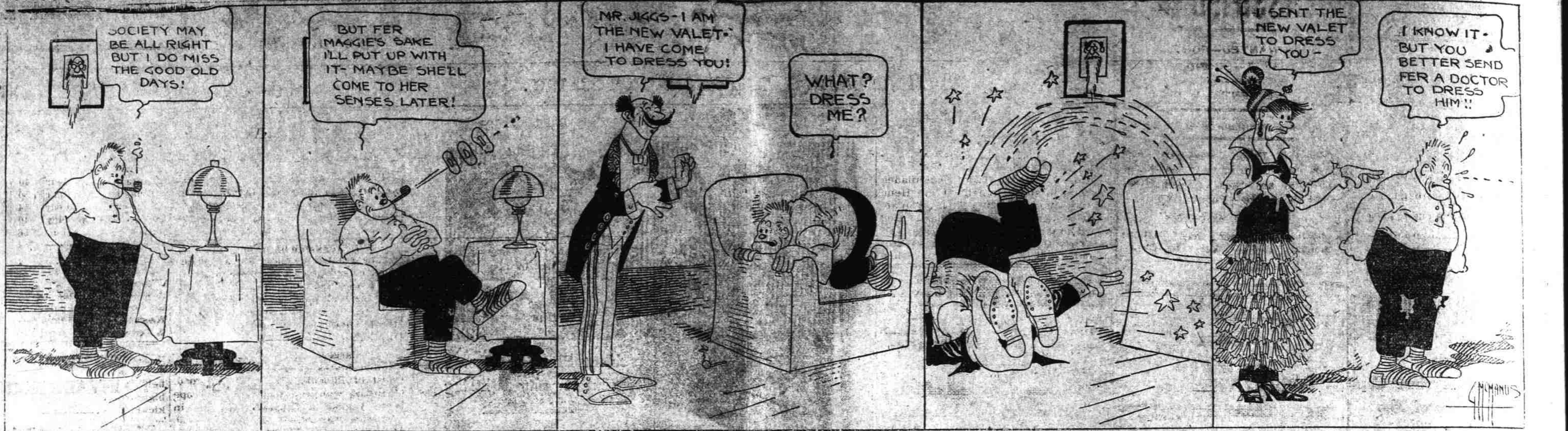


BRINGING UP FATHER



NOTED LYNCH TRIO.

A Big and Delightful Feature With Fred Gooding's Winter Garden Girls at The Victoria Theatre All This Week.

AMUSEMENTS

Take a sure tip and be "among those present" today at the Victoria Theatre, where just the sweetest kind of a snow is holding forth. It is one of the most delightful that has ever graced the boards of the Victoria. The attraction is Fred Gooding's Winter Garden Girls, who are well for singing, dancing, dress and looks. The play now running is "Three Fools They Were" and it is rich for laughter and sparkling for music. The large audiences last night were certainly demonstrative in appreciation of the swell show, loudly laughing at the funny situation and sayings and repeatedly encoring the musical numbers.

The biggest feature of the show is the Lynch Trio and it is a feature, one that will delight all. It is a juvenile act, but such a one. It is filled with songs and dances, and there is really nothing childish about it, save the size of the performers. One little miss looks barely five, but she is simply great. The children should certainly see this act, though it is one grown-ups will hugely enjoy.

"Three Fools They Were" will hold forth at two performances tonight, and tomorrow the play will be changed. As announced the feature in every performance this week is a big Keystone comedy film being presented.

"Runaway June" New Grand Today. Headed by the third prize winner of the celebrated Sun-Scenario contest, the big three-reeler, "Mother's Roses," with Mary Maurice playing the lovable role of "Mother" and with James Morrison, Frank Urrier, Anders Randolph, Ethel Lloyd, Dorothy Kelly and many other seven favorites in the big cast. It is a great story, told in great manner.

So this makes two mammoth film offerings for today and assures the New Grand a packed house. We take a tip and go early to get a good seat. The same old diminutive price of 5 cents, afternoon and night, holds forth.

Kicked at Rooster; Broke Her Foot. Connellsville, Pa., March 23.—Mrs. William E. Coughenour, wife of a local dairyman, kicked at a rooster which had been chasing the children and which made an attack on her. The rooster dodged and her foot struck a stone breaking one of the large bones of the foot.

be added \$14,400 due on incinerator, but not yet matured. It was urged by the advocates of the market street improvement, which improvements were absolutely necessary, that the estimated increase in property values would amount to at least \$200,000.

One-half of this valuation, if added to the tax books, will provide for the payment of the interest on the bonds issued for that purpose in addition to which the bond issue will take care of all the outstanding indebtedness of the city and which, from the above, should be entirely self-supporting.

A fair investigation of the work done by the present administration would show that the accomplishments in the way of increased assets have fully justified the expenditures beyond the city's ordinary current income and the investments which are permanent. I think it can be reasonably deduced from the above that the operating expenses of the city, have been kept properly within its income so far as we could estimate its income annually in advance, and that the excess of expenditures, where any have been made, have been in the shape of permanent and needed and requested improvements which are really assets.

We have endeavored to keep this information before the people in reports published monthly in the papers, and in pamphlet form more in detail at the end of the fiscal year.

Yours Respectfully,

D. N. CHADWICK.

STATEMENT FROM COUNCILMAN CHADWICK.

To the editor of The Dispatch. Dear Sir:—As there seems to be some confusion as to the financial condition of the city, permit me to give the following resume:

The City's anticipated income from all sources amounts to \$330,000. It costs \$299,000 to run the city, which includes the substitution of new for old machinery in several departments, which are not always chargeable to one year, in their entirety, in addition to taking care of the administrative and executive departments and the bonded indebtedness of the city, leaving a net surplus of \$31,000 to take care of the following items:

The tire auto and Gamewell alarm system \$5,750. The incinerator \$6,000, and \$5,000 to retire the serial bonds of the sewerage company, all of which were brought over from previous administrations.

In addition to this we lay aside the sinking fund about \$7,000 each year to retire its bonded indebtedness, a part of which is interest from investments.

This leaves the city with approximately \$7,000 to take care of emergencies which may arise during the fiscal year.

Owing, however, to the liquidation of the Southern National Bank the city lost in revenue about \$7,500 from this source, or automatically throwing the city in excess of its budget, which was through no fault of the administration.

The floating debt of the city at the present time is neither \$289,000 nor anywhere near that figure.

The current debt of the city is \$200,000 which we borrowed at the beginning of the fiscal year to tide us over until tax collecting time, which will be paid during the present year, ending June 1st.

The city, like any mercantile business, is compelled to borrow money during part of the year in which its income is not obtainable and the notes which are issued to tide over this interim are protected by taxes when collected.

It should be noted that one-third of each fiscal year has expired before taxes, under our present system, are even payable, and a great proportion of it is not actually paid until near the close of the fiscal year.

It is misleading to charge the city with having a floating indebtedness in large amount when the debt is really an anticipation of its collections made for the purpose of paying current expenses during the summer months, and which is always liquidated before the fiscal year expires.

My idea of floating indebtedness is debts which are payable and which we have no means of providing for but temporary indebtedness for which provision can be made should hardly be termed floating indebtedness.

The debt which is carried over at the end of the fiscal year, or floating debt, is as follows: For Market Street paving, \$40,000. For Fourth Street extension, 15,000. For fire engine house, 7,500. For fire boat, 3,750. Or a total of \$66,250 to which should

FARMER KILLS TWENTY SNAKES BEFORE BREAKFAST.

Muncie, Ind., March 23.—Israel Wakeman, a farmer living in the northern part of Delaware county, says that when he went to the barn on his place at dawn recently and reached into a buggy to obtain a hitching strap, his hand came in contact with something cold and caused him to investigate, with the result that he saw by the light from his barn lantern, the gleaming eyes of a huge black snake. The reptile seemed apathetic, and he had little difficulty in killing it with a club. It measured six feet two inches long.

Then on going into the stall where the family driving horse was kept, he found her shivering with fright, and in spite of the cool air, she was sweating and her eyes gave every indication of terror. Wakeman investigated and found the manger fairly alive with a squirming mass of black snakes, all much smaller than the one found in the buggy. They gave battle when Wakeman attacked them with a pitchfork. However, he killed thirteen, and thinks three or four escaped. One in attempting flight wrapped itself about Wakeman's leg and struck at him viciously, but did no harm.

In an adjoining stall was a big gray mule, and about its feet were five or six reptiles similar to those in the manger. One measured more than four feet long. The mule was quietly munching hay, apparently not caring about his neighbors. Wakeman killed these snakes also and then proceeded to the house for breakfast. He thinks the snakes were hibernating near the barn, and the warm weather and thawing ground caused them to think spring was here. He will have the skin of the largest snake stuffed and mounted.

AUTOS IN SNOW BEAT STAGES IN ALASKA.

Fairbanks, Alaska, March 23.—Bob Sheldon has again established his automobile stage line over the big trail to Chitina in the dead of winter and in the face of almost unanimous belief that it would be a failure. He cut down the axles of his machines a foot, narrowing them to a 44-inch tread. This enables the driver to stay on the packed sled trail, giving him a few inches on each side of the track for swerving.

The machine at the Chitina end left there in the morning and made Meier's roadhouse, 120 miles, in time for supper. The horse stage requires two days and a half to make the trip that far. From Meier's across the Alaskan range to Rapids the trip is made by double-ender by both stages, then the auto picks up its passengers and puts them into Fairbanks, 137 miles.

The auto stages last fall did practically all of the passenger business and the experiment now being tried is one of interest to everybody, including Congress, where road appropriations are up this session. A second trip over the trail by this unusual method to the North has been made.

Thimble-rigging in Mexico.

Omaha Bee. "Now, you see it, and now you don't," is being played to the very limit in Mexico just now. Carranza orders a port closed against American commerce; in fact of the presence of an American warship, with instructions to disregard the attempted embargo. Carranza revokes his order. Both Carranza and Zapata promise indemnity and reparation in the fullest for the death of an American, murdered by a Mexican mob, but who is going to pledge for either of these leaders, their own impotence, so far as maintaining order is concerned, being fully established.

Whether the artful dodgers who have brought about the present deplorable state of affairs in Mexico can undo some of their own mischief is uncertain. It is certain they cannot much longer be tolerated to pursue unrestrained their course of lawless wreckage.

American warships are no win harbor at Vera Cruz and Progresso; American communication with Mexico at these principal ports is carried on under the guns of the navy. This very near approach of war conditions show how serious the situation has become, and how near we have come to the end of "watchful waiting."

Missouri Gift Ship Off for Belgium.

New Orleans, La., March 23.—The steamship Glenshiel will sail today, laden with a precious burden of food, clothing and supplies, all of which are the gifts of the people of Missouri. The "Missouri Gift Ship" was given a rousing send-off, as the longshoremen pulled on her deck the last of the big consignments for the relief of a stricken people. All the bounties of Missouri were included in the shipment.

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