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AMUSEMENTS.

"THE LITTLE MINISTER."

"The Little Minister," taken from I. M. Barrie's novel of the same name, was presented at the Academy of Music last evening to a crowded house. The play itself is highly entertaining, and none of the dramatic incidents of the story have been omitted from it; neither has it been deprived of the odd type characteristics of the persons who are depicted in the novel.

HOW FARLAND PLAYED "HOME, SWEET HOME."

Farland, the banjoist, was at Y. M. C. A. Hall last night before the largest audience of the season and gave the finest of satisfaction. In fact, what he didn't play or couldn't play wasn't in the books or the air, apparently.

That charming and talented Norfolk reciter, Miss Sue Russell, assisted him and despite the fact that she had a severe cold and worked at a disadvantage, she did excellently and received a warm and hearty welcome on each appearance.

But to go back to Farland (everybody had to) to just one of his selections. It was the old but ever new "Home, Sweet Home," of John Howard Payne, and had Payne heard him he would have wept with pleasure.

When he first turned the banjo's attention to it a country church choir was singing it, and just putting their heart right into it. Then, although twice Sunday, a lot of street boys got to whistling and singing it and he put the banjo up to keeping time. Then St. Simeon, who sings tenor through his nose, got at it and the boys sang the chorus and Uncle Josiah, him as has the big bass voice, sang it as a solo, and that banjo furnished more trills and quavers than a moeher or a catbird ever thought of, and then—everybody went to sleep and dreamed, and in the vision was the old farmhouse and Mary at the little cabinet organ, grandma sitting by the fireplace, pa and ma on either side the reading lamp and ma a knitting and the boys and girls standing around Mary singing it, and the wind whistling around the house and the snow falling off the trees, and ma stopped knitting and was crying quietly, while a big tear trickled down pa's face as he glanced over his glasses at a picture on the wall, and— and, your throat choked and your eyes hurt and—well, he stopped playing and the vision faded.

JAMES YOUNG.

Always enterprising, always up to date, always appreciative of the artistic, Mr. James Young is to be seen at the Academy of Music Friday and Saturday and Saturday matinee in a new play written for him by Miss Rida Louise Johnson, entitled "Lord Byron." It has been superbly mounted and Mr. Young's support leaves nothing to be desired. Mr. Young is one of the strongest favorites in the Southland, and in view of the revival of interest in Byron and his times, it will be agreed that Mr. Young comes full on time.

PROTESTANT HOSPITAL COURSE.

Experiments in liquid air, demonstrating the marvelous properties of this wonderful product, will form the basis of the fifth entertainment of the Protestant Hospital Course at the Academy of Music Thursday night, January 18th. These experiments combine instruction with entertainment, in which several gallons of liquid air are used in a most effective manner, producing results more weird than Arabian Nights. Prof. Eugene C. Foster, who will conduct the experiments, has been in charge of the Department of Physics and Chemistry at the Temple College, Philadelphia, for several years, and has given his question of the practical uses of liquid air the closest study, and has experimented more with this wonderful material than any other living man.

"THE SIGN OF THE CROSS."

"The Sign of the Cross" will be the attraction at the Academy for two nights, beginning Monday, January 22d, with matinee Tuesday afternoon. It is promised that practically the same company that has been presenting the play in this country for the last four seasons will appear during the coming engagement. Charles Dalton, the eminent young young heroic actor, who is often spoken of as "the English John McCollough," will be seen in his magnificent impersonation of Marcus Suerbus, the Roman Prefect. Sale of seats commences Friday morning. Prices, \$1.50 to 25c.

Loyalty to His Employer.

That young man in Chicago who consented to have a vein opened and a portion of his blood let out, so that it might go to save the life of his employer, certainly set a remarkable example of heroism and loyalty. The incident also shows what power there is in good blood. As soon as the broken down system received this pure blood of this strapping young fellow, the patient regained his strength. "The blood is the life." There is only one natural way to get good blood, and that is from the stomach. If the stomach needs assistance, bring Hostetter's Stomach Bitters to the rescue. This wonderful medicine aids it in its digestion and assimilation of food, and furnishes the system with rich, pure blood. When this is done, health and vigor naturally follow. It is also a sure cure for insomnia and all forms of nervousness.

The Roper Lumber Company.

The John L. Roper Lumber Company, which owns several large mills in Southeastern Virginia and Eastern North Carolina, held its annual meeting yesterday. At this meeting the old officers were re-elected. They are: Captain John L. Roper, president; George W. Roper, vice-president; R. D. Parrott, treasurer; W. B. Roper, secretary. The above, with Wm. H. White, J. J. Pharo and James T. Waters, were chosen as directors.

MAKEMIE LEAGUE.

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION LAST NIGHT.

The annual meeting of the Makemie League of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkeley, was held in the First Presbyterian Church at 8 o'clock last night, a large audience being present to witness the exercises and to hear the special sermon by Rev. J. Ernest Thacker, of the Second Church, to "Young Men and Women." The opening exercises were conducted by Rev. E. B. McClure, of Park Avenue Church, Brambleton ward. Rev. C. W. Maxwell, of Colley Memorial Church, read as the scriptural lesson the second chapter of the first epistle general of John and prayer was offered by Rev. W. A. Slaymaker, of Armstrong Memorial Church, Berkeley.

Mr. McClure then introduced to the audience Mr. Thacker, who announced his text 1st John 2-14. "I have written unto you young men to be strong." The sermon was very applicable, and showed wherein consisted the true strength of young manhood and womanhood. His illustrations were drawn from the lives of the noblest characters of earth. Men who in early life had consecrated themselves to the service of Christ.

After prayer by Rev. Dr. Edward Mack a business session was held with the retiring president, Mr. Luther Sheldon in the chair. He made a verbal report in which he said he had thoroughly familiarized himself with the work of the League and was glad to say that it had accomplished much good for the Presbyterian Church in the evangelistic field in Norfolk and vicinity. He urged upon all Presbyterians to lend all the assistance possible to the Makemie League in advancing the cause of Christ in this section.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Table with financial data for the Makemie League, including balance on hand, dues, and disbursements.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Table listing disbursements for Home Mission, Presbytery, Foreign Mission, and other categories.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The nominating committee, through its chairman, Rev. E. B. McClure, recommended the following as the officers for the ensuing year, which was adopted: President—Rev. George W. Lawson. Vice-President—F. D. Pinkerton. Secretary—J. Kramer. Treasurer—A. B. Broughton. Executive Committee—First Church, Joseph Brown; Second Church, Luther Sheldon; Park Avenue, Van Faundt Galon; First Church, Portsmouth, E. L. R. Barksdale; Colley Memorial, E. L. Tait; Park Place, David Corprew; Lambert's Point, Rev. C. D. Gilkerson; Berkeley, Rev. W. A. Slaymaker.

BRAMBLETON.

Mrs. T. F. Staylor is very ill at her residence, No. 213 Reservoir avenue. Sanctification is a subject which has awakened much interest on the part of many good people in the ward. Dr. J. J. Hall will on Sunday morning preach on this important theme. The oyster supper given at the residence of Mrs. W. W. Morrisett and Mrs. McNichol, No. 819 Tunstall avenue, last night for the benefit of Queen Street M. E. Church was a complete success. Over one hundred guests were served. The menu consisted of oysters, raw, stewed and fried; cold ham, roast beef, celery, pickles, cream and cake. Sunday afternoon at the regular meeting of the Junior Auxiliary of St. Peter's Church, Mr. W. R. Scadding gave a delightful and instructive talk on "The Chinaman—His Peculiarities and Superstitions." The address was greatly enjoyed by the Juniors, especially his personal experience with the Chinaman on the Ranch.

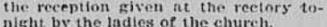
Pleasant Birthday Party.

There was a charming little birthday party given last night by Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Satchell, of 153 Bermuda street, to their daughter, Miss Annie Lee Satchell, it being her seventh anniversary. A large number of young lads and misses responded to the invitations sent out, and the evening was filled with pleasant games and entertainment. A delightful lunch was served, and all voted the occasion one of unalloyed enjoyment, the fair daughter of the house receiving many wishes of happy returns of the day.

Little Fires.

Two slight fires disturbed the serenity of the Fire Department yesterday. One was in a kitchen at 371 Cumberland street, the other in the brick row on Brewer street, next the corner of City Hall avenue. Both were put out with little damage done.

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ON TRIAL FOR FRAUD.

LATE ASSOCIATES OF CAPTAIN OBERLIN M. CARTER.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) New York, Jan. 16.—The examination in the proceedings instituted in this city against Colonel J. F. Gaynor, E. H. Gaynor, W. T. Gaynor and B. W. Greene, indicted in Savannah, Ga., last December for frauds in connection with the Savannah River and Cumberland Sound contracts, which were, it is claimed, sanctioned by former Captain Oberlin M. Carter, U. S. Engineer Corps, was continued today before Commissioner Shields. The first witness called by the defense was Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander Mackenzie, U. S. E., at present stationed in Washington. While Lieutenant-Colonel Mackenzie was on the stand Mr. Rose sought to introduce as evidence a copy of the certificate of incorporation of the Atlantic Dredging and Contracting Company, under the seal of the State of West Virginia.

The paper was objected to as incompetent by Assistant U. S. District Attorney Baldwin, and the objection was sustained. The certificate was then marked for identification.

Next Mr. Rose asked for certain documents which were not forthcoming.

Lieutenant-Colonel Mackenzie being told to stand aside for a few minutes, John B. McCarthy, a clerk in the office of the chief of U. S. Engineers in Washington, was called. He was asked to produce the contracts entered into between the national government and the Atlantic Dredging and Contracting Company. The first paper he produced was the Savannah contract. The contract bore date of October 8, 1896. The Cumberland Sound contract of the same date was also produced. The contracts appear in the name of Captain Oberlin M. Carter as the representative of the United States, on the one side, and the Atlantic Contracting Company on the other. Other papers bearing on the improvements mentioned were also produced and marked for identification. They covered the operations for the three years ending October, 1899.

Lieut.-Colonel Mackenzie being recalled identified his signature as acting chief of United States engineers which appeared under the word "approved" on the Savannah contract and other papers. When Mr. Rose offered the contract as evidence, saying that it was the identical paper referred to in the Savannah indictment, alleging conspiracy, and was highly important to his clients, it was objected to by counsel for the Government and the objection sustained.

To prove the genuineness of Captain Carter's signature on the contract, Mr. Rose took the stand. Mr. Rose said that he had seen Captain Carter write over a thousand times, and that the writing on the contract was Carter's.

Assistant District Attorney Baldwin objected to Mr. Rose's identification and said that Carter should be brought from the Governor's Island prison to prove the signature.

Mr. Kellogg informed the court that Carter is at present very sick.

Commissioner Shields reserved his decision on the objection.

Mr. Rose was asked to identify the signature of Colonel John F. Gaynor and William T. Gaynor, which also appear on the contract.

The objections raised by the Government lawyers regarding the latter signatures were sustained and the contract was not accepted as competent evidence.

The same routine was followed with the other papers produced by witness McCarthy, the War Department clerk, but on the continued objection of Mr. Baldwin the documents were not accepted.

Adjournment was taken until tomorrow.

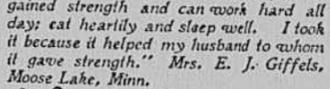
United Daughters of Confederacy

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 16.—The United Daughters of Confederacy of this State will meet in annual convention here to-morrow. Mrs. Jefferson Davis will arrive here this week, but Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, who was expected to attend the convention, has been prevented by illness.

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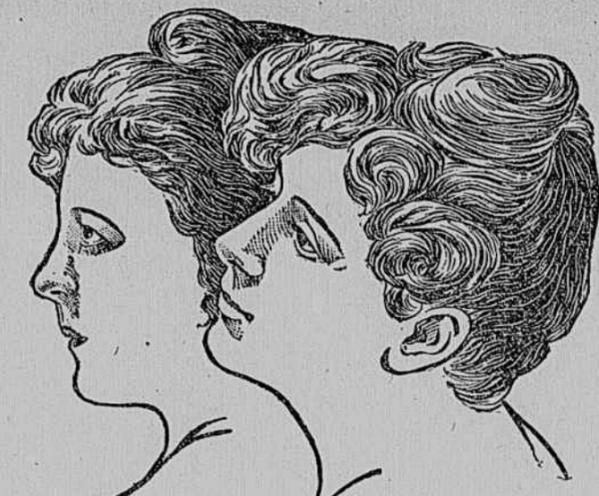
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