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## PRESS COMMENTS.

**On Ritchie Unique Entertainers.** Due Here Monday, Dec. 15th.

Ritchie is very clever.—Daily Free Press, London, Ont.

Ritchie was perfection itself as an artist.—News and Critic, Laconia, N. H.

The work of Prof. Ritchie surpassed anything of the kind before seen here.—Daily Star Courier, Kewanee, Ill.

Shadowgraphy created much laughter.—Keene, N. H.

Ritchie mystified and pleased the audience.—Salem News, Salem, Mass.

Ritchie proved himself a capital entertainer. His tricks were all first class.—Daily News, Flint, Mich.

Mr. Hall of the Ritchie Unique Entertainers plays many different instruments with a genuine musician's touch. The oddity of some of them created much mirth and afforded a pleasing feature of the performance.—Meridian (Miss.) News.

To obtain acceptable music from so unpromising an instrument as a tomato can seems impossible, but this is what Frank Hall is doing at the Park this week. His act occasions much laughter and applause.—Louisville Journal.

Miss Blanche Neal in the humorous and pathetic was excellent. Her voice possesses the touch of the magnetic. Her facial expressions are natural, while in rendition she has but few equals.—Argus Bulletin, La Porte, Ind.

One of our readers who is rapidly coming to the front is Miss Blanche Neal, a Chicago girl, whose education has been of the best and whose talent is of a high order. She has unusual advantages in the way of culture. She was formerly a pupil of August Hyllester and is an admirable accompanist.—Chicago Presto, Chicago, Ill.

## They Tell This on Carrie.

Between her numerous lectures against the "devil rum" Carrie Nation yesterday took a drink of whisky at the Oneida restaurant, the first, so far as known, in which she had ever indulged, the drink was administered in a glass of soda, although it may be said to Mr. Bammer's credit that he "did know the drink was loaded." When Carrie arrived at the Oneida after her lecture at the Exposition she was met by Mr. Bammer, who at once offered her the freedom of the place and the liberty of saying a few words. Mrs. Nation took a seat beside him and they indulged in a heart-to-heart talk for ten minutes.

The people who had gathered in the place to hear her thought that they were going to be cheated out of their share, when she arose and made a short address to the patrons before indulging in her first drink of whisky. In the course of her remarks she said: "You women who are sitting around here should remember what you are doing and what your finish will be. Your brains will become saturated with alcohol and soon they will be burned up, and the result will be that you will be destroyed. Your host here was brought up in Germany and does not realize that he is to blame for allowing you to burn your brains out with whisky."

At the conclusion of her remarks she was asked to have a drink, and said that as she loved every one present, she would drink a glass of brown soda. The bartender had a wild gleam in his eye as he went back of the bar in the next room and reached for a whisky bottle. He poured a small amount in the soda glass, while proprietor Bammer conversed with her in the restaurant and smiled to think that he was to have the honor of serving Mrs. Nation with a drink. Those who were watching the bartender cautioned him against putting in too much, saying that "Carrie had a long nose for booze." The mixture was then taken to the "joint smasher," and she swallowed it with what might be termed "great gusto." After saying a few more pleasant things to Mr. Bammer she left the place and proceeded on her tour.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

H. T. Woodward has taken the initial step toward putting down a brick pavement fronting and siding his store.

L. W. Moore tendered his resignation as deputy clerk of the district court last Monday to take effect at once. It was accepted and Clara Pancoast was appointed in his place. Mr. Moore has been connected with this office since May 6, '99 and has made many friends during his term of office.—Alva Review.

## A Decision Soon Expected.

The Supreme Court did not reach the Nixon hold-up until last Friday, and complete briefs were not filed until Saturday morning. The principal fight made by Nixon's attorneys was to dismiss on technicalities without going into the merits of the case while the attorneys for the commissioners covered the entire ground. A. L. Herr and Seward I. Field made the argument for the right side of the case while A. L. Noble and T. A. Nofzger defended the steal. The case excited considerable interest among the politicians and lawyers in attendance and it was generally conceded that in law and justice Nixon had a very weak case.

It is not known just when the court will render an opinion but it is expected the latter part of the week. There are seven judges on the supreme bench six of whom are republicans.

## J. S. Anderson Arrested.

County Attorney Griffin issued a warrant yesterday for the arrest of J. S. Anderson on a charge of rape. Clara B. Teagle is the complaining witness. She is a grass-widow and a stepdaughter of the accused. The charge is a very revolting one and we hope that Mr. Anderson is innocent.

His preliminary hearing will be before Justice Collins next Monday.

## District Court.

Judge Gillett completed the October term of court the latter part of last week. Very little was done on account of most of the attorneys being in attendance at the supreme court in Topeka.

The following cases were disposed of: T. D. Smith vs Otis McReynolds, judgment for plaintiff as prayed except as to matter of damage.

W. H. McCague vs H. A. Noah, judgment for plaintiff as prayed. The suit was brought on a promissory note.

Motion for a new in the Vennum case was overruled and defendant given 10 days to make case to supreme court. Mr. Vennum was sentenced to one year at hard labor in the penitentiary. His attorneys will make an effort to secure a stay of execution pending the appeal.

I. A. Shannon entered a plea of guilty to the charge of assault and battery committed on the person of Thomas Carter. Judge Gillett imposed a fine of \$37.50 and costs. The total damage to Mr. Shannon's bank account is \$47.05. Those who heard sentence passed say that Judge Gillett delivered an interesting lecture on this occasion. This is the finale in the fracas that Mr. Shannon and Mr. Carter had on a September night in which the munitions of war consisted of monkey wrenches, barb wire, finger nails and sharp teeth, and both parties looked as though they had been in a foot ball game, the next morning.

## "The American Pessimist."

Dr. Matt Hughes fully sustained his reputation as a platform orator in his engagement here Tuesday night of last week. He brings logic and clearness with his oratory and entertains his audience in every expression and gesture in his lecture. Whether he is dealing with history or present conditions his illustrations and similes are so nicely woven that he strikes a popular chord of approval with his hearers. Every person who heard "The American Pessimist" pictured and discussed realized big interest on his investment.

## Prohibition Meeting.

The prohibitionists in Barber county are hereby requested to meet at the court house in Medicine Lodge on Saturday, Dec. 20th, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of laying plans for the future. At this meeting a new committee will be elected and other business of importance will be transacted. We want to look into the faces of all who voted with us in the last election. Please do not fail to be present.

WM. L. COREYELL,  
Chairman.

A. D. Shaw was over this week from his home in Medicine Lodge to look things over at his ranch in this county. He said while in town on Tuesday: "Everything is looking fine. Stock are in good shape."—Coldwater Star.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Ladies' hosiery at Howe & Burton's.

Two weeks from tomorrow is Christmas.

Mrs. C. W. Wilson returned Wednesday from a visit with friends at Kiowa.

Combine style and comfort by getting your fall and winter millinery goods at Howe & Burton's.

Mrs. Holmes, mother of Mrs. Jas. Dobbs, arrived from Kansas City last Friday on a visit.

Park Moorman and family returned last Wednesday from a visit with relatives near Cleo, Ok.

The long hours pass pleasantly in a game of Pool or Billiards at Brewers. Tables new and first-class.

M. C. Thompson and wife and son, Oscar, have moved to W. K. Nichols' farm in Lake City township.

Big Stock of Noyse & Norman shoes at H. T. Woodward's. Best on the market. New in style and superior in quality.

S. E. Smith, of Belvidere, Kiowa county was transacting business in the city Monday. The Index was favored with a call.

Call at Hall Hdw. Co's and see the new Osborne half-inch coil-tooth hay rake, the only one on the market and fully guaranteed.

Every taxpayer leaves the court house in a bad frame of mind this fall. There will be numerous protests when the commissioners meet in January.

The ladies of the cemetery association will serve dinner at their new room, one door north of Cox's grocery store, on Friday of this week, December 12th.

All members and friends of the Baptist Aid Society who have donated articles for the Bazaar, will please leave the same at Mrs. J. S. Runyan's on or before Dec. 11th.

Mrs. A. B. Wilkins received the news of the death of her sister, Mrs. T. G. Cutlip, at Tecumseh, Ok., Saturday. Mrs. Cutlip resided in Medicine Lodge a number of years ago.

Eldred Post, G. A. R., will elect officers at their next meeting—Saturday of this week, December 13th. They desire that every member attend this meeting, beginning at 2 o'clock prompt.

Uncle Billie Brown was over from Enon Monday to pay taxes. He found that he was taxed at the rate of \$48 per quarter and he wasn't feeling very well. Republicanism comes high but we must have it.

Robt. Mounsey sold his residence property last week to Dr. R. B. Hammond. The price paid was \$1000. Mr. Mounsey is figuring on moving to Oklahoma if he can dispose of his business here without great sacrifice.

The attorneys in the Nixon-Walker case did not get back from Topeka until Saturday. Whether they win or lose in this case, they made a clean, noble and meritorious fight and routed Nixon's attorneys at every turn in the case. Even the republican machine in Topeka conceded that much.

J. N. Tineher went to Topeka Monday to take a hand in the senatorial "scrap," we presume. There is a little line of succession in this contest, in which our county attorney-elect is not an unknown quantity. If Chester goes to the senate, State Senator Nofzger is in line for congressman and Mr. Tineher could step into Senator Nofzger's place very gracefully. This is said to be Ralph Faxon's plan when W. Y. Morgan isn't in close proximity.

A republican who does not sign his name dropped us some verses on the Nixon steal last week. They were not published for the reason that the writer did not sign his name. The manuscript will be preserved and the verses will be published if the author will disclose his identity. His name need not appear in print and an assumed name will be signed if he so directs. But in justice to the publishers the writers of all communications must be known.

## ENDED HIS LIFE.

**Judge W. M. Pancoast Succumbs to a Dose of Arsenic.**

Judge W. M. Pancoast, of Isabel, died last Thursday, December 4, 1902. The immediate cause of his death was an over-dose of arsenic taken to quiet pain on account of general disorder of the system.

The deceased formerly lived at Pratt and served that county four years in the capacity of probate judge. He came to Isabel, this county, last spring and opened a law and real estate office.

His brother, Judge J. L. Pancoast, of Woodward, was informed of his death and he arrived the following day and took charge of the body. Funeral services were held in Pratt.

The deceased was a widower.

## Mrs. Nation Again.

Mrs. Nation broke into the Topeka jail again last week. She made the rounds of the drug stores and joints and gave the proprietors some tongue lashings in her usual style. Finally the police carted her off to jail and on Saturday she was arraigned and fined \$10 and costs. She refused to pay and was allowed her liberty until the next outbreak which is liable to occur any moment when she will be locked up again.

Several of the Barber county people saw her thrown out of the Copeland a few hours before she was arrested.

## Pembleton Entertainment

A "Major Pembleton Entertainment" is billed for the opera house Tuesday night, December 30th. It is recommended as a fine entertainment.

The following are newspaper comments:

The concert given at Armory hall Thursday night was as delightful as it was unique. Few people imagined that so much could be drawn out of snare drums. Major Pembleton is a master and his performances are little short of wonderful. Master Mart is a prodigy and brought down the house every time he attacked the drum. Little Emma captivated the audience with her recitations grave and gay, and with her sweet songs. Altogether we were very glad to hear the entertainment and trust that the Abilene people may have another opportunity to hear Major Pembleton and his children. Old soldiers would, in particular, enjoy it.—Daily Reporter, Abilene, Texas.

Major M. L. Pembleton, Master Martin and "Baby" Emma gave one of their excellent concerts, for the Girls Industrial school, on the evening of the 15th, which was the finest treat the girls declare they ever had. The Major needs no commendations for he has been known far and wide ever since the war, but the talent displayed by the little tots is simply wonderful. Martin whistles perfectly (for the life), and Emma's recitations are splendid.—Genova (Nebr.) News.

Admission price to this entertainment is 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children under 12.

Mrs. R. H. Estill was up from the southeastern part of the county last Saturday transacting business in the county seat. She was accompanied by Miss Lucy Platt and Miss Mabel Richardson of Aetna.—Coldwater Star.

Jas. Hamlin visited his son, Tolbert, at Lansing last week. He also, in company with his attorney, G. M. Martin, stopped at Topeka where another appeal was filed in the supreme court in behalf of his son. Mr. Hamlin and Mr. Martin both returned home Saturday.

We ran across a fellow at Wichita who thought we were the editor of the Cresset and he wanted to whip us. It took some vehement protestations on our part to convince him that he had the wrong fellow but we finally succeeded in being identified with the aid of Al Noble and others. That is about the hardest luck we have ever been up against. It is severe enough to be called the editor of the Cresset but the thought of enduring punishment for his sins is unendurable. We think we'll stay at home hereafter and be immune from such insults and dangers.

## The Ritchie Unique Entertainers.

On Monday night, December 15th, this excellent company will give their entertainment in the Opera house. It is composed of three artists besides Mrs. Ritchie, an assistant, and is unique in every respect. Magic, well performed, is a never-failing source of amusement, and among those who have achieved genuine and merited success along this line, Ritchie stands well in the front rank. As a pure sleight of hand performer he has no equal on either stage or platform. In the manipulation of small articles he is positively uncanny, and an absurd sense of relief invariably comes, when the inanimate objects cease appearing and disappearing under his wand. Ritchie's equipment is large and expensive, and many of his feats are absolutely his own. Levitation, the most delusive and daring diversion ever devised to delight and disturb the comprehension of man. This latest of Ritchie's illusions, is pronounced by scientist and all who have ever witnessed it to be the most incomprehensible, the most astounding and marvelous effect ever conceived in the wide scope of necromancy. The human body suspended in mid air with no visible or invisible means of support, which is proven by passing a solid hoop several times around the suspended body.

To add to the variety and interest of the entertainment Mr. Ritchie has secured Mr. Frank Hall, who is known as the "Prince of Musicians." His work is so unique and remarkable, that it deserves more than the passing mention space permits in a circular. This modern "Prince," in his act, will perform upon many and strange musical instruments, among them the Bandonion (with 100 reeds), xylophone, ocarina, musical steels and the trombone, (burlesque.)

Besides this addition is an excellent reader and impersonator, Miss Blanche Neal, who brings to her profession the grace and magnetism of youth, as well as ability and culture.

She is not only a charming little woman, but a delightful entertainer, who will very speedily make for herself a warm place in their admiration and esteem. Her work is largely humorous character impersonations, and she will render able assistance in proving the truth of our guarantee, that there is not one dull minute in Ritchie's performance.

## SPECIMEN PROGRAM:

**PART I.**  
Overture..... Miss Blanche Neal  
"Myrth Born of Mystery"—Thirty minutes with "Ritchie" and his inimitable magic, being a display of exceptional digital dexterity.  
1. Handkerchief Production. 2. Mysterious Candle. 3. The Madame's Mistake. 4. Flags of all Nations—"America."

**PART II.**  
Humorous Impersonations and Readings.....  
Levitation—Gravitation defied and all laws of nature set aside, in which a human being is suspended in mid-air with no visible means of support.  
Intermission Three Minutes.

**PART III.**  
Overture..... Miss Blanche Neal  
"Can These Things be Possible?"—Thirty minutes more with "Ritchie." 1. The bowl of Bra. 2. Flower propagation. 3. Wine or water, which? 4. The enchanted ball. 5. Oriental illumination. 6. The flight of the Canaries. 7. The prolific hat.

**PART IV.**  
Musical Absurdities..... Mr. Frank Ha  
Shadowgraphy..... Ritchie  
Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Maud E. Clarke and Mr. William G. Baer of this city, in the Baptist church, Wednesday evening Dec. 17th. Miss Clarke is the daughter of Mrs. Ella J. Clarke, and Mr. Baer is (and has been for nearly three years past) foreman of the Pioneer printing office. We will write them up good and plenty after the preacher says the ceremony.—Alva Pioneer

Usually such an entertainment costs from 50 cents to \$1.50 but in order to let everyone have the opportunity to hear them the management will charge only 25, 35 and 50 cts. Let every individual profit by this splendid offer.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church will have their sale of goods Thursday p. m. December 18th, at the home of Mrs. J. S. Runyan. Everybody invited.

For symptoms of blood disorder or rheumatism an electric bath is what you need. Get one of those new electric batteries which Dr. Kociell is selling.

Dr. Hammond, dentist, office one door south of Gem Drug store.

C. L. Yoke purchased Mrs. Simpson's farm in Mingona township last week.