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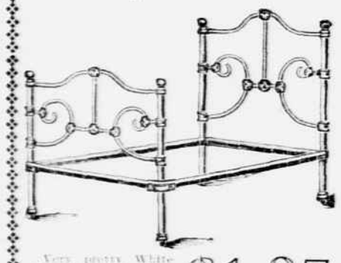

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"ALABAMA" BY AMATEURS.

An Excellent Performance by the Carroll Institute Dramatic Club.

The most artistic and successful theatrical presentation of the many given by the Carroll Institute Dramatic Club occurred last night at the Lafayette Opera House. In the presence of an audience that filled every part of the house, and that was as representative in make-up as any gathered there this season, the Carrolls gave Thomas' beautiful idyllic drama, "Alabama." Those who have witnessed professional performances of the play and saw last night's interpretation agreed that the work of the amateurs only fell short of the experienced standard in few particulars. In point of stage setting, effective business, costuming and "make-up" there was nothing lacking. The atmosphere of the place and people, represented on the stage, was presented with a fidelity and a naturalness that approached the recent elaborate production of the play by the Frawleys at the Columbia Theater. In fact to Manager Frawley's generous loan of his efficient stage manager, Thomas Phillips, must be attributed the remarkable resemblance between the amateurs' efforts and those accomplished by the trained Thesplans. It brought about a decisiveness of dramatic outline and a development of stage perspective that would have been impossible by less experienced direction. Nevertheless, without the extraordinary ability and fine antecedent training of the Carrolls Stage Manager Phillips' work would have been largely in vain. As it was the players and their directors gave a performance that was distinctly pleasing, and that was not marred by any of the crudities so common at similar entertainments. Ed. J. Walsh's portraiture of the stately old planter, Colonel Preston, was strong in dignity and appealing in sympathy. He was consistent throughout and forceful in a subdued way. George H. O'Connor's gallant Colonel Moberly was the personification of suavity and manly courage. He missed none of the humor of the role and was frequently applauded. William S. McCarthy's characterization, 'Squire Tucker, was complete in every detail. A. T. Seaman was good as the young lover Armstrong, and Daniel F. Murphy's Captain Davenport was as dramatic as necessity required. Percy F. Leach as the aged negro Decatur was very effective. Paul W. Evans sketched to the life the boyish Lathrop Page, and Finley S. Hayes as Raymond Page excelled himself. Equally as competent and more charming, of course, were the young ladies who assumed the different female roles. Miss Nettie Paige as the Widow Page was thoroughly at ease in the part and scored strongly by her splendidly subdued work. Miss Alice K. Irwin made a pretty picture as Carey Preston. Miss Florence B. Leach was charming as the Widow Stockton. Mrs. George Harris as the colonel's daughter was clever. Percy F. Leach and Frank W. Romaine assisted in the stage management. The musical program was appropriate and finely rendered by the Carroll Institute Orchestra, under the direction of Prof. Daniel Immich. The plantation songs were by the Alabama Quartet.

Travel Rations for Enlisted Men.

An order issued by the War Department directs that hereafter enlisted men ordered upon journeys which can be performed within twenty-four hours from the hour of starting must be subsisted during the journey upon cooked or travel rations. An enlisted man not a recruit ordered upon a journey of more than twenty-four hours' duration will be allowed commutation of rations at the rate of $1.50 (or such less sum as the officer ordering the journey may consider sufficient) for each full period of twenty-four hours' travel.

COMPETITIVE DRILL

High School Cadets Eagerly Await the Annual Contest.

MANY PRETTY GIRLS AS CHAMPIONS

Program of the Event as Arranged by Col. Ross.

PARADE AND EXHIBITION

A big majority of the pretty girls seen on the streets these days are bedecked with ribbons. Such are not the typical bows, collars and belts worn in accordance with the dictates of fashion, however, but bear symbols that are more or less mysterious to the uninitiated. These ribbons are of different colors, but it is noticeable that each pretty girl proudly disports only one color. One ribbon is stamped with a big letter H, another with A, a third with E, a fourth with C, a fifth with E, a sixth with B, a seventh with F and an eighth with D.

Lieut. Col. B. R. Ross,
Military Instructor.

Investigation brings to light the fact that the annual competitive drill of the regiment of High School Cadets is close at hand. The ribbons are the colors of the respective companies, and the wearers are loyal and enthusiastic rooters for the boys who are to strive for the coveted designation, "prize company."

The annual parade and exhibition drill of the regiment is a great event for the young soldiers and their friends, but the competitive drill eclipses the parade by far, and is unquestionably the climax of all the events of the school year. From the date of organization of the regiment each year, about the 1st of October, until the companies depart from the drill field in May, the chief purpose of every cadet is to carry off the prize flag. The boys work faithfully and diligently for about eight months, at the end of which time seven companies must necessarily suffer disappointment of the keenest type, while not a member of the winning company, for the time being presumably, would exchange places with the chief executive of the land.

Takes Place Next Week.

The competitive drill of the cadets this year is to occur at 4 o'clock Thursday and Friday afternoons, respectively, of next week. In the event of rain either of the days specified Saturday will be utilized. Companies A, B, C, D, constituting the 1st Battalion of the regiment, located at the Central High School, will face the judges in the order named the first day of the competition. The four companies of the 2d Battalion will compete the second day. At the conclusion of the contest, and while the judges are comparing notes, an exhibition dress parade will be given by the regiment, music being supplied by the Mount Pleasant Field Band. The judges will then appear, direct the winning company to march to the front and center, and award the prize flag and ribbons. It is unnecessary to remark that this feature of the occasion will be the signal for tumultuous applause and cheering from the adherents of the winning company. Headed by the Mount Pleasant Field Band, the regiment will next march from the National Base Ball Park, where the competition is to occur, probably as far as the Central High School building, on O street, where Col. Gunnell will dismiss the command for the year.

The appearance of the regiment in the White lot, recently, on the occasion of the annual parade, demonstrated that it has attained a high degree of efficiency, and for this credit is in large part due to the painstaking endeavors of Lieut. Col. Burton R. Ross of the 1st Regiment, District of Columbia National Guard, who is the military instructor of the cadets.

Prominent officials who will be invited to attend the drill Thursday and Friday will be the Secretary of War, heads of bureaus of the War Department, the District Commissioners, the board of school trustees, officers of the army, Gen. Harries, commanding the District of Columbia militia, and the members of his staff, and officers of the National Guard.

A departure has been made this year in the matter of selecting the judges. Heretofore the judges have been invited to serve by Col. Ross and Director Lane of the High Schools. For the competition the latter part of the week, however, the adjutant general of the United States army has been requested to designate three officers to decide the question of superiority among the companies. A special effort is being made to have Capt. Constantine Chase, 4th United States Artillery, who is now stationed at New London, Conn., ordered here to serve in connection with the drill. For a number of years past Capt. Chase has officiated as chairman of the board of judges.

The Program.

Each company must follow a program, arranged by Col. Ross, as follows:

Open ranks, present arms, order arms, port arms, order arms, right shoulder arms, port arms, present arms, port arms, right shoulder arms, order arms, fix bayonets, charge bayonets, order arms, right shoulder arms, charge bayonets, port arms, charge bayonets, order arms, unfix bayonets, right shoulder arms, present arms, right shoulder arms, left shoulder arms, right shoulder arms, rifle salute, trail arms, order arms, close ranks, stack arms, take arms.

Load, fire one volley at an object 300 yards distant; fire another volley at the same object with 400 yards elevation; fire another volley at an object 500 yards distant and 60 degrees to the right; cease firing, kneel, load and fire one volley at an object 600 yards distant, and cease firing; lie down, load and fire one volley at same range and object; cease firing, raise, align company two paces to the rear.

March by the flank in column of fours, and then march about by fours toward the file closers; from line, execute change step, mark time, right and left step, without halting; execute short step and back step, without halting; oblique to the right in column of fours in double time; mark time and continue oblique; marching in line, turn and advance; marching in line, turn and halt; pass obstacle, covering left four; reform line; being in column of fours execute right oblique in double time and halt; being in column of fours, form left front into line without halting; marching in column of fours, fix and unfix bayonet; march in column of fours, form on right into line in double time; marching in line, double time, change step, form column of files from column of fours; marching in column of files, form column of fours; marching in column of fours, form column of twos, form column of fours, form line, march to the right in column of files, march to the right in line, march to the original front; marching in line, in double time, execute "To the rear, march;" marching in line in double time, march to the original front; marching in column of fours in quick time, form line to the front and halt; marching in column of fours, form line toward the file closers, march to the original front, wheeling fours, form column of fours, form column of platoons to the left front without halting, form line to the left front without halting, form column of fours from the left to march to the rear, form on left into line platoons in column of fours, form column of platoons to the right and move forward, form on right into line, form column of platoons to the right and halt, form column of fours to the front, form the right, form left front into line of platoons in columns of fours, march to the rear, form line into left front without halting, march to the rear, form columns of platoons to the right without halting, march by the right flank, form column of fours to the left, form on right into line, form column of platoons to the front from the left, form line to the right without halting.

Without Change to Quick Time.

Being in line, double time, execute the following without changing to quick time: March in column of fours to the front from the right, oblique to the left, oblique to the right, change direction to the left, form line to the left, march to the rear twice, march in column of fours to the front from the left, form line on the left.

March company in line around the diamond once in quick time, and once in double time, halting at place of beginning; while marching quick time, execute right shoulder, left shoulder, port and secure arms, and halt while at secure arms; fire at will at an object to the front, 200 yards distant; rapid fire; cease firing, open chamber, close chamber.

Each Determined to Win.

The companies at the Central High School are doing very well, a marked improvement in their work being apparent of late. The general belief is that all four will pass under the wire well up among the leaders, with one of the quartet at the front. The captains are officers of experience and ability.

Every member of each company seems to be possessed of that determination to win which each captain has shown from the moment he assumed command. The declaration that the Central High School must win this year inspires the boys with a certain spirit and enthusiasm which, in conjunction with superb steadiness and snap, has almost perfected the movements of the companies of the 1st Battalion.

Companies F and G at the Eastern High School have from the beginning of the school year been working hard for the coveted red ribbons. Strict discipline has brought about excellent drill and steadiness to a degree that outclasses all the other companies, it is claimed. The members are working as one man, having absolute confidence in their captains, and the statement is made that the other six companies would better keep their eyes open. When one inquires of the members of Companies F and G if they are going to win, the men say they are, while the captains assume knowing looks and say nothing.

Company H at the Western High School is working hard and is determined to win the pennant again this year. The company is composed of fifty members, which is probably the largest number of any one company in the regiment. The Western High School is most enthusiastic in hoping for the success of Company H, and will not be lacking in its support at the proper time.

At the Business High School Company E is working diligently for the contest and with no thought, as some believe, that the course being limited to two years constitutes a handicap to success. The cadets of the school have in mind the credit that would be due Company E, commanded by officers of only a few years of experience, and made up of more recruits at the beginning of the year than any other company, should it carry off the prize. The Business School Cadets appreciate that the drill must be won on the field, and they are firm in the belief that they can demonstrate their ability to work to a successful conclusion. The members of Company E are of the opinion that the contest this year will be closer than ever before, and that is to their liking, as victory in such a competition would be more than ordinarily praiseworthy.

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The Great Falls cycle path subscription committee received enough money to permit the beginning of the path. A survey will be made during the coming week, and active work will be begun on the 29th instant. From reports received from members of the committee it is safe to say that enough funds will be on hand the end of next week to complete the path. This should be done in a month, and then, if sufficient funds are on hand it is the intention to build a cycle path around the two hills on the Conduit road, thus making a perfectly level road to the Falls, which will be appreciated by every wheelman. This path is being built by popular subscription, $1 or less, and Chas. E. Wood, 2309 18th street, will give a receipt for any subscription sent him.

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FOREIGN MAILS are forwarded to the ports of sailing daily, and the schedule of closings is arranged on the presumption of their uninterrupted overland transit. For the week ending May 27 the last connecting closes will be made from this office as follows:

TRANSATLANTIC MAILS.

MONDAY—(b) At 9:15 P.M. for EUROPE, per s.s. Kaiser Friedrich,* from New York, via Cherbourg, Southampton and Bremen. (c) At 11:05 P.M. for IRELAND, per s.s. Servia,* from New York, via Queenstown. Letters for other parts of EUROPE must be directed "Per Servia."

TUESDAY—(b) At 9:15 P.M. for FRANCE, SWITZERLAND, ITALY, SPAIN, PORTUGAL, TURKEY, EGYPT and BRITISH INDIA, per s.s. La Touraine,* from New York, via Havre. Letters for other parts of EUROPE must be directed "Per La Touraine." (b) At 9:15 P.M. for EUROPE, per s.s. St. Louis,* from New York, via Southampton. Letters for FRANCE, SWITZERLAND, ITALY, SPAIN, PORTUGAL, TURKEY, EGYPT and BRITISH INDIA must be directed "Per St. Louis." (c) At 11:05 P.M. for BELGIUM direct, per s.s. Westernland, from New York, via Antwerp. Letters must be directed "Per Westernland." (c) At 11:05 P.M. for EUROPE, per s.s. Cymric,* from New York, via Queenstown.

FRIDAY—(b) At 7:20 P.M. for EUROPE, per s.s. Umbria,* from New York, via Queenstown. (c) At 11:05 P.M. for NETHERLANDS direct, per s.s. Maasdam, from New York, via Rotterdam. Letters must be directed "Per Maasdam." (c) At 11:05 P.M. for ITALY, per s.s. Aller, from New York, via Naples. Letters must be directed "Per Aller." (c) At 11:05 P.M. for SCOTLAND direct, per s.s. Ethiopia, from New York, via Glasgow. Letters must be directed "Per Ethiopia." (c) At 11:05 P.M. for NORWAY direct, per s.s. Thingvalla, from New York. Letters must be directed "Per Thingvalla."

*PRINTED MATTER, ETC. German steamers sailing from New York on Tuesdays take printed matter, etc., for GERMANY and specially addressed printed matter, etc., for other parts of Europe. American and White Star steamers sailing from New York on Wednesdays, German steamers from New York on Thursdays and Cunard, French and German steamers from New York on Saturdays take printed matter, etc., for all countries for which they are advertised to carry mails.

MAILS FOR SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA, WEST INDIES, ETC.

MONDAY—(c) At 10:00 P.M. for BELIZE, PUERTO CORTEZ and GUATEMALA, per steamer from New Orleans. (c) At 11:05 P.M. for MEXICO, per s.s. Karthago, from New York, via Progreso and Tampico. Letters must be directed "Per Karthago."

TUESDAY—(b) At 9:15 P.M. for JAMAICA, per steamer from Philadelphia. (c) At 10:00 P.M. for COSTA RICA, per steamer from New Orleans. (c) At 11:05 P.M. for PORTO RICO direct, per United States transport, from New York. (c) At 11:05 P.M. for CAMPECHE, CHIAPAS, TABASCO and YUCATAN, per s.s. Yucatan, from New York. Letters for other parts of MEXICO must be directed "Per Yucatan."

WEDNESDAY—(c) At 11:05 P.M. for ST. THOMAS, ST. CROIX, LEEWARD and WINDWARD ISLANDS, also DEMERARA, per s.s. Fontabelle, from New York. Letters for GRENADA and TRINIDAD must be directed "Per Fontabelle." (c) At 11:05 P.M. for NASSAU, N.P., and the PROVINCE OF SANTIAGO, CUBA, per s.s. Saratoga, from New York. (c) At 11:05 P.M. for NORTH BRAZIL, per s.s. Cearense, from New York, via Para, Maranhan and Ceara.

THURSDAY—(b) At 6:20 A.M. for LA PLATA COUNTRIES direct, per s.s. British Prince, from New York. (b) At 2:30 P.M. for JAMAICA, per steamer from Boston. (c) At 11:05 P.M. for JAMAICA and CAPE GRACIAS, per s.s. Ardandhu, from New York. Letters for BELIZE, PUERTO CORTEZ and GUATEMALA must be directed "Per Ardandhu."

FRIDAY—(c) At 11:05 P.M. for BERMUDA, per s.s. Orinoco, from New York. (c) At 11:05 P.M. for FORTUNE ISLAND, JAMAICA, SAVANILLA, CARTHAGENA and GREYTOWN, per s.s. Alene, from New York. Letters for COSTA RICA must be directed "Per Alene." (c) At 11:05 P.M. for GRENADA and TRINIDAD, per s.s. Irrawaddy, from New York. (c) At 11:05 P.M. for PORTO RICO, per s.s. San Marcos, from New York, via Ponce. (c) At 11:05 P.M. for the PROVINCE OF SANTIAGO, CUBA, per s.s. Ella, from New York.

SATURDAY—(f) At 10:30 A.M. for NASSAU, N.P., per steamer from Miami, Fla.

SUNDAY—(d) At 12:00 M. for ST. PIERRE MIQUELON, per steamer from North Sydney.

Mails for NEWFOUNDLAND, by rail to North Sydney and thence via steamer, close here daily, except Sunday, at 12:00 M., and on Sundays only at 11:30 A.M. (d)

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TRANSPACIFIC MAILS.

Mails for CHINA and JAPAN, per s.s. Victoria, from Tacoma, close here daily at 6:35 P.M. up to May 22. (d)

Mails for CHINA and JAPAN, per s.s. Empress of India, from Vancouver, close here daily at 6:35 P.M. up to May 23. (d)

Mails for HAWAII, per s.s.