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**THE CHRISTMAS EDITION.**

The Christmas edition of The News is not as ambitious as we had at first planned. We found that until we had installed a new press it would be impossible to handle a larger paper than we are issuing today.

We thank the advertisers for their liberal patronage. We regret that the volume was so large and so much came in at the last minute that we were unable to handle several and that they were necessarily omitted. We telephoned to Lexington for other printers but could not secure workmen.

The Winchester public will find in the columns of this paper today, much suggestive matter for Christmas. They should buy everything at home they may need for the holidays. Our stores are as well equipped as the Lexington merchants and we know that the prices are far more reasonable.

**CHANGED HEADS.**

The foreman of this office is in trouble, but so far as we have learned he is the only person that is worrying about it.

He transferred the heading of the colored column to that of the K. W. C. column in yesterday's edition.

**MERCHANT OF VENICE  
A GREAT SUCCESS**

Well Rounded Play, Well Acted.  
Entertained Large Audience.

The Merchant of Venice (up-to-date) given Monday night at the Opera House was the most successful amateur play ever seen in Winchester. The parts were taken exclusively by local talent and each member of the cast was a huge success and fitted the part admirably.

The play as the title indicates, was based upon Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice but was thoroughly localized. It was replete with local hits, always funny, often brilliant, and each allusion was greeted by hearty applause.

**Climax of the Play.**

The climax of the play was reached in the first scene of the fifth act. The curtain rose upon a football field with two entire teams lined up and for ten minutes the hardest kind of football was played, as many of the bruised players can today testify. This scene brought the curtain call of the evening and if the customs of curtain calls was a habit here, it would have brought many more. The audience rose to its feet with the excitement and enthusiasm of the contest.

**The First Act.**

The first act was a college campus scene and introduced some singing and light comedy work. The second act brought Miss Porter, Miss Taylor, Prof. Moore and Miss Peoples out in some very funny dialogue and really humorous situations. The third act showed Miss Clay Croxton in a moonlight garden scene. Mr.

Paris and Prof. Dalgety contributed to the fun here.

The fourth act began to draw the threads together and showed the same characters as the second act with the addition of H. H. Foskett. Then followed the football scene mentioned and the play closed with the famous trial scene.

**To Point Out Merits.**

To point out the merits of the performance would necessitate a detailed account of the work of each one. Portia as portrayed by Miss Alice Porter was the greatest success of the evening. Her work was brilliant from start to finish. She was equally at home as the adorable young lady after whom many suitors were vainly sighing and as a young lawyer. There have been many professional leading ladies who have fallen below Miss Porter for ease, grace and artistic finish. She was handsomely gowned and made a handsome picture throughout.

**A Revelation of Character.**

Miss Abbey Threedice, as played by Miss Pauline Peoples, was a revelation of character work. Today her name is on every tongue coupled with that of Miss Porter. Her interpretation of the old maid school teacher was one of the best pieces of characterization imaginable.

Miss Clay Croxton as Jessica, was all that was promised. She acted the part of a confidence lady with Shylock in brilliant fashion and immediately changed to the coy and coquettish bride to be of Antonio. She made many friends by virtue of her splendid playing.

**Entirely Pleasing.**

Miss Emma Lee Taylor, as Nerissa Portia's friend was entirely pleasing. She ably seconded the playing of Portia. One would not have been complete without the other. Miss Mary Riese was charming as a waiting maid.

**The Character of Shylock.**

In the character of Shylock, Prof. Geo. S. Dalgety furnished a center piece for the play that lost nothing from its contrast with the other parts and showed up splendidly the versatility of this well-known young reader. His Shylocks was the comical, gullible, funny half detestable half lovable Hebrew that contrasts greatly with the congenial Shylock in Shakespeare's play. The work of this actor was one of the most brilliant and finished pieces of the performance.

Prof. Moore in Bassanio, the successful suitor of Portia was a rare treat. For clean artistic comedy and natural manliness of character, his playing was worthy of unlimited praise. His scene with Miss Threedice kept the audience convulsed.

He was ably seconded by Mr. Roscoe Paris, as Antonio, Captain of the Wesleyan Football team and the man who eloped with Jessica. His rendition was strong and very natural. Prof. Lewis as Gratiano, the friend of Bassanio and Antonio was also good. His lines were clearly and sympathetically rendered.

**The Colored Comedian.**

Carl Hendrix as the colored comedian, Jim Phillips as the German scientific professor and H. H. Foskett as Lannecot Gobbo were a trio of few makers worthy of any production. Each one acted and looked as though the parts had been created for him. Mr. Haines gave a good example of a typical policeman. Mr. Cropper made a very impressive judge. Walter Taylor as Tubal, strongly supported Shylock literally as well as figuratively.

The college glee club were cordially received in the first act. Unlimited tribute is due to the Winchester Quartette. Their justifiable popularity was added to last night. Their numbers were repeatedly encored.

The success of the play is due in a very large measure to the kindness and untiring energy of Mr. Wallace Owen. During the last ten days he has cheerfully given of his time and unsparingly of his skill in rounding the play into a well organized artistic production. The success of the play is the success of Mr. Owens.

The performance was well staged, and smoothly handled throughout. It was for the benefit of the Athletic Association. Two hundred and seven dollars was taken in at the box office.

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