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NEWS FROM ALEXANDRIA

Office of Internal Revenue Collector Removed From Lynchburg.

The State's Contribution to Support of City Schools—Water Company Elect Directors.

Alexandria, Nov. 1.—The office of Mr. Park Agnew, collector of internal revenue for the Western district of Virginia, was removed from Lynchburg to this city today. Chief Clerk James H. Beemer and his assistants arrived here this morning with the effects of the office from Lynchburg, and have been busy all day arranging their new quarters in the second story of the custom-house building. The office was ready for business by 9 o'clock. Cashier J. M. McLaughlin will remain in charge of the local office at Lynchburg, and the division deputy, Mr. Cleland K. Nelson, will retain his office in that city. Capt. Henry Loving, general storekeeper and gauger, and Mr. John S. Nicholson, United States gauger, will also remain in Lynchburg, and it is said that, so far as affecting the people who pay internal revenue taxes is concerned, they will not know that the general office has been removed. Chief Clerk Beemer has about fifteen clerks in his office, and they were accorded a hearty welcome to this city. There has already been an increase in the mail matter, and it is suggested that an additional clerk at the postoffice may be required.

Mr. John E. Massey, superintendent of public instruction, has made the second apportionment of State school money for the year 1897-98. Alexandria city will receive $1,392, and Alexandria county $478.50. The apportionment is made at the rate of 29 cents per head of school population, and is to be used exclusively for the pay of teachers.

The services of the Railroad Reading Room tonight were conducted by Mr. Samuel Stokeley.

The annual meeting of the Alexandria Water Company was held today, when Messrs. B. Wheat, Walter Roberts, G. S. French, E. L. Daingerfield, Robert Shoemaker, J. B. Johnson and Worth Bullfish were selected directors. The reports of the officers were received, which showed that during the year thirty squares of new mains were laid and ten new fire plugs added. Extensive repairs at the reservoirs were also reported, and a committee was appointed to consider and report upon the advisability of purchasing a pump of greater capacity than the one now in use. The directors re-elected Mr. B. Wheat president, George Uhler secretary and treasurer, and Frank Power superintendent. The usual dividend of $2.50 per share of stock was declared.

Mr. F. H. McGuire, the Republican candidate for governor, addressed a meeting held in Schmer's Hall tonight. Apart from this there was no indication that an important election was to be held in this State tomorrow. Should the present indications of weather continue the vote in this city will be very light. The polls will be open from 6:52 a. m. to 5:08 p. m.

In the police court Mattie Payne, colored, was fined $5 for abusive language; Annie McCoy, charged with disorderly conduct, was fined $5, and Harrie Davis was given thirty days on the gang for assaulting William Williams. Emily Carter, James Grayson and Harrie Davis, all colored, charged with assault, were dismissed.

Mr. James A. Phillips and Miss Emma E. Dove, of this city, were married in Washington on Saturday.

The employes at the Southern Railway shops in this city resumed work today on full time. Several employes were dropped from the rolls in the car shops.

In the corporation court today Charles H. Jett was appointed administrator of the estate of his son, the late Harry R. Jett.

Under the State election law all the saloons in this city were closed at sunset today and will not be reopened until sunrise Wednesday morning.

James Mooty, who ten days ago was committed to jail for thirty days by Justice Sellers, of Alexandria county, for being drunk and disorderly, has been released by order of the justice.

A horse attached to a buggy became frightened at the upper end of King street this evening at an electric train, and plunged into the ditch on the north side of the street. The vehicle was overturned, but the driver escaped injury.

Mr. Thomas Seitz, who resides on Upper King street, caught an opossum in his bedroom yesterday.

The board of supervisors of Alexandria county met in this city today and audited a number of accounts.

During the month of October forty-eight deeds were recorded and twenty-four marriage licenses were issued by the clerk of the corporation court.

A case of diphtheria is reported at the house corner of Alfred and Princess streets.

A series of special meetings will be held at the Del Ray Chapel this week by Rev. J. T. Council, who will be assisted by Capt. Moody, of Fredericksburg.

A frame dwelling in Alexandria county, just north of this city, occupied by John Austin, was destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. Most of the contents of the building were also consumed.

Mr. John H. Parrott, formerly of Lynchburg, at present superintendent of the American Coal Mines at Lonaconing, Md., is here visiting relatives.

Mrs. Milton B. Perry, who has been seriously ill, is recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Murphy have returned from their wedding tour.

Must Pay the Money.

The Court of Appeals yesterday affirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of the Natalie Anthracite Coal Company against James Edward Chapman, in which a verdict was rendered in favor of the plaintiffs for $2,140 due.

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LITIGATION IN THE COURTS

Decisions of the Court of Appeals in Some Cases.

A Fine Imposed by Judge Bradley in Martin's Case—Street Extension Jury Gets Instructions.

By a decision yesterday the District court of appeals upheld an opinion delivered in a lower court in the case of John C. Hennings against Frank N. Carver and the Capital Traction Company. Mr. Hennings was injured some time ago by the collapse of a scaffold erected by Mr. Carver, who is a contractor, in the course of the construction of a building owned by the railroad company. He entered suit for $300 damages. The case was tried before a justice of the peace, and a verdict of $200 was rendered in Mr. Hennings' favor. The defendants then filed a petition in the supreme court of the District for a writ of certiorari to require the justice to vacate the judgment on account of certain irregularities which had occurred in the case. The justice made a return to the writ, and the writ upon motion was quashed. The appeal was taken from the last action. The court of appeals held yesterday that the lower court was right in quashing the writ.

TECHNICALITIES THE PLEA.

Argument of Lawyers for the Acquittal of Dan Williams.

Arguments on the motion to instruct the jury to acquit were concluded in the Dan Williams' case before Judge Bradley yesterday. Messrs. Jeffords and Donelson, Williams' attorneys, based their motion on technicalities. The most important point was that the fines alleged to have been embezzled were United States and not District fines, which fact rendered the indictments faulty. They also claimed that Major Moore, under the law, had no authority to delegate the collection of fines to a subordinate, and that Williams was, therefore, not liable for any shortage which might occur.

District Attorney Davis, in behalf of the Government, contended that the funds said to have been appropriated by the accused were District funds.

Judge Bradley took the motion to acquit under advisement, and will probably render an opinion in the matter today.

TREASURY THIEF FINED ONLY.

Pleads Guilty to Larceny and Escapes Imprisonment.

A fine of $50 was imposed by Judge Bradley yesterday in the case of Thomas Martin, the old colored messenger, who recently pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing $28 in silver from one of the Treasury vaults.

When he entered his plea Martin prayed for the mercy of the court, saying that a term of imprisonment would surely endanger his life.

District Attorney Davis was not inclined to urge the imposition of a severe sentence, and intimated that he would be satisfied with a fine. Martin was arraigned before Judge Bradley about ten days ago, and has been in jail since then, awaiting a disposition of his case. By the order of the court today, in the event of a default of the fine, he is to be remanded to jail until it is paid.

Verdict for a Railway Reversed.

A decision reversing that of the lower court was rendered by the District court of appeals yesterday in the suit of Mrs. Laura Howard, for damages against the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company. Mrs. Howard was injured in an accident on this road in 1886, but the company disclaimed responsibility, on account of the fact that although when injured she was traveling on a ticket issued by the road, the accident occurred on the tracks of another line. The lower court decided in favor of the railroad company.

Important Decision for Sportsmen.

An important decision to sportsmen was rendered by the District court of appeals yesterday afternoon. Some time ago Chas. H. John F. and Frank H. Javins were convicted in one of the criminal courts of "exposing for sale during the closed season" a number of partridges. It was held by the criminal court to be in violation of the law. The higher court today sustained the decision of the court below, making clear the law which prohibits the sale of game of this kind after the shooting season has closed.

Court of Appeals Affirms Decision.

In the appeal taken by the railroad company in the case of Frank C. Adams against the Washington and Georgetown Road the Court of Appeals yesterday affirmed the decision of the lower court. The case was a suit for damages for injuries sustained by Mr. Adams from being thrown off a street car. The appeal was taken from an exception made to the action of the lower court in refusing to instruct the jury to render a verdict in favor of the railroad company.

Court Gives Jury Instructions.

The jury of appraisers in the Haws, Prathers and Wright & Cox sections of the Mount Pleasant subdivision of street extensions appeared before Judge Cox yesterday for instructions. The court ordered the jury to study plats of the land in the new sections and then make an examination of the land itself. He directed them further to appear in court next Monday morning when testimony in the new cases will be taken.

Mother to Keep the Child.

The District court of appeals yesterday sustained the decision of the lower court in the suit between Louise C. Wells and Fenton G. Wells over the custody of a minor child. The couple was recently divorced. The wife was given the custody of the child. Mr. Wells sought to have that part of the decision relating to the child's custody reversed, but the higher court refused.

Held for the Grand Jury.

Louis Williams, colored, arrested by Detectives Helan and McNamee for obtaining $2 from William R. Killmon, of No. 101 Pennsylvania avenue, by a forged note alleged to have been written by Mrs. Burns, Killmon's housekeeper, was held in $500 bail for the grand jury by Judge Kimball in the police court yesterday.

Did Not Commit Perjury.

John F. Cody was acquitted before Chief Justice Bingham yesterday of the charge of perjury. He was alleged to have submitted false testimony in the police court some time ago, while on trial for selling liquor without a license.

Fined for Contempt of Court.

Judge Cox yesterday ordered George Butler, a patent medicine manufacturer, to pay a fine of $50 for contempt of court in ignoring an injunction recently issued against him to restrain him from an infringement of the patent right of the makers of "Castoria." It was proven before Judge Cox some time ago that Mr. Butler and Mr. Conrad H. Weiss were using about the same formula in the preparation of this medicine and that the labels used on their bottles were about identical with those of the original article. A preliminary injunction was issued against them, of which Mr. Butler failed to take cognizance. Mr. Weiss was excused by the court.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to the following:

Henry Jackson and Annie Monroe.

James Washington and Mary Cole.

Thomas McKenney and Della Lee, of Montgomery county, Md.

Robert Canim Covington, Va., and Willie F. Moyers, Lomont, Va.

Louis Richard Fourchy and Minnie McMillan.

George W. Dorsey and Alberta Upshur.

Marshall C. Dyer and Ada Cecelia Knott.

William M. Gorman and Mary G. Collins.

Frank E. Winchell, New Haven, Conn., and Gertrude S. Platt.

RECORD OF THE COURTS.

Justice of the peace suits—Justice Church—George Pitkin vs. Reeves T. Strickland, debt $105; R. L. Polk & Co. vs. Takoma water Co., debt $25; judgment for plaintiffs.

Law suits—41547—Steelton Planing Mill Co. vs. George C. Esher, account, $428.28; plaintiffs' attorney, W. H. Sholes.

Equity suits—16572—84. Louis Milling Co. and Central National Bank of Washington City vs. Frank T. Shaw and Jacob M. Newman, administrators estate of John W. Shaw et al., creditors' bill for sale of original lot 5, square 350, lot 12, square 324, and west one-half lot 27, block 19, Todd et al. subdivision Mount Pleasant and Pleasant Plains; complainants' solicitors, Clarence A. Brandenburg and Edwards & Barnard. 18773. Daisy Lease, by next friend, Catharine Rowland, vs. Daniel Ramey, discovery and construction of will; complainant's solicitor, E. L. Schmidt.

Court of Appeals—Present: Mr. Chief Justice Alvey, sr. Justice Morris and Mr. Justice Shepard. 692—Clark et al. vs. Reed; passed. 720—Dunn et al. vs. District of Columbia; dismissed with costs for failure to print, on motion of Mr. S. T. Thomas. 728—De Forrest vs. United States; submitted on record and printed brief by Messrs. C. M. Fulton and W. W. Edwards for plaintiff in error, and by Messrs. H. E. Davis and D. W. Baker for defendant in error. 729—Lauer vs. District of Columbia; motion to dismiss argued by Mr. S. T. Thomas and Mr. A. B. Duvall in support of motion, and by Mr. A. A. Lipscomb in opposition thereto; overruled. 729—Lauer vs. District of Columbia; argument commenced by Mr. A. A. Lipscomb for plaintiff in error, continued by Mr. S. T. Thomas for defendant in error, and concluded by Mr. Lipscomb for plaintiff in error. 687, Pickrell vs. Thompson; passed. 697, Washington and Georgetown Railroad Company vs. American Car Company, and 698, same vs. same; dismissed with costs on motion of counsel for appellant and mandate ordered to issue forthwith. 731, United States ex rel. Sheehy vs. Johnson; passed. 738, Mason vs. District of Columbia; dismissed with costs for failure to print, on motion of Mr. S. T. Thomas, attorney for defendant in error. 741, Smith vs. District of Columbia; passed. Patent Appeal No. 81, McCormick vs. Cleal; continued by stipulation. 695, Moran et al. vs. Sullivan, and 696, Moran et al. vs. Daly; rules to produce original bond submitted by Mr. Edwin Forrest in support of motion, and by Mr. William H. Cook, in opposition thereto, overruled.

Decisions—707, Javins et al. vs. United States; judgment affirmed with costs; opinion by Mr. Chief Justice Alvey. 709, Carver et al. vs. O'Neal et al.; order affirmed with costs; opinion by Mr. Justice Morris. 657, Howard et al. vs. Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company; judgment reversed, with costs and cause remanded for new trial; opinion by Mr. Justice Shepard. 734, Wells vs. Wells; decree affirmed with costs; opinion by Mr. Chief Justice Alvey. 680, Seitz et al. vs. Seitz et al.; decree reversed, with costs, and cause remanded with directions to dismiss the bill of complaint; opinion by Mr. Justice Morris. 678, Towson et al. vs. Moore et al.; decree affirmed, with costs; opinion by Mr. Justice Morris. 683, Chapman vs. Natalie Anthracite Coal Company; judgment affirmed with costs; opinion by Mr. Justice Morris. 715, Washington and Georgetown Railway Company vs. Adams; judgment affirmed, with costs; opinion by Mr. Justice Morris.

Equity Court No. 1—Justice Cox—Brady vs. Brady; appearance of absent defendant ordered. Speare vs. Ioteier; sales finally confirmed. Hurst vs. Antrim; repair of house 1116 C street southeast ordered and taxes paid. Gleun vs. Glenn; divorce on ground of desertion granted. Copper vs. Hayes; auditor's report, finally ratified. In re est. of Mary J. H. Temple; payment of interest on legacies ordered. Given vs. Farlee; trustee's bond fixed at $10,000. Hyde vs. Riggs; auditor's report confirmed and distribution ordered. In re William F. Kochbre; lunatic; L. C. Williamson appointed committee and trustee. Centaur vs. Weiss; George Buckler adjudged guilty of contempt, adjourned sine die.

Equity Court No. 2—Justice Hagner—Rudd vs. Rudd; rule to show cause returnable November 4, 1897.

Circuit Court No. 1—Justice Cole—Parker vs. W. & G. R. R. Co.; verdict for plaintiff for one cent. Allen vs. Lambert; ordered on stet calendar. Daton Fan & Motor Co. vs. Iannarone; verdict for plaintiffs for one cent. Hannay vs. Haumann; judgment of J. P. quashed. McGuire vs. Wilkins; order to deliver note to defendant. Cumberland vs. B. & P. R. R. Co.; on trial. U. S. use Vt. Marble Co. vs. Winfree et al.; order to place on calendar.

Circuit Court No. 2.—Justice McComas—Huysmann vs. Evening Star Company; judgment on verdict. Low vs. Bogle; do.

Criminal Court, No. 1.—Chief Justice Bingham—United States vs. John F. Cody; perjury, verdict not guilty. United States vs. Frank Jordan; rape; jury sworn and respited.

Criminal Court No. 2.—Justice Bradley—United States vs. John Ledyard Hodge; judgment on verdict. United States vs. Thomas Martin; violation section 5496, Revised Statutes United States, sentenced to pay a fine of $50 and in default to stand committed till paid. United States vs. Daniel Williams; embezzlement, on trial. United States vs. Thomas Martin; violation section 5356, Revised Statutes United States; nolle prossed. United States vs. same; larceny of United States property, etc.; do. Case No. 184, on trial calendar, certified back to circuit court No. 1.

Probate Court—Justice Hagner—Estate of John F. Ennis; inventory filed. Estate of Katharine W. Smith; will returned with commission executed, and order admitting will to probate, and granting letters testamentary to Christian W. and Lincoln A. Smith, bond $20,000.

Building Permits—Lucy York, owner; James M. York & Son, builders, one two-story brick dwelling, No. 722 A street southeast; cost $2,300. Charles Denkers, owner and builder; to build frame addition on Villa Flora, Brightwood; cost $950.

Deeds—Square 913—Samuel K. Behrens to Henry D. Sitler, $10, part lot 101, in Walters subdivision, east side of Eighth, between F and G streets northeast.

Square 723—Chapin Brown, trustee, to John P. Earnest, $3,861.42, part original lot 3.

Squares 6, 40, 42, 19—Ernest A. A. Dunn to Mary A. McLaughlin, $5, lots 7 and 8, square 6; lot 16, in Elliot, trustee's, subdivision; square 40, lots 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22, in Morgan's subdivision, square 42, part lot 8, and west part lot 9, and all lot 7, square 19.

Square 115—Francis W. Dickens et ux., to William A. Johnson, $5, lot 51, in Sunderland's subdivision, west side of Nineteenth street, between Sunderland place and New Hampshire avenue northwest.

Square 1089—Horace J. Gray et ux., to Anna Woodward, $10, lots 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, northeast corner Sixteenth and D streets southeast.

Square 115—William A. Johnson to Marguerite Dickens, $5, lot 51, of Sunderland's subdivision, west side Nineteenth street, between Sunderland place and New Hampshire avenue northwest.

County—R. Byrd Lewis and Andrew A. Lipscomb, trustees, et al., to The Baltimore and Washington Transit Company, of Maryland, $1,003.32, land near Takoma Park.

Squares 6, 40, 42, 19—James McLaughlin et ux., to Ernest A. A. Dunn, $5, lots 7 and 8, square 6, lot 16, in Elliot, trs., subdivision, square 40, lots 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22, in Morgan's subdivision, square 42, part lot 8 and west part lot 9, and all lot 7, square 19.

Square 917—Chas. R. Newman et ux. to Lena A. Shunk, $10, lot 77, in Slater's sub., subject to trust, $3,000; N. side B, bet. 8th and 9th sts. nw.

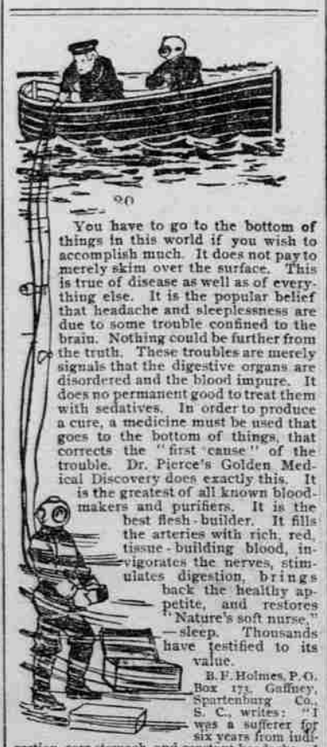
Square 786—Frank C. Reily to William H. Bevans, $10, lot 128, in Heckman's sub., subject to trust, $2,800; sw. cor. 2d and E sts. se.

Square 421—Frederick C. Schlaich et ux. to Louisa Schlaich, $1,200, lot 47, in Greer's sub., south side Q, bet. 7th and 8th sts. nw.

Square 527—Chas. P. P. Wroet et ux. et al., heirs of Samuel Wroe, to William, Adolphus and Christian Meinking and Julia Ewald, heirs of Eliza Meinking, $1, part lot 3, in Todd et al. sub., made to confirm deed recorded in liber J A S 38, folio 194; west side 3d, bet. I and K sts. nw.

Deed in Trust—Rosedale and Isherwood—James C. McGuire to John Cook, trustee, $1; lots 30 to 33, block 21, subject to trust in trust for Perpetual Building Association.

Beall's Adventure—Anastasia Sharp and Adele Lowe, heirs of James Lowe, et al. to George M. Sharp and Jos. R. Fague, trustees, $1, part containing 110 acres, in trust, as set out in liber 1946, folio 387.



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You have to go to the bottom of things in this world if you wish to accomplish much. It does not pay to merely skim over the surface. This is true of disease as well as of everything else. It is the popular belief that headache and sleeplessness are due to some trouble confined to the brain. Nothing could be further from the truth. These troubles are merely signals that the digestive organs are disordered and the blood impure. It does no permanent good to treat them with sedatives. In order to produce a cure, a medicine must be used that goes to the bottom of things, that corrects the "first cause" of the trouble. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery does exactly this. It is the greatest of all known blood-makers and purifiers. It is the best flesh-builder. It fills the arteries with rich, red, tissue-building blood, invigorates the nerves, stimulates digestion, brings back the healthy appetite, and restores "Nature's soft nurse,"—sleep. Thousands have testified to its value.

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MUSIC AND DRAMA.

Bostonians in "The Serenade."

The perennially popular Bostonians returned to Washington last night for their annual engagement at the National. In spite of the inclement weather of yesterday a large audience of first-nighters was present, representing in addition to a coterie of persons who go to the theater three or four times a year, and the Bostonians is one of their magnets. The old friends were cordially welcomed as they appeared, and such is the caliber of the new piece and so generous has the composer been in the allotment of opportunity, that there was a continuation of the applause throughout the evening.

"The Serenade," by Harry B. Smith and Victor Herbert, was presented. We came dangerously near having the first production of this opera during the Bostonians' late winter engagement at the National last year. It was deferred from week to week, however, and was given only a few public rehearsals before it went into New York. There, at the Knickerbocker, it had a neat run, and the critics gave a verdict which we can only confirm, that it is a worthy successor to "Robin Hood." The main charm of the piece is the music. Herbert has furnished an almost faultless score. Every measure swings melodiously along, and the air which gives the name to the opera pursues one into the street and lends itself to the puckering lips of the scalers of all popular successes, the whistler.

The concerted music is especially abundant. Mr. Herbert seems to have worked with inspiration begotten of the knowledge that the Bostonian chorus was to interpret him. This choir of voices is seemingly more thoroughly trained than ever this year. Another point which the composer has happily made is his even dealing of good solos to the principals. You must go early, or you'll miss Eugene Cowles' fine solo, which he sings almost as soon as the curtain rises. Barnabee has "Woman, Lovely Woman," as his own. To Will McDonald belongs the title song, though everybody filches it from him as the evening progresses. Jessie Bartlett Davis has a gem in "The Angelus," and the soprano and tenor are also admirably provided. George Frothingham hasn't a song, because he plays an amiticous caroler who can't sing—and there's the fun of it. Harry Brown is a worn out operatic tenor who has to spray his throat before he attacks a high note. The comic singing lesson between Frothingham and Brown was better than any solos they might have sung.

The book of "The Serenade" is the best thing Harry Smith has done since "Robin Hood." Indeed, it is rarely excellent for him. The character conceptions and the run of the plot are well devised, and the dialogue shows signs of tinkering for betterment. The occasion for the piece is the trouble given the Duke of Santa Cruz (Barnabee) by a wandering operatic baritone (McDonald), who woos his ward (Mrs. Davis) with a bewitchingly tuneful serenade, whereas the duke would fain wed the girl himself. She is also loved by a tailor (Frothingham), who makes heroic efforts to learn the serenade, in order to win her affections. The adventures of the duke, his ward and her lovers, at first with a syndicate of robbers led by their president (Cowles), then in a convent, whose peace is made a bedlam by their arrival, and finally in the resort of the robber syndicate, is the theme of the opera.

Barnabee, Frothingham, and Brown have comic parts of almost equal excellence. They played them with jubilant result for the audience, especially Frothingham and Brown, who have seldom before had adequate opportunity. Jessie Bartlett Davis was stunning as Dolores, and retains her magnificent contralto organ in good condition. Either Herbert has measured McDonald or he sings better than usual. He has seldom been heard to better advantage. Eugene Cowles is unequaled of lyric bassos. Mr. Will E. Philp, in the tenor part, and Miss Eleanore Giusti, in the soprano part, sang their pretty solos with pleasing effect. Miss Giusti is new to the stage, but she has a good voice, and her acting will improve. "The Serenade" will be sung at every performance but Saturday night's. Then "Robin Hood" will be given.

Herbert Kelcey and Effie Shannon in "A Coat of Many Colors."

The ladies of the profession are coming into their own. Selfish and exclusive man no longer occupies the high places alone. It used to be that Nat Goodwin, E. H. Sothern, Francis Wilson and Sol Smith Russell flared their names in solitary state on the polychrome three sheets. Now recognition is given the gentler folk, and it is Nat Goodwin and Maxine Elliott, E. H. Sothern, accompanied by Virginia Harned; Francis Wilson, with Lulu Glaser, and Sol Smith Russell, assisted by Annie Russell.

It remained for Herbert Kelcey, courteous and urbane, to go his fellow Thespians one better. Last night he presented Madelaine Lucette Ryley's new comedy, "A Coat of Many Colors," at the Lafayette, and at his side, twin star, stood Effie Shannon. This pair have long been the idols of the lovers of tea-cup drama, who scan the crease in the leading man's trousers and count the buttons on the leading lady's glove before they can give attention to the story in process, and the admired of the more conservative.

You will be interested to know where the play takes its title, and what affiliation there is between Mr. Kelcey and Joseph of old. The similitude is founded in the fact that Mr. Kelcey plays a woman hater like the ancient Joseph, and the exigencies of circumstances burden him like his prototype with the sins of his brother. Briefly, Herman Walboys (Mr. Kelcey) is a cynical bachelor attorney. To him comes a San Francisco girl, Esther Gunning (Miss Shannon), who is sent by her father to look for a certain woman. The astute Herman discovers two things, that the errant woman is, unbeknown to the girl, her mother, and that he has surmounted his cynicism and loves his client. That is the serious side to the play. The lighter vein is the old and farcical theme of mistaken identity. Herman's brother, Hamilton, a rake of a chap, walks lightsh oulder-ed through the piece, because the coincidence of similar initials burdens his model brother with his misdeeds. Other contributions to the comedy element are Walboys pere, who is seeking a wife, but takes a consolate in preference because one can't get a consolate every day, but a bride may be picked up whenever he wants to, and a peppery Scotchman with a penchant for litigation.

The performance of the stars is of the contained refined character with which they are identified. Mrs. Ryley has fitted her coat well. Neither of the principal players is taxed beyond defined artistic limitations. The first act is the best. Then the dramatist sails away on a sea of talk, with only an occasional bit of incident, which doesn't rise to the impressiveness of a situation. It is good, polite drama, and emphasizes again what no woman has yet risen to disprove, that a stimulating and sustained dramatic proposition is not yet of woman's making.

The excellent company reminded one of the halcyon days at the Lyceum, whist with the two semi-stars and W. J. Le Moyne on the same stage. Mr. Le Moyne as the eldest Walboys, has a role congenial to his finely flavored comedy and he was continually conspicuous to everyone's delight. Ellie Wilton and Georgia Busby were attractive types of matron and maiden beauties. Bruce McCrae has a feed part as the younger brother, but acted discreetly. Edmund D. Lyons was capital as the Scotchman. It is another worthy sketch for the catalogue of this veteran actor's characterizations. In its entirety the company is one of the best we may expect to see this season.

Van Biene in "A Musician's Romance."

Auguste Van Biene, the actor-musician, made his Washington debut at the Columbia last night in a play by Frank Harvey, called "The Musician's Romance." His fame had preceded him, and, buoyed by the claim that he is the greatest actor-musician in the world, and Clement Scott's rhapsodic utterance that Van Biene's music and Patti's singing are the two things worth living for, the audience expected a great deal. Scott made no mistake in one respect. It is a question of choice whether to live for Van Biene's music or his acting, he was discreet. The artist can play the 'cello divinely; his acting is incomparably inferior. Van Biene played several times during the evening. Toward the close of the first act he drew a winsome melody from his instrument, caressing it, with no effort to conceal the kinship and affection which inspired his fingers and his bow. In the second act there is a musicale, much like the scene in "Friends," and here he plays several pieces. A fantasia on "Faust" was executed with finish, and a second piece, unrecognized, was distinguished by some remarkable harmonic tones and delicate echo effects. The audience was appreciative and persistent in demands for more, so the 'cello was brought again. This time an accompanied, he played "My Old Kentucky Home." The sweet, homely melody went direct to the hearts of all who heard it. It was played with superb harmony and tender regard for familiar tones. Van Biene is undoubtedly a fine instrumentalist. Frank Harvey's play is quite another proposition. It has one virtue—it is consistent and faithful to its standard. But its model is a trite style which we now look upon as artificial and declamatory. Artifice, not art, is everywhere in evidence. Yet of this kind of play it is a smooth and well written specimen. The speeches are all superlative and flowery, and the actors move about theatrically, but scarcely impressively. Van Biene seems to feel congenial in his role of the musician husband who is deserted by the weak but well-meaning wife. This character was played by Lena Burnleigh, who had caught the Harvey temperament perfectly. Little Helene Thill played the child pleasingly, and the rest fitted well in their parts.

Marie Wainwright.

The new English melodrama, "Shall We Forgive Her," was produced last night at the Grand for the first time in Washington. The part of the problematical lady in the play, Grace West, is played by Marie Wainwright, who possesses a wonderfully musical and sympathetic voice and a charm of manner and personality which gave her distinction in seasons past, and won her the sympathy of last night's audience from the very first. Her acting was strong and fine throughout.

The scene of the play is laid in that pleasant isle where they teach the children to say night and morning, "I thank the Lord who made me a happy English child," and several of the characters, including the husband, have evidently said that prayer with great faith all their lives. They are a beautifully phariaaical pair, are the husband and his cousin, and into their hands the heroine comes. But her Australian past rises up to confront her, in the shape of a rascal. The rascal is disposed of through the instrumentality of a very unusual parson, who has fists and who is a muscular Christian in every sense of the word. The sympathies of the audience were with the parson from the word go.

The other favorites in the cast are a delightful old lady from the country, who has just walked out of Dickens, and two irresistibly and lovably absurd lovers just out of knickerbockers and short frocks, who are always getting interrupted in their bread and butter romance, and having gosling fits, and running to opposite sides of the stage, to the great amusement of all beholders. There is also a baby, a live, human baby, in the last act, whom Miss Wainwright manages very cleverly without even taking her gloves off, and to whom she sings a lullaby which brings down the house.

Hal Reid's "Human Hearts."

"Human Hearts," which held the attention of the audience at the Academy last night, has been here before, but that did not detract from its charms, even on a rainy night. The atmosphere of realistic country life was preserved in the scenery and accessories, and in most of the character work, although William Fredericks is a very refined and clean-handed blacksmith, without any of the traditional duskiness of complexion which might naturally result from his severe occupation. He delivered himself of some very noble sentiments, however, in a very noble way, and every time he took off his spruce broad-brimmed straw hat and looked up to heaven there would come a thundering burst of applause from that direction. This was especially the case during the scene with the half-witted brother, Jimmy, and the fraternal devotion of the two received hearty appreciation.

Miss Eulalia Bennett, who plays Jeanette, is possessed of beauty and dramatic power, and a reed-like grace. Her work from the first commanded the attention of the audience. Two or three comic parts were well taken, and the pathos, excitement and thrill of the production kept the audience on the qui vive with happiness.

"Human Hearts" is now in its third season, at once a test and a proof of its success. It is one of the standard favorites with the patrons of popular priced houses who like virtue and vice undiluted.

Ellis, the Yodler.

Weather has no terror for the amusement seeker who is fond of his house. The Bijou has built up a clientele who appreciate the prices and like the entertainment provided, and the result is that the house is comfortably filled in spite of damp weather. Yesterday Charles T. Ellis and a company of four others was the principal card in the new bill for this week. He presented an one-act comedy entitled "Mrs. Hogan's Music Teacher," written by George F. Marian, the erstwhile "Jonah." Ellis is, of course, the music teacher, and between the fun provided by Marian and his own comedy and vocal resources scored quite a hit. He repeated some of the popular songs of "Caspar the Yodler," and was encored again and again.

The bill is otherwise even stronger than last week. Paul Brady, the boy soprano, delighted his hearers; the Fatnum brothers put on an expert acrobatic act; Byron Harlan gave his illustrated songs again; Chulita appeared in skillfully executed Spanish dances; Bedworth and Brimmer gave their sketch "Skenes;" Julia Wolcott sang some popular songs, Needham and Jones danced, and Ada Boulden sang and played agreeably. Altogether it is a strong bill that the Bijou presents for the small prices charged. Next week the principal people in the bill will be Dollie and Milton Nobles in a comedy.

Steve Brodie in Town.

Steve Brodie is the magnet which had sufficient drawing power, despite the disagreeable weather, to attract to Kernan's last night one of the largest houses of the season. Brodie has well earned the degree of B. J., and, as the world's greatest bridge jumper, has used his achievements for advertising purposes to the best possible advantage. It has brought him a fortune and the title of the "King of the Bowery," which he wears with proud distinction. In the vernacular of that great thoroughfare, he is "de main guy and de real thing."

"A Night at Steve Brodie's" is the closing feature presented by the New York Stars, and it is a skit full of action, native humor and East Side slang, and gives the star ample opportunity to introduce his unique personality and a few songs. He promptly made a hit with his naturalness and novel methods as a character actor.

Those who appeared in the olio were Coakley and Huested, in a comedy sketch, closing with a selection in which their trained dog appeared. Coakley is a Washington boy and received an enthusiastic welcome; Hiatt and Pearl, who played on a half score of instruments; Billy Curtis and Bella Gordon, in their boxing lesson and bag-punching; Annie Hart, an old favorite, with songs; C. W. Williams, ventriloquist; Leslie and Cardy, and Hilda Thomas and Frank Barry, in a refined musical sketch. Election returns will be read from the stage during the performance tonight.

The Girl From Paris.

The sale of seats for "The Girl From Paris," who comes to the Lafayette Theater next week, will begin at the box office tonight. As there are a great number of theatergoers who want to see this attractive girl fresh from her triumphs, covering over 300 nights at the Herald Square Theater, New York, the advance sale will undoubtedly be a large one and at the usual prices.

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