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THEATRE

"The Birth of a Nation," D. W. Griffith's marvelous spectacle will be seen at the Academy tonight for the last time. After making new, unprecedented and undreamt of records in practically ever first-class theatre in the United States last season in many cities, it went back to play to as large and often larger audiences than it did during the first engagement. It is a fair estimate that one-half of the six million people who have seen this spectacle have seen it more than once. In every place the enthusiasm of the vast crowds has known no bounds.

The historic features of this presentation have attracted wide attention and educators all over the world have been convinced that there is no more effective way to tell the story of a nation. In pictorial form are shown such stirring events as Sherman's March to the Sea, the last gallant stand of the Confederates at Petersburg, the surrender at Appomattox, the assassination of President Lincoln and the saving of the South by the Ku Klux Klan. Mere words can never give a realization of the dramatic scenes, the life-like and vivid reproduction of the past. Realism is the keynote of the success of "The Birth of a Nation." The very stupendousness of the spectacle defies description. And above all it is entertainment par excellence.

Running through the historical scenes are two romantic love stories in which a colonel of the South loves the sister of an officer of the North, and the officer of the North loves the sister of the colonel of the South. The proud spirit of the Southern girl and the equally proud men of the northern maid are shown in as thrilling and soul-grIPPING a story as was ever staged. Love turns to hate then to love again as each girl watches the grim struggle with partisan eyes, each loyal to the land of her birth.

The Prince of Pilsen.

Lovers of catchy music and good comedy will doubtless note with pleasure that the greatest of all musical comedy favorites, "The Prince of Pilsen," will be seen at the Academy matinee and night on next Monday. This charming musical entertainment is said to be in full flush of another successful season with the production new in every detail. Theatre-goers are already familiar with the tremendous song favorites; "The Message of The Violet," "Heidelberg," "The Tale of The Sea Shell," "Pictures in Smoke," and "The Song of The Cities," and their hold upon the American amusement lovers is so great that "Pilsen" continues as one of the greatest successes ever produced. The organization is headed by Charles Horne and Estella Birney, and the supporting cast is said to be one of superiority and strength. The matinee prices run from 50 cents to \$1. Night prices range from 50 cents to \$1.50. Seats go on sale at Elvington's Friday morning.

Hawaiian Players and Singers.

Talking machine manufacturers report that during the past six months they have been rushed to keep up with the demand for records of Hawaiian music, the language twang of the ukelele an dthe subtle charm of the "cola" song having won their way into the hearts of the people of America to an unparalleled extent. The popular song, too, has felt the influence of the new school, and the "old mill" and "Lovey Dovey" type of rag-time song has been forced to bow to the new kind. Every song that the island folks have ever sung down on the Waikiki beach besides the surf has been imported to America and composers are paraphrasing and concocting frantically in an effort to "make hay while the sun shines."

In presenting the Waikiki Hawaiian Players and Singers at the Academy of Music Wednesday evening, Wilmington will have an opportunity to keep up with the other centers in America, by hearing the greatest company of Hawaiian singers and players who have found their way to the United States. If you have never heard Hawaiian music, you have a treat in store for you. It is restful, yet tingling, sleepy and delicious to the senses. There is always a note of pathos in it, a theme of longing. It is wistful and melancholy, and related to it are the yearnings, saddened songs of the old-time slave of the South.

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The cold in Jerusalem during January and February is intense, and the scarcity of fuel is so severe that it is difficult to have a fire even to cook with. Petroleum, formerly brought in abundance from the Russian oil-fields as well as from American sources, is not to be purchased at any price. Coal, formerly obtained from France and Wales, is nowhere obtainable even in the smallest quantities. The only fuel remaining is wood, and very little of this is to be had, and that at a very high price. Even before the war the wood supply had become very scanty, owing to neglect of proper forestry work and the lack of forest laws. In many districts even the fruit trees are being cut down to provide wood requisitioned by the government for the operation of trains.

Although the harvest throughout Palestine has been fairly good the people have deprived little benefit, owing to the requisitioning of all the crops by the military authorities. Sugar has long been practically unobtainable. There are no stores of food available for the peoples of the towns this winter, but the peasants in the country districts have in many cases been able to hide a part of their crops from military officials. In the towns, the destitution and exhaustion is so severe that actual starvation seems the inevitable lot of a considerable part of the inhabitants.

The Turkish government's introduction of paper money has caused great hardship. The inhabitants of Palestine are unused to such money, and have no desire to be come accustomed to it. In spite of the most stringent government regulations against any preference being shown for coined money, no shopkeeper will give his change for paper money, and change is only to be obtained secretly at a heavy loss to the owner of the notes.

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PLAYING WITH FIRE.

There are a great many things which, in excess, cause harm. This is not only admitted by a few but by the majority. Many of us attempt to fool ourselves into believing that we will be able to stop before the habit, whatever it be, gets the best of us.

I am going to tell you a story about a dear friend of mine who agrees with me that the most heroic thing to do is to run away from the habit which threatens to conquer you.

During the summer vacation when she was staying in the mountains she joined a party going for a swim in a pond of fresh water a number of miles from the hotel. As there were no accommodations at the water they were forced to walk to the pond in their bathing suits with ulsters over them. Just as they had dived in for their swim the rain came down in torrents and the air grew very, very cold and chilly. As there appeared to be no sign of its letting up they were forced to walk the many miles home, dripping wet and chilled to the bone.

Upon their arrival at the hotel once more the chaperon of the party insisted they take a drink of hot water with a drop of whiskey in order that serious colds might be averted. They felt no compunction in taking the liquor in this medical way, and the drinks were soon prepared. The little friend tells me that she had never tasted liquor before, but that she craved such a drink as this for weeks afterwards. The taste seemed to meet a longing within her which she had never before known.

Of course, she could have continued to take a drink now and then, with the belief that it would never get the best of her—that she had strength of will enough to stop. But she was too wise. She will not go near parties and dinners where she knows wines or liquors will be served. Perhaps through some ancestor she inherits this taste, but she is going to overcome it, I know.

To my mind this girl is braver than the person who trusts to a treacherous will power and toys with the temptation. When anything tempts us so that it threatens to destroy our happiness the most sensible thing to do is avoid it—not tarry with it recklessly.

Three cheers for my little friend who runs away. You will join me in this expression, I am sure.

CARNIVAL HOLDS FORTH AT KEY WEST

Key West, Fla., Dec. 25.—Today Key West is in the throes of carnival enthusiasm. The entire city is gayly decorated and the streets are thronged with visitors. After weeks of energetic preparation, committees composed of the leading men of the city are ready for the first edition of a mid-winter carnival that, in course of time, is expected to rival the famed festivities held in other cities of the South. Every feature of the two-week program will be characteristic of Key West. A royal pageant and the coronation of the carnival queen usher in the merrymaking. Street shows, aquatic contests, band concerts and fireworks will be included in the parade.

MANY ARE LEFT STRANDED IN ARABIA

Batavia, Dutch East India, Dec. 26.—Mohammedans from the Malay archipelago who went on pilgrimage to Mecca to worship at the shrine of the Prophet and thereby earn the title of "hadji" which confers life-long distinction and eternal bliss hereafter, are destitute and stranded in Arabia. They are the victims of the severance of communications brought about by the war, and a representative of the Dutch government is being dispatched to the port of Jeddah to superintend their embarkment in special ships which the authorities are solicitously sending thither to convey the colonial subjects home. About 4,000 such pilgrims were similarly repatriated last year.

New York, Dec. 26.—Surrounded by a large proportion of her score or more of grand and great-grand-children, from Brooklyn, Mrs. Alice Dennett celebrated her 106th Christmas at her home in Brooklyn today. Mrs. Dennett was 105 years old yesterday. After helping to prepare breakfast and reading the papers without her spectacles, she walked five blocks to church and returned.

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NOTICE.

North Carolina, New Hanover County, Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of John J. Austin, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at 708 Campbell street between Seventh and Eighth streets on or before the 15th day of December 1917, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 12 day of December 1916.
EVELINA AUSTIN,
Administratrix of John J. Austin.
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