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PLAY IS AGAIN WELL RECEIVED

Another Enthusiastic Reception Given Amateur Performance, "A Fisherman's Luck."

PERFORMERS DO GOOD WORK

In Fact They Even Improved On the Excellent Acting of Play's First Presentation.

The Paint and Powder Club last night gave a repetition of "A Fisherman's Luck" at the Masonic Theatre before an audience of several hundred people for the benefit of the Elks' Charity Fund. Among the audience were many who attended the first performance given by the Club and in their opinion the cast handled their different parts in an even more capable manner than on the former occasion. Everyone who attended was well pleased with the show, not because it was produced by local talent but on account of the fact that it was a meritorious performance and the cast deserved credit for their work.

Particularly noticeable were the costumes worn by Mrs. George Stratton, who took the leading part. During the play she made a number of changes and each was the latest creation of the modiste. Mrs. Stratton's role was one of the most difficult but she handled it with ease and effectiveness.

To W. K. Baxter as "Squire Hammond" and J. J. Tolson, Jr., as James Hammond is due much credit for the manner in which they handled their parts. Both were difficult but in the hands of these two gentlemen they were capably rendered.

Mrs. D. S. Congdon, as Ruth Manley and little Miss Isabel Smith as little Nellie were both highly praised for their work. Mrs. Congdon's part was one for which she was particularly fitted and she handled it with grace and ease and the most difficult lines and situations won the approval of the audience. Little Miss Smith took the part of the child and in this she was exceptionally good.

Albert Willis, as Tom Manley, the leading male member of the cast, again exhibited his rare ability. This part required, at times, remarkable emotional acting while at all times the trend of the play necessitated that he be on the *qui vive*. At times the audience laughed with him and at others many eyes were dimmed. His work was equal to that of many professionals and he was frequently applauded.

Miss Leonora Greenbaum, as Mrs. Manley, had a difficult part but by her excellent work showed that she was able to measure up to its requirements. J. B. Dawson, as Uncle Dave, was both as both emotional and comical. At times the audience would be on the verge of tears and again would be convulsed with laughter. Mr. Dawson is an old favorite and whenever he smiles there is a reflection in the audience. J. C. Bagg in the role of Si Kidder, was excellent and always had the knack of making his appearance at just the right moment. Mr. Bagg plainly exhibited his talents and could easily rank with a professional. T. B. Kehoe as Rev. Medhurst, was on the stage for only a few minutes but his work during that time was beyond criticism.

The Paint and Powder Club is a new organization and have put on only one play. In the next few months, however, they are planning to put on several plays at the local theatre and the public is promised some rare treats.

The regular monthly meeting of the New Bern Library Association will be held in the library rooms Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

PROGRAM AT THE ATHENS TO-DAY

A large audience greeted Faust and Faust at the Athens last night and the frequent and prolonged applause showed that the audience thoroughly enjoyed the act. Faust & Faust are comedy musical entertainers—something different. Our regular three reels of the latest Association pictures will be shown, but as the makers did not have them completed at the time of going to press we cannot give the titles but they will be good ones all right, all right.

Matinee daily at 3:45. First Show at night starts at 7:30, second at 9:00 o'clock. You can always get a desirable suit by observing the hours.

HUNT FOR NEGRO STILL FRUITLESS

Sheriff and Deputies Look In Vain To See Him Board Midnight Train.

MAY HAVE LEFT ON FREIGHT

Suspicious Looking Person Seen By Crew To Get Off At Washington.

Sheriff R. B. Lane and Deputy Sheriffs Thomas Smith and J. W. Huff returned yesterday morning from Washington, N. C., where they had gone on the previous night in search of the unknown negro who on Tuesday afternoon attacked and robbed W. D. Stapleford, a citizen of this county, near Bridgeton and who had eluded his pursuers after a search lasting for more than twenty four hours.

The Sheriff had been notified that the fugitive had been seen at Askins and it was believed that he would board the midnight train for Norfolk. The officer and his assistants left New Bern on this train and all along the line kept a watch for the man but he did not show up.

At Chocowinity the crew of a freight train reported that a colored hobo was on their train and that they intended having him arrested at Washington. Upon their arrival at that town, however, no policeman was in sight and the man disappeared. The train bearing the Sheriff and his deputies was close behind the freight train and at Chocowinity they were informed that in all probability their man had gone on to Washington.

The party confidently expected to find that the Chief of Police at that place had captured the fugitive and their surprise was great when arriving there they found that the Chief of Police had not visited the depot during the night. Wednesday afternoon a telephone message was sent to Washington asking that the police be on the watch for the negro but the Chief of Police claimed that he had not heard of this.

There was nothing more that could be done and Sheriff Lane and his deputies returned to New Bern on the next train. It is believed that the man whom the crew of the freight train discovered stealing a ride was the one wanted here and that he went on to Norfolk, Va.

HYDROGRAPHER HERE FOR COAL

SURVEY BOAT GOING TO LOOK-OUT COVE TO ASSIST THE ENDEAVOR.

The U. S. S. survey boat, the Hydrographer, arrived in port yesterday morning from Norfolk, Va., and is now lying at the Redmond wharf, foot of Craven street, taking on a cargo of coal preparatory to proceeding to Beaufort.

The Hydrographer is in charge of Captain P. C. Whitney. The boat is used exclusively for survey work and will proceed to Beaufort to assist the survey boat Endeavor in the work of surveying Lookout Cove. Captain Whitney stated yesterday that both vessels would probably remain there for three or four or possibly five months before completing the work.

Last September the Hydrographer visited this port and spent two days here. At that time she was enroute to Washington, D. C. after a trip down the coast as far as Florida, making surveys along the route. The vessel left Norfolk Wednesday morning and came direct through to this port with only one stop, that being at Oriental to take on a small quantity of coal. She will complete coaling and will leave today for Beaufort.

WANT MATCH GAME OF TENNIS.

One of the members of the Vanceboro Tennis Club, who was in the city yesterday stated that the members of the club are getting in shape for games with similar clubs in nearby towns and that they want to come to New Bern for a game. There are a number of crack tennis players here who will probably be very glad to arrange a game with Vanceboro.

W. H. CROPSEY, JR. TAKES HIS LIFE

Was Brother of Nellie Cropsey For Whose Death Jim Wilcox Is Serving Sentence.

WAS IN FINANCIAL TROUBLE

Drank Carbohic Acid In Presence of Wife and Their Five-Year Old Daughter.

Norfolk, Jan. 30.—William H. Cropsey, Jr., 28 years old, son of William H. Cropsey, and brother of the late Nellie Cropsey of Elizabeth City for whose death Jim Wilcox is serving a thirty year sentence in the penitentiary of North Carolina, took his life at his home in Berkeley last night at 10 o'clock by drinking carbohic acid. He committed the act in the presence of his young wife and their 5-year-old daughter at their home at 119 Berkeley avenue.

Adversities because of being thrown out of employment, because of strong drink and being pressed by his creditors, was the reason assigned by the wife when she told her story to the coroner with tears streaming down her cheeks.

"Will come home under the influence of liquor," she said, "after I had told the saloon keeps not to trust him for any more of the stuff. He took a seat in a chair in the bed room upstairs and rested his head in his hands, as though he was in trouble. I said to him, 'Will, what is the matter?' I detected that he had in his hands the bottle which we had kept carbohic acid. At that instant he placed the bottle to his mouth and drank its contents or nearly all of it. I snatched the bottle from him and emptied the remainder of the contents out of the window. There was but little left. He had drunk nearly all of it. I screamed and ran for Dr. Sleet, living three doors away."

Dr. Sleet said when he arrived that Cropsey had fallen from the chair on which he was sitting and was stretched out on the floor in the room. The body was limp and life was extinct.

Coroner Knight decided death was due to carbohic poisoning, self-administered, and that an inquest was unnecessary.

The only paper that threw any light on his troubles was a note filled out for fifty dollars on a blank of one of the local banks, which his wife said that he tried to get discounted.

Mrs. Cropsey said, between her sobs, that her husband remarked last night, a short while before he took the deadly drink, that there was a way out of it. She asked what way and he replied he could shoot both her and himself. Cropsey was employed with the Norfolk Southern Railroad as billing clerk until two months ago when he lost out. A few days ago he got another job with the Seaboard Air Line Railway.

His wife is a daughter of A. C. Stokes, a liveryman, of Elizabeth City, and is 24 years old. They had been married seven years and lived in Richmond until three years ago when they moved to this city.

In addition to his parents in Elizabeth City, the deceased man is survived by five sisters and two brothers. They are Mrs. William Brooks, South Park avenue, Brambleton; Miss Mamie Cropsey, this city, and Miss Lula Olive and Carrie Cropsey and Duke Cropsey, Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Cropsey has a brother, J. T. Stokes, 273 York street, this city. The body was turned over to Funeral Director E. Lee Cox for preparation for burial.

THE MOST POPULAR COP

He Will Be Seen at the Masonic Theatre Feb. 24.

"Officer 666" is the most popular "cop" in America. He patrolled post duty at the Gaiety theatre in New York and the Geo. M. Cohan Grand Opera House in Chicago for a year, and while his presence in both these cities created a veritable riot, it was productive of merit only, and you can't arrest a person for just laughing.

Cohan & Harris are now sending "Officer 666" out on road duty and announce that the famous sleuth will be in evidence at the Masonic Theatre Feb. 24 when local theatre goers will have their first opportunity to see this fame, that is said to be funnier than "Charley's Aunt" and still more thrilling than "Sherlock Holmes" or "Arsene Lupin."

BUY AEROPLANES FOR ARMY SCOUTS

Uncle Sam Getting Ready To Organize Fleet of Aerial Scout Cruisers.

SUBMITS THE SPECIFICATIONS

Signal Corps Sends To Manufacturers Detailed Requirements of Machines.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Uncle Sam took the first step toward the organization of a fleet of aerial scout cruisers as a unit of the regular army when the Signal Corps sent to aeroplane manufacturers in the United States announcements giving the detailed requirements for aeroplanes of the scout type which will be acceptable to the Government. All machines, the manufacturers were informed, must have a protective armor for aviators and engines.

Before the machines are accepted by the Government, the bullet proof chrome steel cabin for the aviator must be subjected to an ordnance penetration test. Another requirement will be that the machines in the trial tests must be able to attain at least 2,000 feet in ten minutes while carrying a live load of 450 pounds and fuel and oil for four hours' consumption, exclusive of radio telegraphic equipment. Machines offered must have a minimum speed of thirty eight miles an hour, while the maximum speed must not be less than fifty-five miles.

It is necessary that the machines be constructed in such manner as to carry two passengers. The planes must be capable of being assembled for flight by six men within one hour and the engine must be capable of being so throttled as to allow one person to make a flight without another person assisting. Before the aeroplane is given the approval of the Signal Corps, it must in the trial test, execute a figure eight in a rectangle 500 yards by 250 yards without decreasing altitude more than 100 feet upon the completion of the figure.

Army aviators admit that the armor steel required for the construction of the body of the machines would not be strong enough to resist the charge of the new aeroplane guns, but they figure the chances of hitting an aeroplane in flight with one of these guns is only one out of a hundred. It is the small arm fire that the army experts desire to guard against.

It was explained that the army is not prepared to buy an entire fleet of such aeroplanes at once. The last appropriation for army aviation was \$25,000. The new Army Appropriation bill now pending before the Senate carries a similar appropriation.

BUILD GARAGE WHERE OLD JOURNAL OFFICE WAS.

Eugene Williams, who a few months ago purchased the building and lot located on Craven street and formerly occupied by the Journal office, has awarded to H. S. Hancock a contract for the erection of a modern brick structure which will be occupied as a garage. Work on the building will begin in about thirty days.

HOLD BASEBALL MEET TONIGHT

NEW EAST CAROLINA LEAGUE WILL LIKELY SPRING INTO BEING.

A committee composed of Harry Marks, Clyde Eby and Dr. Joseph Patterson, representing the New Bern Athletic Association, will go to Goldsboro this evening for the purpose of attending a meeting of committees representing similar organizations at Wilmington, Rocky Mount, Wilson, Washington and Goldsboro for the purpose of organizing an Eastern Carolina Baseball Association.

In addition to the committees which will go from this city several other local baseball enthusiasts will also be present. The resurrection of the league has been strongly advocated during the past few weeks and judging from the other towns interested there is every reason to believe that the meeting tonight will result in the league's formation.

HE'S AGAINST THE NEW NATIONALISM

J. HAMILTON LEWIS SAYS ALL ARE NOW PRESUMED DISLOYAL BY OFFICIALS

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Criticism of Government espionage over private property and private interests was the burden of an address before the Chicago Traffic Club by Col. James Hamilton Lewis, Democratic candidate for United States Senator (cong term) from Illinois.

"The business of tomorrow," said Colonel Lewis, "is to correct the errors of the Government's business of yesterday. This nation in the fascination of usurped national authority has plunged into regulating the citizen in his private conduct and in the conduct of his personal affairs until it has regulated business to the verge of confiscation and relegated the citizen to the plane of a dependent on Government favor, or as the victim of its spies.

"If the reports of the different departments of the Federal government can be relied upon, there are now in this nation, under the designation of 'agents,' 46,000 individuals who serve as spies, detectives, investigators, watchers, decoys, betrayers, silent accusers and secret slanderers of every thing which pertains to the citizen in America.

"There is no man engaged in any large undertaking who is not presumed by the Government to be dishonest and his business a fraud. No small business man can aspire to equality of competition except as the Government shall permit him to do so. National regulation has now become national strangulation of many noble men and many worthy things.

"What this country needs is that there shall be more men over the Government and less Government over the men, more liberty to the State and to the citizen in private and personal conduct."

H. S. Hancock has been awarded the concrete for the erection of an addition to the West Box Company's plant. Work on this will begin during the next few days and will be rushed to completion.

A two weeks term of Craven County Superior Court will convene in this city Monday morning for the trial of both criminal and civil cases with Judge Webb presiding. Both dockets are well filled.

OFFERS TO BUY A. & N. C. RAILWAY

MR. DUNCAN WOULD TAKE STATE STOCK AT 75 CENTS ON DOLLAR

Much interest was yesterday manifested locally in the offer of E. C. Duncan to purchase the stock owned by the State of North Carolina in the Atlantic and North Carolina Railway Company. The total stock of this Company is seventeen thousand nine hundred and seventy-two shares and the State owns twelve thousand six hundred and sixty-six shares, the remainder is scattered around over the State and owned by corporations and individuals. Quite a block of it is owned by citizens of New Bern.

Mr. Duncan offers \$949,950 for the portion of the stock owned by the State, that amount being 75 per cent. of the par value of the stock. The road is mortgaged for \$325,000 and leased to the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company until January 1, 1996, at an annual rental of \$53,916, equivalent to 3 per cent. on the stock at par. The State's part of this annual rental is \$37,998, with gradual increase of rate until it reaches before expiration of the lease, 6 per cent.

EXCHANGE BRICK KILN FOR FARM

The plant of the Enterprise Brick and Tile Company at Clark's has been sold by J. W. Stewart and H. M. Wetherington, the former owners, to G. P. Eubank of Cove City. Under the terms of the transaction, Messrs. Stewart and Wetherington come into possession of Mr. Eubank's farm, Oak Forest, located about four miles from Cove City. Messrs. Stewart and Wetherington will be sales agents in New Bern for the brick-making plant which they traded to Mr. Eubank.

THE INSTITUTE MUCH ENJOYED

Farmers Left Beech Grove Meeting Feeling Day Had Been One Well Spent.

ATTENDANCE SATISFACTORY

Lady Member of The Institute Party Was Favorite With The Audience.

Daniel Lane of Bellair sends the Journal the following account of the Farmers' Institute held Wednesday at Bellair:

When the chairman of the Institute Committee, Mr. W. H. Bray, proposed the farmers institute to be held at Beech Grove, we around here, at once concluded to try to have a good day, and we were not disappointed.

The Institute party consisted of three—Prof. Garden, Mr. Hill and Mrs. Hutt.

Our community turned out generally it was a fine day and about 100 men women and children met at Beech Grove School House. Meeting called to order by Mr. Bray and after a song and prayer the meeting was thrown open for discussion. The women led by Mrs. Hutt repaired to the church nearby where they were entertained and instructed by her in the general problems that come up in the women's department of home making.

Prof. Garden lectured chiefly on corn culture, the progress our State is making and how it may make greater progress by the ready means of deeper plowing and fixing more humus in the soil by legumes. At the conclusion of his address, a recess of our hour was taken, at which time the physical man was specially cared for.

A beautiful dinner was spread in the grove which was enjoyed by all and there was plenty left for many more. After dinner Mr. Hill talked on Horticulture giving specific instruction as to buying, setting and general care of the orchard. At the close of his talk Mrs. Hutt came over from the church, joined the men's party and made a talk to all which for real instruction, sound economics and mirthful hits was perhaps the very best of the feast.

Mrs. Hutt urged the teaching of domestic economy in our country schools, showing how much better it was to teach the important things of life rather than to pass the time in studying those things that perish with their passing from the school room.

So far as we could see and hear all were pleased with the services of the day and left the grounds wiser and better.

PLAN GREAT OCCASION.

The committee composed of J. R. Rice, J. S. West, E. M. Rice, Welby Pickles, Vauce Dawson and C. L. Daniels, all of Bayboro, who have charge of the big tournament to be held at that place on February 7, are making extensive preparations for the event. A brass band has been engaged to furnish music for the occasion and just previous to the opening of the tournament there will be a big parade. At night there will be a dance in one of the town halls. Several hundred invitations have been sent out and a large number of visitors are expected to attend.

REMAINS ARE CARRIED TO BEAUFORT.

The remains of Mrs. Jane Lowenberg, who died suddenly Tuesday night at her home No. 30 South Front street, were yesterday morning taken to Beaufort for interment. The body was accompanied from this city by Mrs. George Taylor of Goldsboro, a step-daughter of the deceased, Mrs. Jane Meadows and Rev. J. B. Hurley. The funeral at Beaufort was conducted at the cemetery immediately after the arrival of the train.

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