

THEATRE

"The very best show of the season"—that was what many called the opening bill by Morton's Kentucky Belles at the Royal yesterday. It certainly is a show that lines right up alongside Guy Johnson's show, which was the most popular tabloid musical comedy company which ever appeared in Wilmington. It's a show that possesses class and distinction all the way through, and for the second bill, which goes on tomorrow, it is said the very biggest specialty numbers have been reserved.

The special features of this show are advertised as the famous comedy king, Johnny Keenan, and the captivating ingenue, May Rossie. The former is just about the most comical eccentric comedy artist of the season in Wilmington, and the latter is to say the least a captivating and bewitching personality in the leading roles.

But even leaving out these two headliners, there was an act that was not advertised big that simply brought down the house. That was the Casino Trio in harmony singing, with a bunch of all new harmony skits that went over with a bang and a tumult of applause that is seldom heard. Elmer and Tom, "The Dancing Fools," proved anything else but numb-skulls at the art of fancy dancing and put one of the most spectacular rapid-fire dancing hits over that has ever been seen on the Royal stage. Then there was Morton and Rossie in songs and character, with comedy, and Nancy and Maybelle in topical songs and dances, all of which helped to put it over big. The same big show goes on again today and tonight.

GRAND'S GREAT BILL TOMORROW
"The Blue Streak," coming to the Grand tomorrow, will be an unusual treat for the thousands of lovers of Fox Films.

It is an entirely new theme produced with typical Fox excellence. It is the first film to be made for William Fox by the already renowned director, William Nigh, he of "Notorious Gallagher" and "The Yellow Streak" fame.

It presents to Fox audiences for the first time two new stars. One is William Nigh, already famous as a star and director.

The other is little Violet Palmer, whose charming face has never before graced any screen. She is a new find, 17 years old, and begins her film career as a star. Her director and all who have seen her work acclaim this pretty girl a coming photoplay celebrity.

"The Blue Streak," which was written by Mr. Nigh, is a virile drama of the rugged West, of men who seldom refer to their way of getting a living; of men who draw and draw quick; of men who shoot first and explain after.

"Bill" Nigh plays the part of just such a man. No one can surpass him. Contrasted to this rough and ready

VIOLET PALMER



The New Film Beauty They're All Raving About in "The Blue Streak" at the Grand Tomorrow.

train robber is an unschooled, inexperienced girl, Violet Palmer.

Kidnaped by the train robber and his band she turns these unscrupulous men into gentle lambs whose only concern is to serve her.

How this change is brought about is the charm of the film, wrought by the master touch of William Nigh, the artist. A complication beautiful in its subtlety, a love theme exquisite, dainty, and an ending unique and pleasing—that's "The Blue Streak," the film of an era.

"THE RAILROAD RAIDERS" AT THE BIJOU.

Frank H. Spearman, author of the novel upon which "The Railroad Raiders," sensational fifteen chapter Signal-Mutual photo-novel, is based, is one of the best known adventure writers in America, and the only one possessing an intimate technical knowledge of railroad operation and management. The story of "The Railroad Raiders" will be released in fifteen parts for publication throughout the United States simultaneously with the photo-novel chapter releases.

Mr. Spearman is the author of many famous novels, including "Held for Orders," "The Strategy of Great Railroads," "Whispering Smith," "The Daughter of a Magnate," and "Nan of Music Mountain."

The author has written many of his most important works on railway trains, insisting that he can compose better within sound of rumbling car wheels than elsewhere.

"The Raiders" starts at the Bijou next Friday.

BANKERS LOSE SUIT WITH GERMAN STEAMER

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 8.—New York banks yesterday lost litigation in the Supreme court against the North German Lloyd liner Kronprinzessin Cecilie, at Boston, in which they claimed \$2,240,000 damages for failure of the vessel to deliver gold bullion worth \$11,000,000 shipped to England and France just at the outbreak of the war.

FATAL ACCIDENT WITH AUTOMOBILE

Machine Crashes Through Bridge—One Drowned—Another Serious Mishap

(Special to The Dispatch.)
New Bern, May 8.—Mr. Matthew Williams, a well known citizen of Croatan, lost his life and E. M. Ballanger and Claude A. White, also of that place, came near drowning when an automobile in which they were riding and which was being driven by Mr. Ballanger, crashed through the Trent river bridge at 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The three men came to New Bern on the previous night at about 9 o'clock and remained in the city until a short time before the accident when they started back home. According to a statement made to Crotoner E. W. Dunn, Ballanger stated that he did not know whether he lost control of the car or whether the steering gear hung, but that he remembered the machine crashing into the railing, when he jumped. When the car struck the water it did not turn over, and to this fact is attributed the escape of Messrs. Ballanger and White. Williams, so they said, could not swim and he never came to the surface of the water after sinking. The men who were saved hung on to piling beneath the bridge and yelled for help until the bridge tender came out and succeeded in getting them up on the bridge, after which news of the accident was sent to New Bern and as soon as day broke a search for the body of the drowned man was begun and this was found a short while later, probably seventy-five yards from the point at which the car went into the water.

Messrs. James Bryan, Harry Faulkner and Harry Roberts were badly injured when a Ford car in which they were riding and which was being driven by Mr. Faulkner, crashed into the side of a building near the corner of South Front and Spring streets yesterday afternoon and overturned, pinning Messrs. Faulkner and Roberts beneath the machine and throwing Mr. Bryan against a post on a nearby porch with such force that he was completely dazed and badly cut and bruised. The machine was literally demolished, being torn into a hundred pieces and those who viewed the wreck after the injured men had been removed to the hospital declared that they could not see how the occupants of the car escaped with their lives.

Mr. J. K. Willis, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Gertie Matthews, left yesterday for Burlington where they will attend the annual meeting of the North Carolina Funeral Directors and Embalmers' Association.

Tomorrow afternoon the baseball team of the New Bern high school will cross bats with the team from the Washington Collegiate Institute, the game being played at Ghent park, this city. In the last game with the Washington team the local boys came out of the little end of the horn, but they intend evening up the score this time and the game will doubtless prove to be one of more than usual interest.

Yesterday afternoon the locals defeated the Vanceboro Farm Life school team by a score of 11 to 6.

Under the direction of the City Union of Bible Classes a church census of New Bern was taken yesterday afternoon and the names and ages of practically every resident of the city, together with the information as to whether they were members of any church and if so which one, was taken. The City Union is desirous of bringing every local resident in closer touch with the churches of the city and this

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is only the beginning of their efforts along this particular line.

The New Bern public schools will close their 1916-17 term on May 25th. The commencement exercises are to be held that night, and there is every indication that these will be the most auspicious in the history of the school. Forty-three young men and women will graduate this year, the largest number in the history of the school. Up to the present time the speaker for this occasion has not been secured but he will be named within the course of the next few days.

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AGENTS WANTED WRITE FOR TERMS

MORTGAGE SALE.
By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage made by Andrew Boney and Wife Lou Boney to Samuel Blossom, bearing date the 22nd of August, 1912, and duly registered in Book 62 page 272 of the records of New Hanover County, the undersigned will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Court House door in the City of Wilmington, N. C., on Wednesday, the 9th day of June, 1917, at twelve o'clock M., the following described property, to-wit:
Beginning at a stake on the east edge of right-of-way of the Wilmington and Weldon railroad; running thence S. 15 east right-of-way of said railroad 66 feet to a stake; thence S. 74.50 E. 322 feet to a ditch; thence N. 93.5 E. with ditch 46 feet to a stake; thence N. 74.50 west 322 feet to the beginning, said property being on east side of Wilmington and Weldon railroad about 500 yards south of Castle Hayne depot.
This 9th of May, 1917.
JOHN D. BELLAMY & SON,
Attorneys for Mortgagee.
5-8-200

MONEY IN THE MAKING

Questions regarding any phase of financial investment for speculations will be answered if addressed to **INVESTORS PUBLIC SERVICE**, care of this newspaper. Such of these as are not of sufficient general interest to be answered in print will be replied to by mail. All letters of inquiry MUST be signed with the full name and accompanied by the address of the inquirer. These will be regarded as confidential and will not be published with the answers. No attention will be paid to communications signed "A Subscriber," "Constant Reader," etc., or with initials only. Inquirers are requested to enclose 12 cents in postage stamps to cover expenses.

THE IDEAL INVESTMENT.
"Is there any such thing as an 'ideal investment'?" asks a correspondent, whose letter of inquiry indicates, as do others received by this department, that he has been urged to put his money into the securities of one or another enterprise on the ground that his investment would then be a "sure thing."

Nothing in this life is without the element of risk. There is no business undertaking on earth which is immune from the great law of cause and effect.

But, relatively speaking, there is such a thing as an "ideal investment." It is that investment, or perhaps it would be more accurate to say that form of investment, which through years of experience and test has come to be regarded as the safest. The experienced investor, should always bear in mind however, that there is a vast difference between the "ideal investment" and the "sure thing."

The former is, as we have indicated, relatively a fact; as to the latter, "there ain't no such animal."

Now, the ideal investment varies according to the extent of the surplus means of the investor. There are safe investments for small sums and safe investments for larger sums—the safest, that is, in the light of experience. Generally speaking, the ideal investment as regards securities, based on the experience of the average investor through many years, is the diversified employment of funds through mortgages, bonds and stocks. This diversification includes the subdividing of these general divisions into as many different industries of proved substantiality as possible, not only as to product but also as to locality.

Many examples of how to distribute an investment of, for instance, \$10,000 according to this method can, of course, be given. Here is one illustration which indicates the way to obtain an ideal investment; in other words it provides a safe and comfortable means of accumulating a competence:

Investment in government bonds, yielding 3 1/2 per cent., \$1,000; municipals, yielding 4 per cent., \$1,000; railroad bonds, 4 1/2 per cent., \$2,000; industrial bonds, 5 per cent., \$1,000; mortgage on improved productive farm property, 6 per cent., \$1,000; high grade short-term notes (for ready cash), 6 per cent., \$1,000; railroad and industrial preferred stocks, 7 per cent., \$3,000.

The average yield on a diversified investment of \$10,000 such as the above would be very near 6 per cent.—the return popularly demanded.

There is no beaten track to wealth, but discretion in the selection of advisers and deliberate rather than hasty judgment as to investment matters will in most cases bring desirable results and, what is also important, a mind not distracted by fears as to losses.

A rule to follow in this connection is to be satisfied with a return that falls short rather than exceeds 6 per cent. For the first essential of the ideal investment is safety.

Questions and answers.
Are Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific first and refunding 4s a good investment?
Yes.
O. B. W.

Is Cities Service common an investment or a speculative proposition?
More speculative than otherwise. This implies no reflection upon the company, but the recent increase in the market value of the common was due largely to earnings from subsidiaries engaged in producing, refining, transporting and marketing oil rather than from public utility operations.

What does a company mean by the word "reserve"? I have seen this in financial statements of corporations now and then.
A. K.
The term usually means the retention of profits for some purpose which may or may not be indicated in the title, or else it may be used to designate an account set up for the purpose, as one authority puts it, of "evaluating some asset accounts to which it is complementary."

Are Owl Drug Co. securities O. K. for investment purposes? T. de N.
Presumably you have in mind the new 6 per cent. serial gold notes of this company. These, in amount of \$800,000, in denomination of \$500, dated March 1, 1917, and due serially 1919-1925, with interest payable March 1 and Sept. 1, without deduction of Federal normal income tax and redeemable at 101 and accrued interest, were recently offered to the public. These are sound from the investment standpoint.

Are any of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co.'s recent issues listed?
O. J.
The consolidated mortgage 4 1/2 per cent. sinking fund bonds are listed on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange.

Do the quotations for Midget Refining indicate actual prosperity for this company or manipulation?
The company is in a good position, and on the whole the market value of the stock reflects this.
W. Q.
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ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD COMPANY.
Office of the Treasurer, Wilmington, N. C., Mal 1, 1917.
The Board of Directors of Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company has declared a dividend of two and one-half per cent. on the Preferred Capital Stock of that Company, payable at the office of the Treasurer, Wilmington, N. C., on and after May 10th, 1917. The transfer books are closed from April 30th to May 10th, both inclusive.
JAMES F. POST,
Treasurer.

Buy One Less Shirt This Year--Join the "Red Cross" With the Saving.

IT may seem strange to some of you to see an advertisement with a heading asking you NOT to buy. It may seem equally strange that a store should advertise against its business. But we of the High Art Store realize that in the year to come there will be need for the comforting hand of the Red Cross—needs for Humanity greater than one more shirt.

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