

**THEATRE**

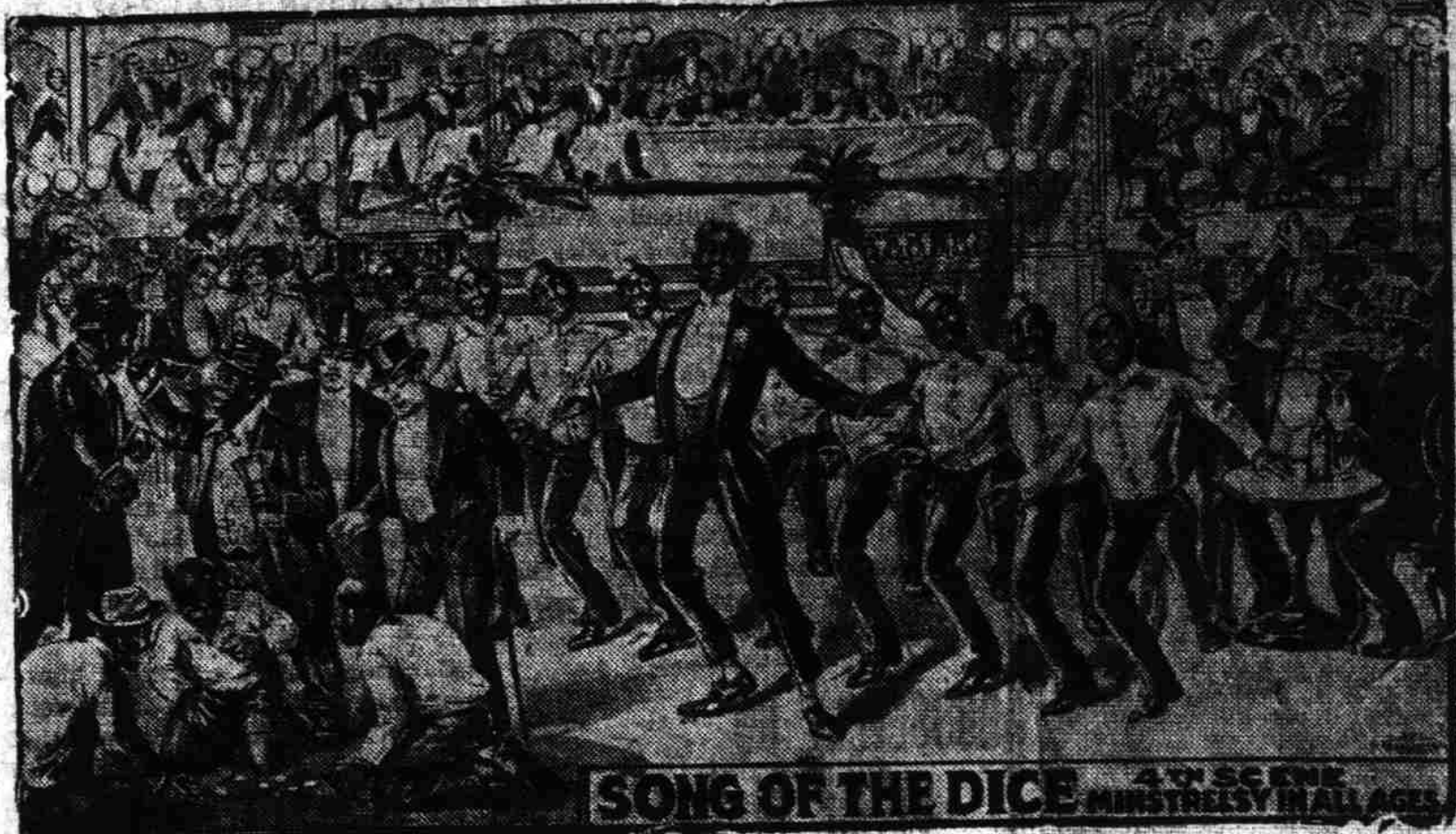
Gus Hill's big spectacular production of Bud Fisher's cartoon comedy, "Mutt and Jeff," comes to the Academy Saturday matinee and night. A company of 15 clever performers will reveal the movement of this season's most substantial success. "Mutt and Jeff" is undoubtedly the most successful cartoon play ever presented. It is establishing box office records heretofore unknown, not only in the smaller towns and cities but in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago, it has been the banner attraction of the season. Mr. Hill has made a meritorious production from every standpoint. The music, which is original, is catchy and whistleable; there is a swing to it that is contagious and the audience walks out completely under its influence. The costuming is

Past and Present" the curtain rises just as the Gold Band is concluding a concert on the lawn in front of a hotel at Ormond Beach, Florida, on the eve of the big automobile races. At the Bijou. The Bijou has started off its new week in glorious manner. With gusto it got under way this afternoon what will be one of the best weeks in its history. It will beam with the best of fun pictures and stir the heart with what is greatest in the dramatic. Of course, the Bijou will be just as comfortable, and the same perfect ventilation, that not only makes the place refreshing, but healthful, will hold forth. The price of admission never changes; never has and never will. It is always 5 cents. "Too Much Wooing of Handsome Harry" is a topfimer for today and it bubbles with laughs of the greatest

Lost Man in the Stocks. London Chronicle. The punishment of the stocks has been inflicted within the memory of many living men. In the Manchester Guardian of June 14, 1872, there is an account of a man enduring this form of legal torture at Newbury. He was a rag and bone dealer of interperate habits and was fixed in the stocks for drunk and disorderly conduct at the parish church. "Twenty-six years had elapsed since the stocks were last used," runs the account, "and their appearance created no little sensation and amusement, several hundreds of persons being attracted to the spot where they were fixed." The "amusement" does not appear to have been shared by the prisoner, who was released after four hours and "seemed anything but pleased with the laughter and derision of the crowd."

after the march, who gets the grand prize. A large crowd will no doubt attend. Mr. and Mrs. E. Richards, of Lynchburg, Va., have arrived at the Hanover Inn. They will spend the next two weeks at this popular hotel. They are thoroughly delighted with Wrightsville Beach and are looking forward to the balance of their visit with keen pleasure. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dempsey, of Atlanta, Ga., who are guests at the Oceanic Hotel, responded to the request of a number of friends last evening and delightfully entertained quite a party. Mrs. Dempsey has a splendid voice and Mr. Dempsey is an elocutionist of ability. In spite of the lateness of the season the Tidewater Power Company carried hundreds of persons to the beach yesterday afternoon. The bath houses at Lumina, and at the hotels,

were patronized by a large number of bathers. The unusual warmth of the ocean during the past two or three days has been remarked upon by many people. The water has been of such a pleasant nature that it has caused many people who usually do not care for surf-bathing, to spend a short while every afternoon in the surf. Lady of House—What caused you to become a tramp? Ragged Rogers—The family physician, mum. He advised me to take long walks after my meals, an I've been walking after 'em ever since.—Boston Transcript. Difficult Languages. "So they are married?" "Indeed, yes." "They must have needed an interpreter." "Why?" "She talks golf and he talks baseball."—Houston Post.



One of the Dancing Scenes in Al G. Fields Greater Minstrels at the Academy Thursday.

gorgeous in the extreme, the situations make an elaborate display of gowns quite in keeping with the scenes of the play and every opportunity is taken advantage of. The three scenes make possible a magnificent spectacular scenic display, representing the race track and club house at Saratoga; on board the steamship "Insurgent" in Southern waters en route to "Nickador," an imaginary South American country; and the last act is laid in a tropical country with Spanish architecture and costumes. New ideas in dancing are introduced simply to create a breathing spell so one won't choke with laughter. "Mutt and Jeff" was originally created for laughing purposes only. Were it not for an occasional interpolated song and dance, an audience would be necessary at every performance. People would laugh themselves to death. The first appearance of these two eccentric characters is the signal for a siege of merriment which has no equal on the American stage. It is kept up incessantly for two and one half hours. As a laugh producer it has fulfilled its mission almost to excess, which is undoubtedly the reason for the enviable record it has made as the biggest musical comedy hit of the season. Get seats early. "Mutt and Jeff" always turn late comers away, so be advised. The matinee prices will be 25, 50 and 75c. Children will be admitted to any part of the theatre for 25c. The Al G. Field Greater Minstrels. Silver bands once were considered the last word in minstrelsy. With the progress of the world of amusement, however, these instruments have become more or less common place, and the twentieth century novelty is the Gold Band. It is quite natural that the Al G. Field Greater Minstrels introduced this innovation, and when the company appears here at the Academy next Monday night, September 16th, Professor William Walters' Banner Gold Band will be one of the "really new" novelties that Field an-

kind, and it will be received with glad acclaim. It tells of "Handsome Harry," who is a heart smasher, and becomes engaged to a number of girls. Of course, he intends only to flirt and then give them the bounce, but the girls get onto his racket and unitedly they swoop down on him, and duck him in a horse trough until he gladly consents to marry the old maid of the village. "The Boy and the Girl" is the leading dramatic, and it unfolds, in vivid, exceptionally clever manner, the life of a pampered child of a rich man. The child, however, has the grit hidden within him and when the crucial time arrives he asserts it. It is not only a beautiful tale, with a big moral, but it is stirring, as the scene, when the lad snatches his little girl friend from the path of boulder, that has been dislodged and is crashing down the hillside, is decidedly exciting. The other films on today's program are all splendid ones. At the Grand. The attractive theatre is ready to inaugurate another fine week; one that will be immensely pleasing to all. The Grand is still maintaining that low price of admission—5 cents, afternoon and night. A great film, "Coronets and Hearts," heads today's bill, and it is one that tells of a young English nobleman who comes to America to wed. He is taken for a fortune hunter, and in order to marry the girl he loves, he renounces his gilded title, goes west and makes a name as a brave American. Another of the good ones today is Lubin's "The Sheriff's Prisoner."

**Wrightsville Breezes** Mrs. H. B. Phillips and daughter, Miss Margaret Phillips, after a stay of several weeks at the Seashore Hotel, left today for their home at Suffolk, Va. Among the registrations yesterday at the Hanover Inn were L. Wall, of Richmond, Va., J. L. Slaughter, of Richmond, Va., and W. B. Brice, of Wallace. Mr. Matt J. Heyer, of Wilmington, after a few days stay at the Hanover Inn returned to the city yesterday afternoon, leaving in the evening for Greensboro on a short business trip. Mr. L. B. Fleming who has been a guest at the Oceanic Hotel during the past few days will leave tomorrow for Samsoun, Turkey. He represents the American Tobacco Company, as buyer, at that point. Hon. John D. Bellamy and family returned to the city this morning, after spending the summer at their cottage at the beach. Mr. Emmett Bellamy expects to leave within a short time to enter the law school at Harvard University. The concerts at Lumina yesterday afternoon and last evening were heard by large crowds. Both recitals were enjoyed by the audiences present. The programs were rendered in accordance with the numbers published in The Dispatch Saturday. Mr. John Hasty, the chief steward during the past summer at the Oceanic Hotel, accompanied by Mrs. Hasty, left today for Charleston, S. C. From that city, Mr. Hasty will go to Florida, where he will follow his vocation during the approaching winter. Another of the special prize dances will be given at Lumina tomorrow night. Among the souvenirs to be given away will be a handsome brooch. This brooch will be placed in a package corresponding in size and appearance with the smaller souvenirs. There will be no telling until


MR. KITCHIN GAINING. Durham Sun. It is the general opinion of those who travel in different sections of this State that Mr. Kitchin is gaining ground every day. The fact that all the near Republican papers, and the former luke-warm Democratic papers are having fits and pushing Senator Simmons to the front and are bolstering him up as best they can, only adds confirmation to the charges that he has left his first principles and gone over to the special interest. The only thing that Senator Simmons has left to identify him with the grand old party and the principles of Vance and Jarvis, is his party service of twelve years ago, and he has been repaid for this by having been honored with two terms as Senator. As Mr. Bryan says, the day has come when North Carolina can no longer follow Senator Simmons, and the handwriting is already tracing his sentence on the wall. "The Sheriff's Prisoner" Big Lubin Success at the Grand Today.



Scene from "Mutt & Jeff" at the Academy Saturday Matinee and Night.

usually prepares for his friends and admirers. The instruments used by the band musicians, while being of an exceptional tonal quality, are all finished in gold. The only organization of its kind on tour with a minstrel company, the aggregation will offer two concerts daily besides heading the parade which is one of the anticipated features of the minstrel. In the opening spectacle "Minstrelsy

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