot at Greensboro and a Daily Sentinel at Winston. We wish you much success, brethren Long, Ayer and Tipton.—[High Point Enterprise.]

Senator Ingalls' weakness is said to be for bright, flaming neckties, with which his wardrobe is so bountifully supplied that he seems to have a new one every day. This combined with his flaming speech makes him quite a picturesque figure when he performs on the floor of the Senate.—[Wilmington Star.]

Wanamaker appointed a negro to the postal service in North Carolina, and before he got his commission he had broken into the penitentiary. He appointed an old fellow named Moorman, the sole white Radical at Newberry, S. C. His appointment was confirmed last Thursday and now he is in jail for killing a man about a business matter. It is shocking to know that the whole white Republican party in Newberry is in jail.—[Wilmington Messenger.]

Very Significant.

When President Cleveland was in command of the good "Ship of State" you heard nothing of race disturbance and race conflicts and the "race problem." Significant, very!—[Wilmington Messenger.]

J. P. Davis to be Hanged.

RALEIGH, N. C., 15.—John P. Davis, a white man who was convicted yesterday at Pittsboro of the murder, last November, of John A. Horton, his employer and room-mate, was today sentenced to be hanged on Friday, March 28, at Pittsboro.

A Decendant of Henry Clay.

A Louisville paper says an eight year Kentucky boy was scraping a fiddle when asked what he was playing? He answered, "I'm playing 'classic music'" To the further question, "What sort of music is classic music?" he replied, "That what ain't got any tune to it."

A Fatal Blow in the Neck.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 14.—A special from Dallas, Texas, to the Post-Dispatch, says Jake Kilrain and his sparring troupe exhibited at the Opera House last night. It was announced to be only a sparring and wrestling match. After some uneventful sparring by others, Tom James, of Dallas, encountered Bonzia, the combination champion light weight, for \$25, conditioned that James should stay four rounds.

Bonzia had it his own way from the first. In the fourth round, Bonzia struck James in the neck, knocking him limp on the stage. James was unable to arise. He was sponged and restoratives applied, and the show continued, no one supposing that he was hurt seriously.

When the entertainment had about concluded, Muldoon announced that James was unconscious, and called for a physician. As soon as the serious condition of James became known, officers began a search for Bonzia, but he had fled.

At 12:30 this morning, James died, and the entire combination, except Bonzia, was put under arrest on a charge of murder. Kilrain was so overcome that he wept like a child. A few hours later Bonzia returned and surrendered to the officers. It is generally supposed that James' neck was broken, but one doctor gives as his opinion that James died from paralysis of the heart.

Postal Telegraph.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Postmaster General Wanamaker appeared before the House Committee on Postoffice and Post Roads to-day, and read an elaborate statement in favor of a system of postal telegraphs.

Mr. Wanamaker submitted to the Committee a draft of a bill providing for the establishment of postal telegraph offices at every free delivery office in the country. Under the bill it is provided that the telegraph tolls in any one State shall not exceed ten cents for messages of twenty words or less, counting address and signature, nor over 25 cents for any distance under 150 miles, nor over 50 cents for any greater distance; the rates and rules to be prescribed by the Postmaster General.

Atlanta's Banquet.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 13.—The first annual banquet of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce was held this evening at the Kimball House, about 400 guests being present. President J. C. Oglesby, of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the visitors in behalf of that body, and Gov. Gordon, in the first regular speech of the evening, welcomed them on behalf the State. Mayor Glenn then spoke for the city. Responses to toasts followed from Gov. Campbell, of Ohio; Hon. Chas. Smith, of New York; Patrick Calhoun, of Atlanta; Congressman Wilson, Hon. W. E. Russell, and Jonathan Lane.

Cross and White's Last Chance Falls.

As will be seen by the proceedings of the Supreme Court the motion arrest of judgement which was made by Mr. Henry on Saturday was denied and the certificate of opinion and judgment was ordered to be certified down to the Wake Superior Court according to law. The defendants will therefore have to serve out their sentences of seven and five years respectively as soon as the formal process of the law can be carried into execution.

Siberian Horrors.

PARIS, Feb. 11.—A cipher letter just received by the Russian refugees here, dated Dec. 28, gives the details of an awful tragedy in the political prison at Kara, Eastern Siberia.

Mme. Nadyda Sibida, of noble birth, and a teacher in the high school at Moscow, was found last year with revolutionary pamphlets in her possession and sentenced to penal servitude.

On her arrival at Kara this handsome refined woman soon attracted the attention of the Director of the prison, who took an early opportunity to insult her.

Mme. Sibida resented the act of the Director, who in revenge had her stripped and flogged in the presence of all the men in the prison.

Such an outrage had not been perpetrated on a woman of rank since the days of the Empress Catherine, and the unfortunate lady was so apprehensive of further shame and torture, that she committed suicide on the same day, by poisoning herself.

Not only this, but several of the other women, political prisoners, fearful of receiving similar treatment, on hearing of the terrible event followed Mme. Sibida's example.

A few miles from the woman's political prison at Kara is that occupied by male political convicts, who, on hearing of the tragedies, revolted en masse.

Troops were called out and awful scenes followed, shooting, flogging and torturing going on by wholesale.

The Russian authorities have naturally been careful to suppress the terrible details which are now given to the public for the first time.

The Best Solicitor in the State.

The Charlotte Chronicle, in a general canvass of candidates for Congress in that district, says: "Mr. Osborne, however, it is understood, will not allow the use of his name, as he will be a candidate for re-election as solicitor of this district. Known already as the very ablest solicitor in the State, this circuit will only be too glad to learn that Mr. Osborne has consented to serve another term."

Mr. Osborne is truly the best Solicitor in the State and so long as he does his duty as in the past we cannot see the propriety of a change.

An Eiffel Tower in Ice.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 14.—An Eiffel ice tower has been completed here.

It is one hundred and fifty feet in height, and is composed of 10,000 blocks of ice.

On the first platform is a grand restaurant, and a most brilliant effect is produced by lighting the entire structure with electricity.

In Bad Company.

Gov. Hill's isolation as a Democratic Governor opposing the most Democratic of reforms grows steadily more extreme. His loneliness must be distressing, and it is not relieved by the fact that it forces upon him the unwelcome society of the arch enemy of everything Democratic and everything of good report.—[N. Y. World.]

Democratic and Economical.

The peanut, shelled, has been introduced at dinner parties instead of roasted almonds. This is right. There is a democracy, so to speak, about the peanut that makes it specially adaptable to such purposes under a republican form of government. Long may it wave.—[Goldsboro Argus.]