

AMUSEMENTS.

VARIETIES THEATRE.

JOHN S. OWENS, Director. THE HAMILTON. Manager.

Last week of the season, artist, Mrs. W. F. HARRIS.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Evening, and Wednesday Matinee.

CHERRY W. TAYLOR'S new musical play, JEALOUSY.

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THURSDAY—CHRISTIE JOHNSTON, or Out of the Death.

FRIDAY—PREPARATIONS FOR EASTER SUNDAY.

REHEARSAL—Bartley Campbell's new play, MRS. MUIR.

YE OLD FOLKS CONCERT.

For the benefit of the Home for the Aged and Infirm.

Under the direction of THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR.

LADY PATRONESSES:

- Mrs. I. H. Stauffer, Mrs. J. B. Wallace, Mrs. J. H. ...

Another opportunity will be afforded our citizens to hear the fine old music of the olden time, given under the direction of PROFESSOR WATTS.

AT ST. PATRICK'S HALL.

On Wednesday Evening, March 31, 1875.

When will take place a GREAT CONCERT BY THE OLD FOLKS.

In aid of this deserving institution.

Admission, fifty cents. Tickets can be obtained at prominent stores and offices, and at the Lady Patronesses.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.

BEN DE BAR IN A NEW PART.

This evening and until further notice, the new sensation from Dickens' great story of "David Copperfield," called

MICAWBER.

OR SOMETHING WILL TURN UP.

Wilkins Micawber, by Ben DeBar.

Friday—Benefit of THE DEBAR.

Friday—DEBAR MATINEE AT NOON.

Next week—EMILY HOLLANDER and her ENGLISH OPERA HOUSE.

Fifty in Number—Extra Orchestra.

Prices as usual. mh21

A GRAND FAIR.

Will be held under the auspices of the DAUGHTERS OF THE EASTERN STAR.

For the benefit of their brothers of the RICHMOND LODGE NO. 1.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 20, 1875.

Working under the jurisdiction of the Europa Lodge A. F. & M. S. of Louisiana, to be held at No. 172 Canal street, between Dryades and Baronne streets, commencing

Monday, March 23, 1875.

Continging FRAS. DATES, under the auspices of the following officers:

MRS. O. J. DUNN, President.

MRS. H. INGRAM, Vice President.

MRS. W. WEST, Treasurer.

MRS. M. MCCARTHY, Secretary. mh21

BIDWELL'S ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Last week of the Weatherly Sisters and Burdette, Valda T. in St. Louis in new solo—Miss Gertrude Granville in a new solo.

March 22—The Quiet Family, solo, specialties, and variety.

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March 31—The Quiet Family, solo, specialties, and variety.

Intellectual Games.

The internal revenue law requires that all packs of playing cards shall be stamped with a one cent proprietary stamp, whether manufactured at home or imported.

In case of imported cards the dealer stands in the position of the manufacturer, as to tax, and must stamp his cards. Under this law frequent seizures of unstamped playing cards have been made. No exemption can be granted on account of the respectability of the dealer. Cards found in the show cases of religious bookstores, in the same tray with embossed prayer books and voluminous Bibles, must contribute their mite. The excise law on playing cards knows no favor for what ever. But the line of distinction must be drawn somewhere, and a court has been called upon to decide what is playing cards? The law is very un satisfactory in not being explicit in its application; it says nothing of euchre, pedro, casino, or any purpose for which fifty-two pieces of illustrated pasteboard may be used. The majesty of the law hangs upon the simple words, "playing cards," and nothing but knocking the spots out of the pack can knock the internal duty off from the cards. The law comprehends all things, but few comprehend the law. Cards of admission to a playhouse are in a sense playing cards, where the "ante" is one dollar, and the "pot" pays the actor. Visiting cards may also be termed playing cards; the visitor "deals" you one as he drops in to inquire of your health, and hopes to "see you better" in return you "call" on him, and "go in." If a young man visits a rich widow he is expected to play his cards shrewdly; if he is encochored he will keep what about it, but the great games go on.

What calls up the card case now is the seizure in Virginia, by a revenue officer, of a lot of unstamped cards which were manufactured for the purpose of playing the game known as "Authors." These cards are made by a good man in Mass, chusetts for the purpose of fostering intellectual amusements, and reaping ninety cents profit on the dollar. Standing upon his intellect, and considering the profits, the manufacturer declines to stamp his cards. We shall see. One of the great Coasters of Virginia has seized every intellectual deck found in the Eighth District, and the case will come before the courts. The plea of educational diversification will hardly hold good before Southern judges and lawyers who know not one card from another. Besides the game itself is questionable. It is played with a soap or so of cards, the faces of which bear a portrait or sketch of some popular author, classed as historian, humorist, novelist, biographer, poet, journalist, and so on, and the game is to draw, match, make stacks, books, pairs, count and get out. For instance, you hold Horace Greeley and call for Henry J. Raymond; if Raymond is not out you draw for him, and are just as likely to get James Gordon Bennett, whom you do not want. Some one holds Henry Ward Beecher, a lady, perhaps, who is anxious to get the next card to make a pair royal or stack of the divinity group. She calls and draws, and is just as likely to get Josiah Billings as Mr. Talmage, and it may be a long time in the game before she finds a match for Beecher. Considering every point in the game, we should not pay a tax of one cent. As a game it is no more moral than telling for some at a church fair, no more amusing than solitaire, no more intellectual than "old maid" or "smut."

On the other hand the cards not in dispute are used to play games which have amused and engaged the attention of massive intellects from time immemorial. The kings, queens and knaves have from the beginning tyrannized, graciously ruled and swindled nations. What has power to draw a bald headed man from the parlor at an evening party; a game of euchre is a greater study to many a man than his family; while poker has no rival as a means for stimulating the intellect. Members of Congress play poker, and the effects are seen in their great speeches; ministers of state are absorbed in its technicalities, and have spent many of the best years of their lives in writing and revising rules and regulations for its more uniform playing. It quickens the brain with "seeing," "going in," "making good," "raising," and many enabling qualities; and it is nationalizing in its influence, drawing together great and little thinkers, Democrats and Heathen Chinese. It is also intensely amusing to all; sometimes the laugh being on one side and sometimes on the other side of the table. If, then, any preference on account of "intellectual amusement" is to be considered, it appears as if the merits of the poker deck lays over the pack of authors.

Quick and Safe Transit.

Passengers who now take advantage of railroad facilities, as offered by various lines, have no hesitation in recommending the great Jackson route, for speed, safety and comfort—to say nothing of the convenience of only one change of cars to New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, by four different close connections. Two trains leave daily, with Pullman palace cars attached. The track of the New Orleans, St. Louis and Chicago railway was never in better condition than at present, and is not at all affected by the high water and freshets of the North.

At Stamb's.

The Indiana Editorial Excursion.

The party of ladies and gentlemen representing the newspaper fraternity of Indiana, now on a tour of observation and pleasure through some of the Southern States, arrived in this city yesterday evening by special train from Jackson, Mississippi, and reported to Colonel Robert E. Rivers, of the St. Charles Hotel, for entertainment. They visited Vicksburg on Friday, and returning to Jackson, were honored by many prominent citizens with a banquet at the Edwards House. Leaving Jackson yesterday morning, the strangers visited the cotton mills at Weason, and dined at McComb City. The party consists of the following named persons:

C. W. Ainsworth (manager of the excursion) and wife, Reform School Record, Plainfield.

H. D. Walrath and wife, Leader, Cherokee, Iowa.

R. S. White and wife, Union, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.

T. C. Phillips and daughter, Tribune, Kokomo.

F. B. Thomas, Democrat, Winamac, Kansas.

H. H. Whitesides, News, Hutchinson, Kansas.

L. Bundy and wife, Mercury, New Castle.

N. E. Black and wife, Reporter, Spieland, Thomas H. Mitchell, Democrat, Greenfield.

A. E. Gordon and wife, Patriot, Lebanon. George Hazard, Courier, New Castle, Indiana.

S. E. Tilford and sister, Walter Tilford and Mrs. Chambers, Publishing House, Indianapolis.

E. M. Johnson and sister, Irvington.

J. B. Conner and wife, Indiana Farmer, Indianapolis.

B. F. Worth and wife, Citizen, Plainfield.

J. E. Binford, Indiana School Journal, Indianapolis.

J. B. Ham and wife, Indiana School Journal, Indianapolis.

W. W. Stevens, Democrat, Salem.

Howard Briggs, Press, Greensboro.

S. T. Terrell, Bowling Green.

J. M. Patton, Messenger, Thornton.

Joe V. Lingo, Courier, Lafayette.

Murray Briggs, Democrat, Sullivan.

A. A. Hays, Union, Sullivan.

E. H. Stanley and wife, Crescent, Frankfort.

H. L. Benham and wife, Musical Review, Indianapolis.

Mrs. N. E. Treat, Herald, Laporte.

Adolph Rogers, Courier, Newcastle.

Miss Alice Sutherland, Herald, Laporte.

A. Grant Tobbs, Press, Lawrenceburg.

T. C. Mays, wife and son, Courier, Auburn.

S. M. Vooris, Jeffersonian, Franklin.

A. O. Meyers, Enquirer, Cincinnati.

A. J. Halford, Indianapolis.

Mrs. A. M. Brown, Star, Indianapolis.

Miss L. M. Coffin, Journal, Indianapolis.

F. J. Shepard, Sentinel, Indianapolis.

Mrs. D. Frank, Indianapolis.

Mrs. H. DeWitt, Journal, Lafayette.

Mrs. M. M. Moran, People, Indianapolis.

G. E. Leonard, Republican, Peru.

J. O. Ward, Times, Peru.

J. H. Hanley, Sentinel, Fort Wayne.

O. H. Hanley, Star, Fort Wayne.

M. Y. Todman and mother, Democrat, Anderson.

H. Harrison and wife, Pioneer, Lebanon.

Wallace DeWitt, Journal, Chicago.

E. P. Baker, Patriot, Lebanon.

Samuel Butler, News, Indianapolis.

J. E. Lind, Star, Ellettsburg.

P. David Webb, Star, Ellettsburg.

P. Westfall and wife, Mail, Terra Haute.

H. Wishard, Press, Petersburg.

S. C. Maxwell and wife, Herald, Fowler.

W. T. Walker, Pythian Journal, Indianapolis.

G. O. Bain, Republican, Martinville.

J. O. Twining, Gazette, Martinville.

C. E. Turner, Journal, Indianapolis.

Albert Shannon, Herald, Indianapolis.

James Talbot, Herald, Anderson.

Miss Metcalf, Indianapolis.

G. F. Shephard, Press, Waterloo.

Mrs. D. M. Jordan, Independent, Richmond.

H. I. Jones, Journal, Fort Wayne.

A. J. Peed, Banner, Kingstown.

J. R. Millikan, Courier, New Castle.

Accompanying the Western delegation came a few recruits who were "presented" into service at Jackson, Mississippi, among whom were Colonel J. L. Powers, of the Clarion; Hon. W. H. Gibbs, State Auditor; John B. Raymond, Esq., editor of the Jackson Pilot; and Messrs. H. Mangrove, Oliver Clifton, R. L. Saunders, J. B. Bradford and J. B. Harris—all good fellows.

The Indiana excursionists will remain here until Tuesday morning, and then proceed on their journey to Alabama and portions of Florida.

Our Customhouse.

We copy as follows from the Washington National Republican:

Special Agent Kinella has made a report on the condition of the New Orleans Customhouse. He says that the organization of the various departments is very satisfactory and the administration of business has not been impaired, as alleged, by the political complications in the State.

In addition to the above, Mr. Kinella reported that the customs laws and regulations were more strictly complied with and more rigidly followed at New Orleans than at any other port known to him.

While there may have been some appointments made for political reasons or in party interest, those positions requiring it have been filled by the ablest and most efficient clerks. The business of the port works smoothly and Collector Casey, by his judicious management, has given satisfaction to all importers and merchants, and, at the same time he has not disregarded political