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AN EVENING OF FUN.

THE OLD MAIDS CAPTURE THE TOWN.

The Laughable Farce Comedy "The Old Maids' Convention" Presented to a Delighted Audience Last Night.

Old maidenhood assuredly occupies a more respectable position than heretofore in the affections of those who attended the Old Maids' Convention at Meroney's opera house last night. For despite the grotesque, the comical and the inharmonious ideas employed in the makeups the participants in the convention made an aggregation of beauty seldom equalled and never surpassed. So it is that among those of our male citizens matrimonially inclined the brand of "old maid" is esteemed a guarantee of quality after the variety displayed last night.

From every point of view the convention was a tremendous success. From the moment the old maids marched up the middle aisle to the stage to the dropping of the curtain on a scene of beauty, there was almost continued applause and laughter. The idea of the comedy is a very simple one and there are no intricacies of plot to befog either player or auditor. The old maids decide to hold a convention and remedy the evils that exist in things matrimonial. Twenty-six of them, dressed in every conceivable style from the Elizabethan age down to the present century. Josephine Jane Green (Mrs. W. L. Rankin) is elected president and presides with grave dignity except when prompted to righteous indignation or self sympathy at the callousness of mankind. This part was most excellently taken as was that of Rovily Abigail Hubbs, (Miss Chapman) secretary, and Ruth Jane Seeknorfurter (Miss Wetmore) as treasurer. Following the election of officers each delegate wishes to express herself. Miss Minnie Eames, the funny deaf old maid, occupies a prominent position and keeps the house in a roar. Mrs. J. F. Gaither, as the new woman, is smartly dressed in the most modern thing, according to the modern woman, and is exceedingly happy in her role. Miss Julia Gaskill as Gloriana Gadabout and Miss Callie Beard as Peachy Pinky White, are excruciatingly funny in all their sayings and movements. Miss Miriam Davis and Miss Belle Rendleman are splendid representatives of the old style woman, while Miss Louise Norwood and Miss Mary McNeely set the house roaring by their odd make up and the manner in which they recite. Mrs. Jno. M. Julian as Betsy Bobbitt appeals to Josiah's sympathies and Mrs. W. H. Miller sets the convention gadding by the mention of the word "man." Miss Lillian Kizer and Miss Nellie Vanderford, recite plaintively their grievances against existing conditions and succeed in creating great excitement in the convention. Miss Beulah Haden as Charity Anna Hopkins and Miss Myrtle James as Lucinda Maria Scraggs are aroused to rebellion against the unappreciative sterner sex. Miss Helen Davis adds to her quaint costume a quaint recitation and brings down the house, while Miss Lizzie Crump is disconsolate and appeals for united effort. Miss Margaret Murdoch makes an excellent Sophronia Stuckup as does Miss Lucy Brown a Nerissa Ethel Bodkins. Virginia Mauney is extremely laughable as Miss Axmequick, while the character of Priscilla Hope finds a worthy representative in Miss Annie Stuart. Miss Last Hope as represented by Miss Emma Brown is a very demure and funny character, while Miss Florence McKenzie makes a beautiful and interesting Penelope Doolittle.

Suspended from the ceiling is the motto of the club, "while there's life there's hope." Now comes the market report, read by

Mrs. Jno. M. Julian, giving the rating of the various young and old men of Salisbury who have either failed in their matrimonial aspirations or have not aspired at all. It was received with cheers and laughter. After this a committee is appointed to wait on Prof. Makeover (Mr. Walter Murphy) and his valued assistants (Prof. James Wren and P. N. Fick, Jr.) Now the fun begins in earnest. The deaf old maid wishes to be made over and she is put through Prof. Makeover's machine, coming out a radiant and beautiful bride. The new woman wishes to be made into a tall man with a fine voice and the wish is gratified when she steps out "made over" in the person of Mr. Lee S. Finks, who captivated the audience with a bass solo. He is encored until he is forced to respond, and sings "Rocked in the cradle of the deep" with such power as to cause the audience to fill the house with thunders of applause. The two solos are magnificently rendered and henceforth Mr. Finks will be in demand when music is desired. Miss Lizzie Crump sings a solo and is forced to respond to an encore, as is also Miss Emma Brown. Miss Pearl Thompson and Mrs. Jno. M. Julian sing a duet and are followed by Miss Julia Gaskill in a coon song that takes the house. Prof. James Wren and Peter Fick catch the audience in their song and dance act. Following these pleasing features of the evening's entertainment comes the statue poses, beautiful in the extreme. The poses were representative of the following conditions and things: Harmony, Toilet of the Bride, Looking Backward, Cymbal Players, Catching Butterflies, The Mouse, in Sight of Home-Farewell to Home, Sweet Slumbers.

Instrumental selections were rendered by Mrs. J. B. Council with her usual skill during the poses. Those taking part in these concluding numbers were: Misses Conchia Black, Claudie Mock, Annie Neave, Nellie Vanderford, Louise Lunn, Margaret Murdoch, Julia Crouch, Virginia Mauney, Mattie Griffin, Lillian Kizer, Rankin, Henderson, Holmes, Bernhardt, Mrs. Gaither, Mrs. Tyler, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Keynolds, Misses Davis, Snider, Busby, Gaskill, Young, Mills, Thompson, Kizer, Heilig, Stewart, Quinn, Crump, and Pearson.

NOTES.

The services of Miss Julia Crouch who played the overture and rendered other delightful music during the evening were indispensable.

Mrs. Jno. S. Henderson worked untiringly to make the convention a success and to her is due in a great measure its success.

Miss Dunkel has the working capacity of a dozen ordinary women and last night's success was a merited reward for her labor in training the class.

The opera house was crowded as it has never been but once before. The total receipts amounted to \$190.70.

Country Hams, Shred Wheat Biscuit, Vitos, Wheat Hearts, Saratoga Chips, Asparagus, Asparagus Tips, Canned Squash and Pumpkin at N. P. Murphy.

Fresh crullers today at A. Parker's.

Photographs at Reduced Prices. All work guaranteed first-class and to give satisfaction. Our prices are from 50c. to \$5.00 per dozen.

EXCELSIOR STUDIO. Between Public Square and post office, Salisbury, N. C.

See our \$1.25 black undershirt at Reid's.

There won't be so many old maids at the next convention if the spinners promise to feed their husbands on desserts flavored with Blue Ribbon lemon and vanilla.

Two winners: Blue Ribbon lemon and vanilla extracts. 10 and 25.

A SAFE BLOWN OPEN.

BIG ROBBERY AT CHINA GROVE LAST NIGHT.

Lucien Stirewalt, the Postmaster, Has \$600 of the Government's Money Stolen—Other Money Stolen.

One of the biggest robberies that has occurred in Rowan county for many years took place at China Grove last night, when a safe containing money belonging to the government as well as the private funds of a big firm there, was opened and robbed.

A phone message received from China Grove gives the particulars of the robbery, which was bold in the extreme, as follows:

The store of Holsbouser, Corriher & Co. was entered through the front door, the door having been prized open. Before entering the store, however, the blacksmith shop and section house were broken into and various tools taken from them. But it is thought that this was done only as a blind as the work that followed showed that no "greeny" did it. After entering the store the robber proceeded to break off the combination lock on the door of the safe. This done he drilled through two inside doors and touched off the fuse. No one was awakened by the noise that followed the explosion and the expert had an easy time. In this safe had been placed the cash and stamps on hand belonging to the postoffice at China Grove, a small amount belonging to Holsbouser, Corriher & Co., and another drawer in which Mr. Jno. C. Deaton had his personal funds. The amount secured by the robber was about \$600, \$500 of which consisted of cash and stamps belonging to the government, about \$50 belonging to Holsbouser, Corriher & Co., and about \$50 belonging to Mr. Jno. C. Deaton.

The work was evidently done by an expert and there is no clue to him as yet.

Stolen Goods Found.

Mr. J. D. Hall yesterday secured a search warrant and had Sheriff Julian go to the residence of Mr. Charles Smith, a carpenter who lives near the old Barker place, and search for some tools that had been stolen from him. After searching the house and barn, Mr. Julian found the tools under a brush heap but not on Mr. Smith's land. He was arrested, however, and bound over to court. Mr. C. W. Windsor becoming his bondsman.

National Opens Tomorrow.

The new National hotel opens tomorrow and dinner will be the first meal served. Everything has been renovated and the hotel is now in first-class shape.

Capt. Woodrum Sick.

Capt. W. J. Woodrum, whose illness has been mentioned in the Sun, improves but slowly. His train was taken out this morning by his son, Capt. Victor Woodrum.

The Old Maids Convention and Blue Ribbon lemon and vanilla have made the hit of the season.

In the language of Salisbury spinners, housekeepers who have tried Blue Ribbon lemon and vanilla extracts "are just crazy about them."

If your grocer tries to talk you out of buying Blue Ribbon lemon and vanilla, its because he makes more profit on other kinds.

FOR RENT.—A 3-room cottage, three blocks from depot. Apply to Mrs. Jno. A. Murphy.

Another arrival of country hams, finest in town, at A. Parker's.

20th Century successes: Old Maids' Convention and Blue Ribbon lemon and vanilla extracts.

Seed Oats at J. P. Harper's feed stores.

WILLARD'S AMENDMENT PASSES.

Rep. Wright Makes a Witty Speech on It—Other Legislation.

[SPECIAL TO DAILY SUN.]

Raleigh, Feb. 8.—The House today passed with few dissenting votes Willard's bill to amend the Craig act so that insurance companies which left the state can return without domestications. Wright made a witty speech on the bill. The bill to increase the salary of the penitentiary guards was defeated. Henderson introduced a bill to amend the charter of the Salisbury and Fayetteville railroad. Allen reported the resolution of impeachment. Wright introduced a bill to incorporate Woodside. A bill was passed allowing county commissioners to create or abolish the office of county treasurer.

THE LADIES MEET.

Take Steps Looking to the Temperance Campaign Work.

A meeting of some of the ladies of Salisbury interested in the temperance movement was held in the first Methodist church yesterday afternoon and steps taken looking to the commencement of the fight which will be made here this spring for prohibition in Rowan county.

Mrs. J. D. Gaskill was made president of the meeting and Mrs. D. M. Miller secretary. It was decided to circulate a petition asking for an election, as is desired by the promoters of the bill sent to Raleigh.

Mr. Sibley Hurt.

Mr. Robert L. Sibley had the misfortune of getting one of the fingers of his left hand caught in the buzz planer in his shop the other day, severing nearly all of first joint. It was a painful wound, and he will have to carry his arm in a sling for several days as a result.—Stanly Enterprise.

Mr. Sibley is a former resident of Salisbury and his friends here will regret to learn of his accident.

Verdict Against Southern.

In the Superior Court today the jury gave Jasper Moser a verdict for \$1,500 against the Southern Railway. The plaintiff sued for \$10,000 for injuries to his arm, received while coupling cars at Walnut Cove, says the Greensboro correspondent of the Charlotte Observer.

Mr. Patterson Manager.

Mr. Arthur Patterson, of China Grove, who has been here some six months, has been appointed superintendent of the Windemere Knitting Mills, vice Phillip Hoffman, resigned. Mr. Patterson has made many friends here who will be glad to hear of his good luck.—Stanly Enterprise.

Blue Ribbon lemon and vanilla extracts have gained a prestige because of their perfect flavor and great strength that no other brand ever has.

Notice!

There will be a Conference of N. C. Prohibitionists at High Point February 20, 1901. Come and get others to come. State Ex. Com.

The statue poses in Old Maids Convention were divine, so are Blue Ribbon lemon and vanilla extracts.

Buy the best. Blue Ribbon lemon and vanilla extracts are cheapest in the long run. Two sizes 10 and 25.

Ladies storm rubbers 39c pair at Reid's.

Colliers Publications—A golden opportunity to add to your library. All book lovers are asked to drop a postal card to O. M. Royster, City, and receive a liberal proposition on standard literary works.

CHARTER AMENDED.

THE AMENDMENTS ALL ARE AGREED UPON.

The Board Will Ask For an Election For Graded School Building—Water Works Commission Elected.

The board of aldermen met in called session last night at the city hall and transacted a vast amount of important business. The first matter taken up was the proposed school charter. Three members of the school board were present and the charter as proposed by the school committee was read and discussed. It was found inexpedient to give the schools such revenue as was asked for. The sentiment of the board was unanimously for better school facilities and it was agreed that the legislature should be asked to authorize the aldermen to call an election for issuing bonds to the amount of \$10,000 for the purpose of either building a new graded school or adding to the old. If this is done (as it will be in all probabilities) an election will be held at the time of holding the city election in May. It was further decided to ask the legislature to empower the aldermen to levy a special tax for schools if it should be found at any time that the revenue is insufficient to support them.

If the bonds are issued for school purposes they will run for fifteen years and bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent.

Dr. J. S. Brown asked permission to erect two houses on Lee between Bank and Horah streets.

Messrs. M. H. H. Caldwell and R. A. Brown, of Concord, appeared before the board in regard to damages to Mr. Brown's brick yard. A committee consisting of the mayor, city attorney and Alderman Vanderford was appointed to investigate and adjust the matter.

Thos. A. Conway reported to the board repairs that had been made in the sewerage.

All persons using the Hopper closet in which the flush is direct from the water main were ordered to discontinue the use of same, as it is detrimental to the public health.

Hon. Kerr Craige, city attorney, appeared before the board in regard to the deed to be made by the water works company to the city. He gave it as his opinion that the company must foreclose the mortgage on the plant to give a good title. The board agreed to abide by the contract entered into between Mr. Woodman, attorney for the stockholders, and the aldermen. In this contract Mr. Woodman agreed to have the mortgage foreclosed and the city agreed to pay \$55,600 for the plant.

The matter of the city purchasing a pair of horses was left to a committee consisting of Messrs. Vanderford, Overman and Weber, with power to act.

Frank Smith was exempted from poll tax for 1900.

W. P. Thornton was granted permission to remove his sign from his present place of business to the store of J. W. Cornelison & Co., where he has moved.

The act creating the water commission was agreed upon and is entitled "An act to amend an act to revise the charter of city of Salisbury." The commission will consist of Dr. John Whitehead, Hon. Lee S. Overman, C. B. Jordan and Hon. Jno. S. Henderson, and will have entire control of the water works plant.

The legislature was asked to give the aldermen authority to call an election for the purpose of ascertaining the wishes of the voters in the matter of issuing bonds for street improvements. On account of the fact that \$10,000 will be asked for schools it was decided to make the bond issue for streets \$90,000 instead of \$100,000, as was at first contemplated.

In the event the bonds carry, an

advisory board will act in conjunction with the aldermen in the expenditure of the money. The advisory board will consist of Messrs. E. B. Neave, D. M. Miller, A. Parker and Hon. Kerr Craige.

The legislature will be asked to provide for an amendment to the town charter providing that the tax collector shall be elected by the aldermen instead of by popular vote. Section 34 of the town charter was amended so as to make the commission of the tax collector not exceed 2 per cent instead of 5 per cent as at present.

It was decided to prohibit the employment of minors in barrooms, pool rooms, ten pin alleys, or any other room connected with a barroom.

Home Wedding.

A pretty home wedding was celebrated at the residence of Mr. James Trexler, of Spencer, yesterday when his lovely daughter, Miss Bessie, was married to Mr. John Kesler, one of the Southern's popular employes. Rev. R. C. Craven officiated. The Sun extends best wishes to this young couple.

President Spencer Coming Through.

President Samuel Spencer, of the Southern, will pass through Salisbury tonight on No. 35. Mr. Spencer goes to Charlotte tonight and tomorrow leaves for Savannah, Ga.

Attention, Woodmen!

The regular meeting of Hickory Camp No. 49, Woodmen of the World, will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock, in the hall over the Savings bank. It is important that there be a full attendance of the members. The room will be comfortably heated by time of meeting. W. H. Huff, Clerk.

Capt. Newell Initiated.

Capt. D. W. Newell, trainmaster of the Asheville division, was in Salisbury last night and while here was initiated into the mysteries of the ancient order of Buffaloes. Capt. Newell presented the lodge with a slight token of appreciation in the form of a cash contribution in addition to his initiation fee. He was made division noble administrator for the Asheville division.

MAJ. HIGGINS DEAD.

Died Last Night After an Illness of Several Years.

Maj. N. S. Higgins, one of Salisbury's widely known citizens, died at his home on Fisher street last night, after a long and painful illness. For years Maj. Higgins has been in declining health and the sands of life have been slowly slipping out. The end came peacefully.

Maj. Higgins was about 70 years old and was true to his friends. Loyalty was his watchword and he faithfully followed its guidance during his life. He leaves a wife, a daughter and a host of friends to mourn his death.

The funeral services will be held from his late residence tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. Dr. J. N. Stallings officiating.

LOST—Taken by mistake from opera house last night, child's light blue silk parasol with white polka dots. Return to Jno. M. Julian.

Now is the time to have your Plumbing overhauled and put in a sanitary condition before the spring season sets in. W. S. Nicolson can overhaul it for you.

The Old Maids Convention was a perfect success, so are Blue Ribbon lemon and vanilla for making delicious desserts.

Like the dog that swallowed the whisk broom, "you'll be tickled to death" with the delicious flavor of Blue Ribbon lemon and vanilla.

ANOTHER HOMICIDE.

ANOTHER NEGRO KILLED NEAR CLEVELAND.

Sheriff Julian and the Coroner Have Gone up to Cleveland to Investigate the Cause of the Killing.

The following telegram was received about noon by Sheriff Julian:

Cleveland, N. C., Feb. 8, 1901. D. R. Julian, sheriff, Salisbury,

A negro was killed near Cleveland last night. Come at once and bring the coroner. Answer at once and instruct me what to do.

D. B. Rosensho, Justice of the Peace.

Coroner Dorsett started for Cleveland immediately and Sheriff Julian went shortly afterwards.

No particulars of the homicide were received.

LOCAL DOTS AROUND SALISBURY.

General Summary of Local Happenings in and About the City.

Mr. W. H. Miller is improved to day.

Mrs. M. F. Welfley has been ill with the grip the past few days.

Mr. Will Brown has been quite sick for several days with the grip.

Noah McCubbins received the first pair of shad of the season to-day.

Harry Bros. will save you money. See their new ad in today's Sun.

A dance will be given tonight at the residence of Mr. John Ruffy at Spencer.

No better shoes for the money than Seltz Schwabs. Sold only by Peterson & Ruffs.

The Burt shoe store is selling shoes at prices that simply upset all past standards of value.

Mr. Chas. M. Stieff, proprietor Stieff Piano Company, Baltimore, has a change of ad in today's paper.

Mr. W. D. Tolbert has returned to work at the Southern shops after being off several weeks with an injured hand.

We are selling shoes at prices impossible under ordinary conditions. Many new arrivals this week. The Burt Shoe Store.

The Golden Rod Society has postponed the oyster supper which was to have been given tonight until some future date.

The name J. F. Barker which appeared as one of the Spencer committee to the Philadelphia convention should have been J. F. Barber.

About 1,500 people were injured by the jam and rush in London at the Queen's funeral last Saturday.

Grocers who are always looking for the best to be had for their customers, sell Blue Ribbon lemon and vanilla extracts.

Come into my parlor, Said the spider to the fly, And have your old plumbing remodeled, Or you will surely die.

W. S. Nicolson, the "Star" Plumber and Roofer, can remodel it for you. He is now carrying a new line of stock and employs none but skilled workmen.

The first month of the new century is gone, you may need a duster to sweep off the cobwebs left by the last century. Turkey feather dusters from 25 to 60 cents at Buerbaum's.

Rochester Stand Lamps, nickel plated with porcelain shade and chimney complete No. 1 and No. 2, both at the very low price of \$1.50 each. Student Lamps, single and double at Buerbaum's.

Did you ever hear of St. Valentine; well his day is Feb. 14th and every young man is expected to send his lady love a valentine—Buerbaum has a large and varied assortment of them.