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"HAVOC" AT ALKRAMA ON THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK

gest Cast that has Appeared on Alkrama Stage with Paul Gilmore in Dominant Role

nouncement by the man of the Alkrama that more would appear here k in "The Havoc" creaise interest among Eliity theatre gers. In y, the securing of Mr. and his associate plays the Alkrama the best has yet appeared in E City and is a big tri the management. "Havoc" has won enthusiasrecal wherever it has n't upon the story of a wits between an injurand and a treacherous portrays the evil and the result of a situaods its parallel too the American life of to-

Gilmore, the actor manrs in the dominant of the wronged host—quiet power and tense which he has alwed in "The Mummy Humming Bird," says Mr. Gilmore domipowerful dramatic sit "The Havoc" with cond makes the authc lines snap and sparkt by his quick, nerf tones. Those who Mr. Gilmore in other ver, know that a dra h he plays the leadst be a success. vant in the House" ed on Thursday night k. There was a present; but not so Thursday two weeks n "The Climax" was card. Neither did n universal approval first. Entirely unin the more thoughtless was adjudged bet "The Climax". Whatdict as to the play, at the company preas a good one.

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BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

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meeting of the the Savings Bank pany will be held house, Monday, 1913, between the P.M. for the purdirectors and for of such other bus be brought before

G. KRAMER, Cashier

AT CITY ROAD.

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MANN DEAD

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MRS. PUCKETT DEAD

Mrs. J. T. Puckett age about 60 years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. I. Brothers on Cypress street. Sunday night.

She is survived by her husband and two children, her son being Mr. W. T. Puckett of this city. Mrs. Puckett went to visit her daughter last Thursday, their homes being not far apart.

She was stricken with paralysis in the back yard of her daughter's home and never regained consciousness.

Services at First Baptist Church

At the First Baptist Church Sunday morning a farewell service will be held for Rev. W. W. Sisk and his wife who will soon leave for his new work in S. C.

Addresses will be made by several speakers. The friends and acquaintances of Mr. Sisk are cordially invited to attend and take part in the service.

Sunday night an oratorio will be rendered by some of the best musical talent of the city.

NOTICE!

MERCANTILE BANK
Elizabeth City, N. C.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Mercantile Bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, January 14th 1913, from 2 to 4 P.M. for the election of directors for the ensuing twelve months, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

W. H. JENNINGS
Cashier.

PRETTY WEDDING AT COLUMBIA

The Baptist Church at Columbia was the scene of a pretty wedding last Wednesday, when Miss Bessie Owens became the bride of Rev. Louis E. Owens of Como, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Daily will be at home at Como after January 1st 1913.

CORN CLUB BOYS

In Atlanta, last week, there gathered over 700 boys who were in the boys' corn club contest this year. They had a royal good time, and were shown a great deal of attention, being the guests of honor. They were addressed by the Governor of the State, were given a banquet, had a big parade, and were organized into companies of Boy Scouts.

The homes of the city were open to them, and no doubt they were of some considerable importance in the world, and went home feeling that it was something to be proud of to be a farmer boy. A great many of these boys will be taken to Washington to the inauguration of the President on the 4th of March and will see the sights of the National Capitol.

North Carolina has a lot of corn club boys also, and the records they have made are as good as those of the Georgia boys, but no such demonstration as this has been had in North Carolina. We hope that next year, North Carolina will do like Georgia, and have a meeting of the boys in Raleigh, as such meetings as these are an inspiration not only to the boys themselves, but all other boys, and will encourage them to go out and do likewise. The hope of the country is in these boys.—*Pender Chronicle.*

SCENE FROM ACT 2 "THE HAVOC"

Song for the Year's End

By Wilbur D. Nesbit

The sands that count the year are low within
the upper glass,
They slip away, these little years, so swiftly
do they pass;
They flit like shadows to and fro the longer
we may live—
But, ah, they take no more from us than they
may freely give!
They take the song, mayhap, but leave the
echoes sweet that hum—
The year is dying, but there is another year
to come.

Then why gaze at the trickling sand with
heavy sigh and frown?
Turn it down! Turn it down!
There are smiles and laughter waiting where
the other joys came from.
Turn it down! Turn it down!
There's another year to come.

Another year is coming—now its hailing call
we hear—
With golden smiles to pay us for each jewel
of a tear,
With clover nodding in the rain and dew upon
the rose,
With silver store of moonlight, and with
ivory of snows,
With lilting laughter for the lips that long
time have been dumb—
The year is dying, but there is another year
to come.

Why hold the glass and watch the sand with
gloomy sigh and frown?
Turn it down! Turn it down!
The melodies of joys to be already throb and
thrum—
Turn it down! Turn it down!
There's another year to come.

It is the twilight of the year—the sands are
almost gone;
But turn the glass and wait to see the glory
of the dawn,
And wait to hear the mellow chord that
pulses with each word
That will build up the coming song—the song
you've never heard.
Why brood above the days now gone, and
seek to find the sum
Of bitterness and happiness? Another year's
to come.

So turn the glass and start anew the current
golden brown—
Turn it down! Turn it down!
There are light and laughter lurking where
the other joys came from.
Turn it down! Turn it down!
There's another year to come.

MERRY CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS THRONG BETSEY'S BUSY STREETS

Heaviest Christmas Trade in the History of Elizabeth City Is Verdict of Merchants Long in Business Here

The Christmas season of 1912 has been a most prosperous one in Elizabeth City.

The Advance always keeps a hand on the pulse of the city merchants and knows how business goes with them about all the time. And it was evident, as Christmas drew near that large amounts of money were being spent in Elizabeth City.

For three or four weeks now Elizabeth City business has felt the stimulus of the holiday trade and shoppers have spent their money quite freely.

The Christmas rush, however, did not begin until last week. On Tuesday, Thursday and Friday the early shopper who avoids the rush did greatly abound on every hand and kept trade going in a continual stream in almost every store in Elizabeth City, certainly in those stores which advertise in the Advance.

It was the wholsale firms that were first taxed to their capacity to meet the demands of the trade. Some of these had their hand full before the passing of December's first week and were getting by the fifth more orders than they could fill promptly. "People went out of our store to-day to whom we could have easily sold more goods had we had time to give close attention," we heard one young man say toward the latter part of week before last.

But it was not until last Saturday that te rush became congested in the retail stores. Up to this day there had been a gradual and healthy increase in traffic. On Saturday at a bound the tide f trade reached its flood. By this time the stores, many of them—were gay in Christmas Red and Green and Christmas cheer prevailed on every hand. It's no use for the grummiest merchant to try to frown when the Christmas shopper comes to town.

Through these were Christmas shoppers by no means all the trade went to those stores where the conventoinal holiday gifts and goodies are to be had.

One of the most Christmasy looking stores on Main street was Owen's Shoe Store,—and the dry goods stores, the big department stores and even the hardware stores came in for a share of the rush. The idea of useful Christmas gifts seems to be growing. The furniture stores did an amazing amount of business.

Blackwell Memorial Church

Christmas Night at Blackwell Memorial Church, beginning at 7:30 the life of Moses will be presented in motion pictures. Seats free. The doors open at seven fifteen. Come and bring your friends. This is going to be a great meeting. There will be a musical program and glorious congregational singing. Don't be late, you might not get the best seat. Each boy and girl with fathers and mothers are especially invited. Herein will be a Christmas gift of good will and pleasure from the church to all who come.

ELON FRESHMEN WIN BASKET BALL MEET

Coach Doak and Gymnasical director, Miller arranged a basket ball meet for the College Classes this fall, preparatory to the inter-collegiate events after the Christmas holidays. From the very start, the interest in this meet was tense, and enthusiasm grew as each individual event approached its scheduled time for transpiration.

The first event was pulled off by the Freshman and Sophomore Classes, the Freshman winning by the score of 35 to 13.

The next contest occurred between the Seniors and Sophomores, the Sophomores again biting the dust, only it was a hard-wood floor, to the tune of 27 to 26.

The juniors then gave the Seniors a trial of strength and lost by the inglorious score of 36 to 15.

The final contest then was

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"LET'S SEE WHAT'S IN IT"