

NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA

Remarkable Ending of Case Against Joseph Thomas.

DEFEND GOVERNOR'S ACTION

Attorney Clements Says Executive Clemency Was Justified—Negro Will Be Taken to Penitentiary—Argument on Railway Receivership To Promote Immigration.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU. (Bell Telephone 48.) 629 King Street.

Alexandria, Oct. 21.—The cases pending against Joseph Thomas, alias John Wright, in the Circuit Court of Alexandria County, one for the murder of Alexander Boney, one for assault upon Annie Green, and one for assault with intent to kill upon Forest Gooding, were all nolle prossed and dismissed from the docket, yesterday and the curtain rang down upon the scene of one of the most remarkable criminal cases in the history of the old Commonwealth.

Crandall Mackey, attorney for the prosecution, stated to the court that, as Gov. Swanson had seen fit to commute the sentence of death in the Risley case to life imprisonment, and as the Commonwealth had only one witness in the other cases pending, and did not know whether she would come to court or not, he had decided to ask for a nolle prosequi.

Attorney Clements Prepared.

Thereupon James E. Clements, the attorney who has so valiantly defended Wright, stated to the court that he had come prepared to try these cases, and that in his judgment there was not a scintilla of evidence to convict the prisoner; that he was innocent of the pending charges, as he was of the charge upon which he stands convicted; that the Risley case heretofore tried was twice before the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, and twice did two of the ablest judges of that tribunal, in strong and carefully considered opinions, declare that the evidence disclosed by the record was not sufficient to justify Wright's conviction, and these opinions alone were sufficient to influence the governor in granting a commutation, and in the eyes of all impartial citizens, his conduct in doing so was worthy of commendation rather than censure.

The three additional cases against the prisoner, which were dismissed to-day, comprised the charges of murder, assault, and assault with intent to kill. Thomas was indicted for killing a negro named Jackson Boney, for assaulting Annie Green, colored, and for attempting to kill Forrest Gooding. The prisoner, who has been in the county jail for more than a year, will shortly be conveyed to the State penitentiary in Richmond.

Clarendon Wreck Case.

A part of to-day's session of the circuit court was taken up with argument as to whether or not the receiver recently appointed for the Washington, Arlington, and Falls Church Railway Company should be made a party to the suits pending against the company on account of the wreck at Clarendon in July. A large number of attorneys representing the various plaintiffs, were present. Judge Charles E. Nixon, who sought to have the receiver made a party to the suits, argued in favor of postponing consideration of the matter. The opposing attorneys agreed to have the case go over, and it was continued until Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

J. T. Preston, secretary of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, will represent that body at the session of the Southern Immigration Association, which convenes to-morrow morning in Norfolk to effect a permanent organization. The object of the movement is to promote desirable immigration to the South, especially through the port of Norfolk.

The regular monthly meeting of the city council will be held to-morrow evening when several matters relating to street improvements will be discussed. At this meeting the council may elect a member of the board of police commissioners from the fourth ward. The committee on streets and public property this evening considered and considered the protest of a number of property owners against the proposed erection of a livery stable on North St. Asaph street near King street, but it is understood that a definite report will not be made at the meeting to-morrow night.

W. E. Vowles, of Washington, grand tiler ruler of the order of Maecenas, will deliver a lecture in the First Baptist Church next Friday afternoon.

Funer of George A. Culver.

Annapolis, Md., Oct. 21.—The funeral of George A. Culver, for many years cashier of the Farmers' National Bank, Annapolis, who died at a private sanitarium in Washington on Saturday, took place from the First Presbyterian Church, Annapolis, at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. George S. Bell, pastor, and were very largely attended. Interment was in the city cemetery.

George Emmons White Buried.

Annapolis, Md., Oct. 21.—The body of George Emmons White, son of the late Admiral Edwin White, U. S. N., who was brought to Annapolis today and buried in the family lot in the Naval Cemetery, opposite the Naval Academy. Funeral services were held in St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Rev. Joseph P. McComas, rector, officiating.

Campaign's Only Meeting.

Annapolis, Md., Oct. 21.—At the Colonial Theater Thursday night the only Democratic mass meeting here of the campaign will be held. The speakers will be Dr. Joshua W. Hering, candidate for State comptroller; Isaac Love Straus, candidate for attorney general; C. C. Magruder, candidate for clerk of the Court of Appeals, and United States Senator Isidor Rayner.

VIRGINIA AND WEST VIRGINIA.

Richmond, Oct. 21.—Statistics furnished by the superintendent of the Confederate Soldiers' Home show that forty-one inmates have died there during the past two months.

Norfolk, Oct. 21.—To-day was Floral Day at the Jamestown Exposition, and with bright, ideal fall weather thousands of people witnessed the floral parade and a "Venetian" festival in the John Smith basin at the government pier.

Keyser, Oct. 21.—The grand jury has returned an indictment against Henry Leiba, charging felonious assault on Nellie Ott, at Ridgeville, Pa., and is now serving a fifty-five-year term in the Pennsylvania penitentiary.

Harrisburg, Oct. 21.—The People's Bank of Harrisburg today formally organized here with a minimum capital stock of \$100,000 and a maximum of \$250,000. Over \$100,000 has been subscribed and a charter will be applied for at once. The officers and the board of directors are among the best and most substantial citizens of the county.

DIRECTORS CAUSING TROUBLE.

Railway Stockholders Want Pennsylvania Interests Eliminated. Special to the Washington Herald. Richmond, Va., Oct. 21.—The stockholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway will meet in the general offices of the company in this city to-morrow for the purpose of electing officers and directors for the ensuing year.

One of the most important matters which will probably come before the meeting is whether or not the representatives of the Pennsylvania system will seek to remain on the board of directors after the Pennsylvania has authorized the announcement that it has disposed of all its stock in the Chesapeake and Ohio.

At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the minority stockholders, both Richmond men, who have bought largely of Chesapeake and Ohio stock before the decline, called on the officials of the road to ask the Pennsylvania directors to resign for the good of the road.

THEODORE GRAFF EXONERATED

Boy Accidentally Killed His Mother Exhibiting Gun.

Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 21.—Theodore Graff, the twelve-year-old boy who shot his mother, Mrs. James Graff, through the heart while he was showing her a target rifle, was to-day exonerated by a coroner's jury, they deciding that the shooting was accidental.

According to the evidence introduced at the inquest, the trigger caught in the boy's clothing, and the weapon was discharged, the bullet striking Mrs. Graff in the breast and causing almost instant death.

INJURED FOLLOWING HOUNDS

Julian I. Chamberlain, of Boston, Thrown from Horse.

In the Second Day's Meet of Middlesex Hunt Club Dogs Fail to Unearth a Trail.

Special to the Washington Herald. Leesburg, Va., Oct. 21.—During the second day's meet of the Middlesex Hunt Club, of South Lincoln, Mass., held to-day at Clark Gap, Julian I. Chamberlain, of Boston, while riding to hounds across a rough section of country and attempting to take a high fence, was violently thrown, sustaining painful, but not serious, injuries. The horse which he was riding broke his neck in the fall.

Several others, who were following close in the rear, also came a cropper. The mounts stumbling over the fallen rider, and dead animal and brought to Leesburg, where he was given medical attention, and where it was ascertained that his injuries were minor.

This fall was the incident of the hunt, the dogs failing to unearth a trail. They were called in and cast several different times in various directions, but with the same result.

None of the lady riders came to grief during the day's hunt. The American dogs will run to-morrow.

FREDERICK FAIR THIS WEEK.

Grounds Taxed to Capacity by Exhibitions and Privileges.

Frederick, Md., Oct. 21.—The forty-seventh annual fair of the Frederick County Agricultural Society will be held this week, to-morrow being the opening day. Since last Saturday the fair grounds have presented a busy spectacle, scores of men being engaged in getting things in readiness for the annual event. Never before has there been such a demand for space, both in the exhibition departments and for privileges, and the capacity of the grounds will be taxed to its utmost to accommodate all. The display of fine livestock—horses, cattle, sheep, and swine—will surpass that of any previous years.

The poultry department will also be an interesting part of the fair, the show space having been nearly doubled to accommodate the large number of entries made.

Baptist Ministers' Conference.

Rockville, Md., Oct. 21.—A ministerial conference of the Western District Baptist Association met in the Baptist Church here at 1:30 this afternoon, and after services, incident to organization, several interesting subjects were discussed. Rev. S. R. White conducted devotional services in the evening. The conference will continue throughout to-morrow.

Acquitted of Murder Charge.

Harrisburg, Va., Oct. 21.—John Eaton, alias Shifflett, has been acquitted of the charge of killing Marvin Shifflett and dangerously wounding Ashby Lawson, on August 17, last. The verdict was given notwithstanding that three witnesses swore Eaton committed the murder in cold blood. It is more than probable that the witnesses were arrested, charged with perjury and conspiracy.

Horse Beaten to Death.

Baltimore, Oct. 21.—Frederick Prattis, colored, was fined \$25 and costs this morning for cruelly beating and abandoning a horse belonging to the F. Botterill Company. Prattis had a grievance against his employer and beat the horse unmercifully. He then became frightened and turned the animal loose. The horse died two days later.

Death of G. R. Morgan.

Salisbury, N. C., Oct. 21.—G. R. Morgan, aged sixty-five, died this morning at Gold Hill. He leaves a wife and two children, besides his parents. He was the only Roman confederate who served with his father in the same company and who is survived by him.

Uses Rope Ladder to Escape.

Ashville, N. C., Oct. 21.—Margaret Lewis, fifteen years old, wanted for being implicated in the murder of two men, and who had been in a reformatory here, learned that officers had found her whereabouts, and escaped with two other girls of the same age by making a rope of blankets.

Shoemaker Not Eligible.

Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 21.—Is a shoemaker eligible to fill the office of State's attorney for Washington County? This question the board of election supervisors has had to consider, and decided that, according to the constitution of the State, he is not.

Always the Same

Tharp's Berkeley Rye

812 F Street N. W. Phone Main 1141. Special Private Delivery.

SECRET KEPT SEALED

Chadwick Deposition Will Never Be Made Public.

CLERK MAKES A STATEMENT

Famous Document in Custody of Pennsylvania Supreme Court—Tiffs Between Attorneys Frequent—Biggest Sensation Since Case Started. A Financial Panic Feared.

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 21.—Chief Justice Mitchell, of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, to-night has personal charge of the famous Chase Chadwick "deposition," in the case of Banker James F. Friend.

His taking possession of the paper referred to in its not becoming public to-day, and to-day's court session ended in a clash between attorneys for Friend and Mrs. W. C. Julte, who is suing Friend and Frank Hoffatto, his business partner, to recover possession of stocks and bonds valued at more than \$1,000,000, which Mrs. Julte declares were obtained from her husband while he was insane.

Friend's attorneys formally asked the Supreme Court to seal the papers, while Mrs. Julte's attorney demanded publicity.

To-day A. Lee Well, attorney for Mrs. Julte, filed the papers in the case, including the famous affidavit with Prothonotary George Pearson, of the Supreme Court. Pearson handed the papers to Chief Justice Mitchell, who took them.

Dodging Responsibility.

It is hinted in financial circles that a scandal involving prominent bankers all over the country would result if the public gets a look at the papers. Every person who has had hands on the deposition is trying to dodge responsibility for shielding these men. When Prothonotary Pearson was told that Justice Mitchell had the Chadwick deposition, there was another sensational tiff.

Pearson later issued a public statement to this effect: "Attorney A. Lee Well, asked to tell what was in the paper, said he did not want to be sent to jail for contempt of court. So long as the paper is in Chief Justice Mitchell's hands any person even intimating what it contains stands a chance of going to jail."

Would Seal Papers Forever.

Within a few minutes after Attorney Well filed the Chadwick papers he was notified by A. W. Smith, of counsel for Friend and Hoffatto, that a motion would be made this afternoon or in the morning to have the deposition sealed forever.

This motion was made just as the Supreme Court was about to close this afternoon. Just as Chief Justice Mitchell had announced adjournment until to-morrow, Mr. Smith stepped before the court and filed his motion. He merely stated its contents, and did not make any further statement. But Mr. Well did. He planned to file a motion if he allowed this deposition to remain sealed they would bring down upon themselves public censure. His speech was cut short by Chief Justice Mitchell, who instructed him to file a brief of his case.

The whole matter will be argued when the court hears the case next Monday.

Panic May Follow Publicity.

The affair has caused a bigger sensation than any since the Chadwick case started. Coming in connection with the sealing of the deposition of Banker Beckwith, of Oberlin, it has caused talk. Friend, who was molested for more than \$500,000 by the woman who palmed herself off as the daughter of Andrew Carnegie, is said to be worried almost sick.

Talk of Mrs. Chadwick's deposits in a Pittsburg bank has put every banker of prominence in the city practically under suspicion. To-night men high in finance, whose skirts are clear, hope that the Supreme Court will make the paper public and save them from unjust suspicion. Fear that a financial panic will result if the paper becomes public is also expressed, as it would tend to show that many others whose names have never been mentioned in the proceedings with the woman, lauded money.

COURT AT ANNAPOLIS.

Judge Directs Jury's Attention to Rock Creek Riot.

Annapolis, Md., Oct. 21.—The October term of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County began here to-day with an unusually large docket of cases. Chief Judge John G. Rogers presided at the opening session.

In his charge to the grand jury, Judge Rogers directed particular attention to the riot which took place in connection with a negro camp meeting at Rock Creek on September 1, as a result of which Deputy Sheriff James Crouse was brutally assaulted by a gang of negro roughs who were participating in a craps game near the camp-meeting grounds.

Woman Ill from Dog's Bite.

Salisbury, N. C., Oct. 21.—Mrs. Phoebe Lineback, wife of a Southern Railway conductor, is critically ill, following an attack by a bulldog. The beast had seized her cow, and in the encounter she was hurt badly by the dog.

MARYLAND NEWS IN BRIEF.

Oakland, Oct. 21.—Garrett Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, has been organized here with fifty-two members.

Cumberland, Oct. 21.—The firemen's festival and fair opened here this evening on the grounds of the Cumberland Baseball Association, and will continue all week.

Friendsville, Oct. 21.—The city council has closed a contract for the lighting of Friendsville with the local gas company. The franchise runs fifty years at an annual cost of \$5,000.

Baltimore, Oct. 21.—Having tired of seeing Washingtonians by giving them checks for real currency, the "mysterious woman in brown" passed three bad checks for \$25 each Friday in Lexington Market.

Sparrows Point, Oct. 21.—Miss S. Janet Mumford is dead at her home here. Miss Mumford was twenty-four years old. For two seasons she was a teacher at the Eaton High School, and she was a graduate of the Maryland Institute, Baltimore.

Baltimore, Oct. 21.—Henry G. Willis, seventy years old, was struck by an ash car of the United Railways at 12:30 o'clock to-day at Mulberry and Park streets. The injured man was taken to the Maryland University Hospital, where he died later. His skull was badly crushed.

Baltimore, Oct. 21.—William Emmett Banks, seventy-eight years old, died on Saturday at his home here, after an illness which lasted for almost two years. Mr. Banks was a brother of the late Robert D. Banks, former mayor of this city. He is survived by a widow—Mrs. Martha Louise Lane Banks.

Baltimore, Oct. 21.—Lieut. John E. Semmes, Jr., of the United States Marine Corps, son of Mr. John E. Semmes, of this city, has been appointed, with several other young men in the corps, to hear and adjudicate small claims brought against the United States. Lieut. Semmes is now serving in Cuba.

Baltimore, Oct. 21.—R. B. Barber, chief agent of the Southern Pacific Company in this city, went to New York this morning to consult with officials of the company about the business of the steamship line recently established between this city and New Orleans, and incidentally to run down a report which has been started about discontinuing the golf steamer.

WIFE DEMANDS SUPPORT.

Mrs. McCord Also Asks Court to Protect Her Against Annoyance.

MAUDE ADAMS SCHEDULED

Thinks President, as Well as King Edward, Should Be Permitted to See Theatrical Productions in Official Residence—Willing to Put on Play in White House Once a Week.

MR. FROHMAN'S WISH

Anxious to Present Plays at the White House.

Mr. Charles Frohman, who has enough theaters scattered about the United States and England to stuff all of his pockets and then have one or two over for rainy days, isn't going to stop having ideas on things theatrical with his new scheme to give plays on trans-Atlantic liners. Mr. Frohman now wants to give them in the White House.

Sitting up in his apartments in the New Willard last night, Mr. Frohman, the manuscript of Miss Maude Adams' new play, "The Jester," before him, took a reporter into his confidence and told all about this latest idea.

"Do you know," he said, "I think Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States as he is, is missing the greatest chance of his life if he doesn't see Miss Adams in 'Peter Pan.' Now, I believe that the way to get around such a difficulty as that, and the way in which the high officials of the government may be able to see all of the leading productions of the season, is to give them at the White House.

"Of course, it would rest with the White House to say who should witness these presentations, but if I were to bring some great star to Washington, say one afternoon each week during the season, I would gladly have them give a performance at the Executive Mansion.

"You know that in London I often send one of my companies to Balmoral or one of the royal palaces. I think that in America the same chance should be given to the head of our nation to see these productions. Facilities? Why, they haven't any facilities on board the Atlantic liners, either, but then we will make them."

Mr. Frohman said he has already arranged with the manager of the National Theatre to bring some of his New York companies to this city for at least one performance each week of the coming winter. In this way, Washingtonians will be able to see the very latest New York hits, without taking the journey to the metropolis, or without having to wait until the run of the show in New York has been completed. The idea of making a sort of national theater out of the White House, Mr. Frohman said, was inspired by this other one. When the company comes down to Washington, it might just as well allow the White House to see some of the great leaders of the stage in the very best productions.

Mr. Frohman is ready to have the matter go up now to the President, and stands willing to keep his part of it to the letter.

Mr. Frohman said that he had really come to Washington, instead of whirling across to Europe on the Lusitania, because Miss Adams first appeared in this city in "Peter Pan," and he desired to commence the first readings of her new play here, even if he could not produce "The Jester," the new play, is by Miguel Zamacois, a French poet, who hadn't been writing plays before he tried this one. Sarah Bernhardt produced "The Jester" in Paris last year. Mr. Frohman saw the production and liked it so much that he secured the American rights for Miss Adams.

Both Miss Adams and I thought Washington was the very best place in which we could begin the reading of the new play. Miss Adams, you know, has played twice in Washington in male parts, and in "The Jester" she again takes the part of a man.

"The Jester" is a simple story, something you know, like 'Peter Pan.' A sort of fairy tale, that is just suited to Miss Adams. She plays the part of a hero, and of course, she will win the heart of the girl whom she woos. The play is woven around the daughter of an old baron, who has a castle but little money.

"Miss Adams and another youthful friend of hers have both seen the daughter of this nobleman, and have both wagered to win her love. The old nobleman has been advised that he is directly in need of a jester to enliven his existence. Miss Adams, who is now really in love with the daughter, and who has in vain tried to have the wager declared off, disguised as a hunchback becomes the nobleman's jester. Eventually, of course, she wins the heart of the young lady."

Mr. Frohman said "The Jester" will be produced at the Empire Theater in New York some time early in January, probably on the 9th. He said that both Miss Adams and he are confident it will be a success. During the remainder of Mr. Frohman's stay in this city he will continue the reading of the new play.

When asked about the reports that Miss Adams is his wife, Mr. Frohman said the rumor was entirely untrue. He said that the rumor would be so great he would be the first to confirm it.

"SKIDOO" WILL BE NO MORE.

Odd Names for Towns Must Go, Say Authorities.

Some months ago a wag in Venango County, Pa., petitioned the Post-office Department to establish a post-office just off the line of a railroad. He asked that it be tagged with the "27" sign. As no other name was suggested, Skidoo went through in the rush of business. Recently complaints have come from Skidoo about the name. It will be changed, and thus disappear from both the postal map and Postal Guide.

"Now, here's a name that should not be attached to a post-office," said a department official, who was examining a copy of the Postal Guide. His finger pointed to the word "Shinbone." Shinbone is a post-office down in Alabama. "Incipit, Zing Shingle, and Swamp are other names that appear in the Postal Guide.

"Such names have got to go," said the postal official. "They are inelegant, inexpressive, and in other ways objectionable. They compare very unfavorably with a comparatively new place. The people there got tired of the name not long ago. They complained that it operated as a hoodoo."

Suit Against Virginia Stockman.

Special to the Washington Herald. Fredericksburg, Va., Oct. 21.—Suit was instituted in the Circuit Court of Caroline County Saturday by Jasper D. Case, of Indiana, in the sum of \$9,000, against Mr. Lewis, the owner of the Lewisiana stock farm, situated on the Rappahannock about twelve miles from this city. An attachment was issued on all personal property on the farm. It is said that Mr. Lewis took heavily on copper in the past week.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

Aged Couple Have Spent More than Half Century Together.

Mrs. and Dr. J. B. Moore celebrated their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary last night at the home of their daughter, Mrs. R. M. Bain, of 421 H street northeast. Although Dr. Moore is a Washingtonian, he has been living at Brook, Va., for the last fifteen years. His reminiscences of Washington run back to the time when this city was half a wilderness.

The celebration last night was entirely a family affair, attended by three sons, three daughters, twelve grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. One son and one daughter were out of the city and unable to be present.

BULLETIN.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, 1736 G ST.

Our Gymnasium classes are now in full swing. We have seven different indoor rooms and fourteen outdoor tennis courts, devoted to exercise and play for men.

Not equalled in Washington, and is a valuable adjunct in our scheme of physical training.

And it's all for your benefit, Mr. City Man—to help you keep strong and well. Visit us to-night.

MR. FROHMAN'S WISH

Anxious to Present Plays at the White House.

MAUDE ADAMS SCHEDULED

Thinks President, as Well as King Edward, Should Be Permitted to See Theatrical Productions in Official Residence—Willing to Put on Play in White House Once a Week.

MR. FROHMAN'S WISH

Anxious to Present Plays at the White House.

Mr. Charles Frohman, who has enough theaters scattered about the United States and England to stuff all of his pockets and then have one or two over for rainy days, isn't going to stop having ideas on things theatrical with his new scheme to give plays on trans-Atlantic liners. Mr. Frohman now wants to give them in the White House.

Sitting up in his apartments in the New Willard last night, Mr. Frohman, the manuscript of Miss Maude Adams' new play, "The Jester," before him, took a reporter into his confidence and told all about this latest idea.

"Do you know," he said, "I think Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States as he is, is missing the greatest chance of his life if he doesn't see Miss Adams in 'Peter Pan.' Now, I believe that the way to get around such a difficulty as that, and the way in which the high officials of the government may be able to see all of the leading productions of the season, is to give them at the White House.

"Of course, it would rest with the White House to say who should witness these presentations, but if I were to bring some great star to Washington, say one afternoon each week during the season, I would gladly have them give a performance at the Executive Mansion.

"You know that in London I often send one of my companies to Balmoral or one of the royal palaces. I think that in America the same chance should be given to the head of our nation to see these productions. Facilities? Why, they haven't any facilities on board the Atlantic liners, either, but then we will make them."

Mr. Frohman said he has already arranged with the manager of the National Theatre to bring some of his New York companies to this city for at least one performance each week of the coming winter. In this way, Washingtonians will be able to see the very latest New York hits, without taking the journey to the metropolis, or without having to wait until the run of the show in New York has been completed. The idea of making a sort of national theater out of the White House, Mr. Frohman said, was inspired by this other one. When the company comes down to Washington, it might just as well allow the White House to see some of the great leaders of the stage in the very best productions.

Mr. Frohman is ready to have the matter go up now to the President, and stands willing to keep his part of it to the letter.

Mr. Frohman said that he had really come to Washington, instead of whirling across to Europe on the Lusitania, because Miss Adams first appeared in this city in "Peter Pan," and he desired to commence the first readings of her new play here, even if he could not produce "The Jester," the new play, is by Miguel Zamacois, a French poet, who hadn't been writing plays before he tried this one. Sarah Bernhardt produced "The Jester" in Paris last year. Mr. Frohman saw the production and liked it so much that he secured the American rights for Miss Adams.

Both Miss Adams and I thought Washington was the very best place in which we could begin the reading of the new play. Miss Adams, you know, has played twice in Washington in male parts, and in "The Jester" she again takes the part of a man.

"The Jester" is a simple story, something you know, like 'Peter Pan.' A sort of fairy tale, that is just suited to Miss Adams. She plays the part of a hero, and of course, she will win the heart of the girl whom she woos. The play is woven around the daughter of an old baron, who has a castle but little money.

"Miss Adams and another youthful friend of hers have both seen the daughter of this nobleman, and have both wagered to win her love. The old nobleman has been advised that he is directly in need of a jester to enliven his existence. Miss Adams, who is now really in love with the daughter, and who has in vain tried to have the wager declared off, disguised as a hunchback becomes the nobleman's jester. Eventually, of course, she wins the heart of the young lady."

Mr. Frohman said "The Jester" will be produced at the Empire Theater in New York some time early in January, probably on the 9th. He said that both Miss Adams and he are confident it will be a success. During the remainder of Mr. Frohman's stay in this city he will continue the reading of the new play.

When asked about the reports that Miss Adams is his wife, Mr. Frohman said the rumor was entirely untrue. He said that the rumor would be so great he would be the first to confirm it.

"SKIDOO" WILL BE NO MORE.

Odd Names for Towns Must Go, Say Authorities.

Some months ago a wag in Venango County, Pa., petitioned the Post-office Department to establish a post-office just off the line of a railroad. He asked that it be tagged with the "27" sign. As no other name was suggested, Skidoo went through in the rush of business. Recently complaints have come from Skidoo about the name. It will be changed, and thus disappear from both the postal map and Postal Guide.

"Now, here's a name that should not be attached to a post-office," said a department official, who was examining a copy of the Postal Guide. His finger pointed to the word "Shinbone." Shinbone is a post-office down in Alabama. "Incipit, Zing Shingle, and Swamp are other names that appear in the Postal Guide.

"Such names have got to go," said the postal official. "They are inelegant, inexpressive, and in other ways objectionable. They compare very unfavorably with a comparatively new place. The people there got tired of the name not long ago. They complained that it operated as a hoodoo."

Suit Against Virginia Stockman.

Special to the Washington Herald. Fredericksburg, Va., Oct. 21.—Suit was instituted in the Circuit Court of Caroline County Saturday by Jasper D. Case, of Indiana, in the sum of \$9,000, against Mr. Lewis, the owner of the Lewisiana stock farm, situated on the Rappahannock about twelve miles from this city. An attachment was issued on all personal property on the farm. It is said that Mr. Lewis took heavily on copper in the past week.