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ABOUT THE MISCONDUCT.

As to the truthfulness and exaggeration of our statement about the misconduct at the opera house some nights ago, while Prof. Swanson was delivering a Farmers' Union lecture, we call as witnesses to the behavior and our statement Messrs. G. K. Moore, J. T. Johnson, Geo. W. Bryan, Bennett Allsbrook, J. D. Ray and R. J. Madry. These gentlemen will tell you that our statement was NOT "greatly exaggerated," but that a great deal more could have been truthfully said.

And we would also remark that the people DO read The Commonwealth.

Since the above was written the following communication has been handed to us:

To the Editor:

It was publicly announced from the stage Tuesday night at the opera house during the performance of "The Cuban Spy" that your statements in last week's issue of The Commonwealth about the conduct of the young people who stormed the opera house a few nights ago while Prof. Swanson of Georgia, was delivering an address in the interest of the Farmers' Union, was "greatly magnified and exaggerated."

There were a few of us present at the speaking who have a word of criticism against your strictures, and that is they were too mild. Think of it! A man of more than State-wide reputation from another State addressing an audience in a hired hall to be treated in such a manner was something that never has occurred in this town before.

You did not mention the fact that some of the young set were doing stunts on the stage while the Prof. was speaking, and they were actually waiting around the hall before the meeting adjourned.

Give us more publicity and we will love you for the enemies you make.

A FRIEND.

[No one knew better than he who made the statement above referred to from the stage Tuesday night of the full truth of what we said about the misconduct, for he was one of the leaders in talking and laughing in the face of Prof. Swanson. The speaker from the stage Tuesday night also took advantage of our absence to misrepresent us in trying to leave the impression that what we wrote about the misconduct was to influence the people against going to see the play presented. Well if the young man aforesaid can get any comfort and ease of conscience by misrepresenting us, we are willing that he should be let down easy.—EDITOR.]

With such men as Ex-Governor Thos. J. Jarvis, of Pitt county, and Capt. T. W. Mason, of Northampton county, in the next legislature the best interest of the State would not suffer. We note the names of both these honored and esteemed gentlemen have been mentioned in connection with the legislative ticket from their respective counties, and we hope not only to see them sent to the legislature but others of like character and honor. We realize, though, that this class of men will not be pleasing to the politicians, trust combines, railroad interests etc.

Death of Mr. Barfield

Saturday night, Feb. 14, about 11 o'clock the death angel entered the home of Mr. Bill Barfield and took his spirit away. He was the last uncle I had. He lived near Hobbgood, where he has lived from boyhood up. He leaves a wife and nine children to mourn his loss, six girls and three boys, also one brother and one sister, and lots of other near relatives and friends. He bore his suffering very quietly and seemed to be willing to go when the Lord called him.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

God in his wisdom has recalled
The boon his love had given,
And though the body moulders here
The soul is safe in heaven.
Written by his niece, Allie Medford.

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A Colonial Ball.

On Monday evening last, a most delightful entertainment was given by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Purrington, in their hospitable residence in the Clarksville end of town.

At the appointed time the guests arrived arrayed in picturesque colonial costumes and were met at the door by Masters Luther and Phillip Purrington with old fashioned hospitality and grace.

The doors to the left were thrown open and displayed the rooms decorated with patriotic colors. Mr. and Mrs. Purrington met the guests there and introduced them to the guest of honor, Miss Mary Bosley, sister of Mrs. Purrington.

A hidden orchestra gave sweet music to the gay dancers. Many old fashioned dances added to the occasion and made it truly colonial in effect. Minuet and quadrille, old Virginia reel and lancers were enjoyed by all and were prettily led by Mr. and Mrs. Purrington.

After a pleasant evening passed in dancing and witty conversation the men were requested to get their ladye and repair to the dining room where a delicious salad and ice course was served. After this was enjoyed a very pretty dry toast was given by Mr. Stuart Smith, and Mrs. Purrington gave each guest a favor in the form of a silk flag with a beautiful little poem written by the hostess.

The guests all departed at a late hour and declared they had a most charming evening. The event was the first of its kind in Scotland Neck and was thoroughly enjoyed by about fifty guests.

Dawson News

Misses Burlie Barnhill and Stella Weeks are visiting relatives near Scotland Neck.

Messrs. W. J. Partin, and A. J. Green went to Spring Hill Thursday on business.

Mr. Archie DeBerry, of Richmond, is spending a few days here.

Messrs. E. A. Lilly and Alvin Twisdale, of Spring Hill, were in vicinity Sunday.

Mr. Alf. Barnhill, of Scotland Neck, spent Sunday here with his daughter Mrs. J. Leslie Simmons.

Mr. L. W. Barnhill, one of our popular merchants, is unloading car loads of lime at Spring Hill this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Simmons returned Thursday from Garden City, Fla., where they spent the winter. They liked Florida fine but then there is no place like home.

Dawson news being scarce the writer has prepared an unique receipt which will not be amiss in this day of "marrying and given in marriage." (This receipt will appear in our next issue.—EDITOR.)

Messrs. May and Loyd Partin and Ross Blackmond were callers at Mr. Alf. Barnhill's Sunday p. m.

Mill For Halifax.

Halifax, N. C., Feb. 12.—It is thought that Halifax, after lying dormant for a century or more, with little improvement, is to take on a little more in the near future. Mr. Archie McDowell, of Scotland Neck, who has been superintendent and part owner of that town's knitting mills, is the main promoter of a similar mill here. It is said that the mill will be operated by colored girls. Already fifty or more have been secured for the mill.

The house is already built for this purpose, it being erected some two years ago, for a metal shingle mill and was not used on account of some misunderstanding between the parties who subscribed to the plant.

The mill is located within two hundred yards of the Atlantic Coast Line depot.

Three new stores have opened here within the last few months, and another is expected to be opened in a few days.

The volume of business done at the postoffice has almost doubled within the past two or three years.

Underwood Puts His O. K. on Mr. Kitchin

Washington, Feb. 18.—The conference at the White House today between Representative Claude Kitchin, Oscar Underwood and the President, is believed here to be the first step by which the North Carolinian will ascend to the chairmanship of the ways and means committee. It is said that Underwood today put his o. k. on Kitchin, and the fight for or against the free tolls proposition will rest largely upon the shoulders of Mr. Kitchin.

Those who are on the inside say that Underwood will have little to do with the leadership of the house from now on. Underwood, feeling assured of his election, and desirous of Kitchin succeeding him as leader of the majority, will gradually let the second district congressman assume charge of the Democratic majority in the lower branch of Congress.

"THE CUBAN SPY."

A Pleasing Entertainment at The Opera House Tuesday Night.

Those who witnessed the presentation of "The Cuban Spy" at the opera house Tuesday evening were highly pleased in every way. When it was announced two weeks ago that this splendid war drama would be presented by local talent under the management of Mrs. Kate Dunn, the people of Scotland Neck looked for something of more than ordinary interest, and they fully realized their most sanguine expectations. The play is full of the most vital interest from the rise of the curtain in the first act until the close.

The thread of the story is interwoven around "Elinora," the Cuban spy, which was admirably portrayed by Miss Katherine Kitchin, who in her efforts to avenge the death of her father at the hands of assassins, becomes a spy in the ranks of the Cuban patriots. Miss Kitchin acted her part to perfection, and her portrayal of this character has been highly complimented.

Richard Carson, an American, was splendidly rendered by Mr. Ashby Dunn, who through his sympathy for the oppressed Cuban and his genuine American patriotism, headed upon himself the enmity and hatred of the Spanith pirate and guerrilla, who was the assassin of the father of "Elinora."

Roderego Valdez, by Dr. J. E. Shields, the veteran villain, while an exceedingly hard part, was admirably portrayed in every detail. His assistant in crime, Jasper Gomez, by N. A. Riddick, was a willing tool of Valdez until the critical moment when the good in the man gained the mastery, and he in burning words declined to be a party to the murder of a helpless woman, "the Cuban spy."

Henry Clark, as Lopez, in the employ of Valdez, always obeyed the command of his master, though frequently imbibing too freely of the arch enemy of mankind, "spirits frumentii."

The fun of the play was furnished by Leland Kitchin, as Phelim McNab, an Irishman, Ralph Phillips, as Carl Weisbeer, a Dutchman, J. J. Batts, as Jerry, a negro, Miss Mittie Phelps, as Bridget Monohan, a timid Irish lassie in search of a husband, and Miss Mattie Josey, who was an easy victim to the winning qualities and attractive personality of the "noble Irish gentleman."

The proceeds, amounting to about

\$100.00, were for the benefit of the Methodist church.

After the performance the Junior Auxilliary of the Episcopal church served refreshments in the North End Drug Store and realized a nice little sum for the society.

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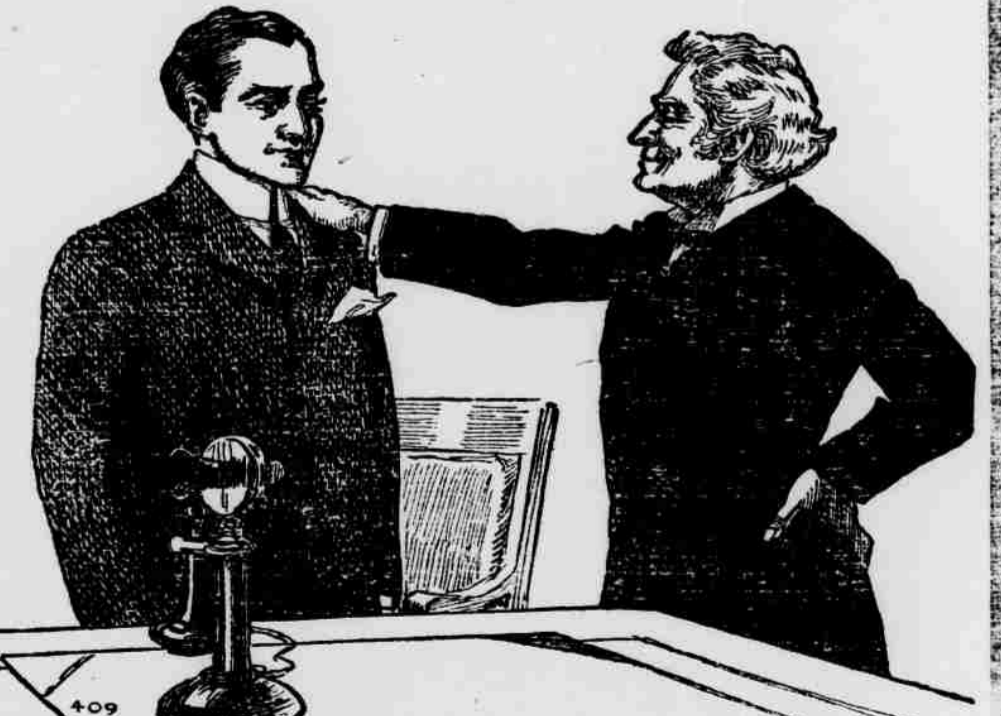
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