



# The Al. G. Field Minstrels,

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## Everything New This Season.

AT THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE

### TUESDAY, NOV. 15th.

**HIS ADVICE--DON'T.**

He Had Twisted the Lion's Tail and Had Evidence to Prove It.

The man sitting on a salt barrel had a hand on which only two fingers were left, and stung him up for a veteran of the war I asked him if he hadn't been wounded by an exploding shell.

"No, not as I remember of," he replied, as he held up his hand and turned it over and over.

"I thought that might have been the case, but you probably got caught in some sort of machinery?"

"No, not exactly machinery, sir."

"Gun explode in your hands?"

"No; no gun didn't explode."

I gave it up at that, but after a few minutes the man looked up and said:

"Stranger, you've seen a lion, I reckon?"

"Oh, yes."

"Seen 'em caged and looking as harmless as cats?"

"Yes; they generally look that way."

"That's the way I sized up one in a cage in a circus. He lay there, looking so sleepy and good-natured and harmless that I thought it was a swindle on the public and I'd try to rouse him a bit."

"And so you poked him?" I queried.

"No, sir, no poking. I jest calculated to stir his tail about three twists and make him feel that life wasn't all beef and bones and sunshine. I waited for my chance and then I reached my hand in. How far is it from a lion's mouth to the middle of his tail?"

"Several feet at least."

"I thought it was about a rod, but I knew better now. I hadn't more'n got hold of his tail when he got hold of me and was gulpin' down them misstn' fingers. He wanted the hull hand and arm, but they beat him off. I thought at first I wouldn't explain matters, but then I thought I would. I look a good deal like a fool, don't I?"

"Hardly that."

"Well, you do, and that's why I explained. I was fool 'nuff to want to twist a lion's tail, and you may be fool 'nuff to want to poke one in the eye, and so my advice is--don't."

**The Husband's Way.**

She (at the desk)--Dear, please tell me how to spell costume. "I'm writing to mother about my lovely new gown."

He--Well are you ready?

She--Yes.

He--C-o-s-t, cost--

She--Yes.

He--T-u-to--

She--Well?

He--M-e, me--\$65, as yet unpaid.

She--You're a wretch.

**The Statesman.**

He sits where the throng may behold him,  
And pensively gazes on high,  
And they say, as gloom seems to enfold him,  
"Inspiration is certainly high."

Then swiftly a paper he seizes  
And traces it over with ink,  
And they echo, like whispering breezes,  
"Now watch him; he's going to think!"

And the shades of the great seem to hover  
As he struggles to drain wisdom's fount;  
And they'll probably never discover  
He's at work on his mileage account.

**All White Ribboners.**

The wife of the governor of North Carolina has recently joined the W. C. T. U. and has tendered the hall-room of the executive mansion to the ladies of Raleigh for Christian work.

Mrs. Upham, wife of the ex-governor of Wisconsin, is a white ribboner, and holds the office of national superintendent of work among lumbermen.

The wife of the governor of Wyoming, is also an active worker in W. C. T. U. circles.

**Never too Old.**

"Never too old to learn," is the motto that the fortunate possessor of a wide-awake child must always be ready to subscribe to. A small lad, coming home from kindergarten a few days ago, where he had been initiated into the mysteries attending the sewing on of buttons, said:

"Mother, do you know how to put my buttons on by rule?"

"Well, not exactly by rule," was the amused response.

"Never mind, I'll teach you," said this magnanimous epitome of superior advantage.

"First, you double your thread and make a knot. Then you put the needle through the outside of the cloth, which leaves the knot covered by the button, and if you want the button to be loose, so I can button it easy, you put a pin or the point of your scissors on the button and sew your thread over that five times each way. See?"

And the mother, who thought she knew, from years of experience all there was to know about sewing on buttons, meekly accepted this axiom of button sewing from the lips of tender youth, and said again, "Never too old to learn."

**Cattle Used for Smuggling Opium.**

"Some of the shrewdest tricks ever played are by the smugglers of opium," said H. A. Fanning of Seattle. "A very unique smuggling scheme was unearthed a few years ago by United States secret service officers in North Dakota. It was noticed that an unusually large number of cattle were being driven across the line to the North Dakota markets, and the secret service men planned an investigation. For some time their work was in vain, and they had about given up hope of discovering any unlawful operations when an accident revealed the fact that the nostrils of the cattle were stuffed with opium wrapped carefully in tin foil. In this way each steer was worth twice its normal value. Hundreds upon hundreds of animals had been driven across the border with their nostrils loaded with opium, and it was estimated that the smugglers had cleaned up a profit of \$25,000 before the discovery was made. But the smugglers were wily and they escaped and were never captured."

**Notes About the Cup That Kills.**

As long as the devil can keep the saloon going, he will conclude that the thousand years he is to be shut up are a long way off.

One small whisky glass, roughly carved on a small headstone, would often tell more truth than three volumes of biography.

**Tolbert Seeking Redress.**

Washington, Nov. 12.--R. R. Tolbert, whose father and brother were shot in the recent race war at Phoenix, S. C., was at the department of justice Friday to secure an investigation of the riot by the Federal authorities. He was accompanied by some of the Republican politicians of the state.

**Two Men Suffocated.**

Wallace, Ida., Nov. 12.--Gas Enx, night clerk, and John Moore, waiter in the New York kitchen, have been suffocated in a fire in the Idaho hotel. They occupied rooms in the hotel. The hotel and livery stable adjoining, owned by Glen McDonald and John Cameron's saloon and lodging house, Tom Reynolds' saloon and lodging house, all two-story buildings, were entirely consumed.

## THE PRESIDENT'S COMING MESSAGE.

It Will Deal Especially With the Islands Taken From the Spanish.

HE IS OPPOSED TO FREE TRADE.

Will Urge That Separate Tariffs Be Established For the Different Islands.

WANT THE MILITIA TO GOVERN THEM.

He Says This Should Be Done For Some Years and Would Insure Satisfaction to Natives and This Government.

Washington, Nov. 12.--The principal feature of the message to congress, being now prepared by President McKinley, is on the territory the United States will receive from Spain on account of the late war.

The president will take the ground that the islands shall not be a burden, financially or morally, to the United States. He will recommend the organization of native regiments to garrison the islands of Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines and Guam under the command of American officers.

He will also recommend that separate tariff systems shall be provided for these islands, so as to make them self-supporting. He will also strongly favor the building of the Nicaragua canal under American auspices. The president will recommend that Porto Rico, the Philippine group, Guam and Cuba, until an independent government can be established there, shall be treated as colonies and not as territories, like Alaska.

He will suggest that as the people in these islands progress in civilization and in their understanding of American ideas, there may come a time in the future when the United States will be willing either to annex those territories as constitutional parts of this country or establish independent forms of government therein under the supervision of the American Federal government.

A highly important feature of the president's recommendations will be his suggestion that separate customs tariff systems be provided for the different islands.

The president does not believe that it would be wise to establish free trade between the United States and those islands. He will take the ground that the American producers must not be allowed to suffer as a result of the expansion of the American territory and that they should be protected from the cheap labor and climatic advantages of these islands. The president will recommend that the government of these islands be left for some years at least in the hands of military officers, from whom he will say a good, clean administration of affairs can be expected.

### ASKED TO MOVE ON.

**Three Men Forced Out of Wilmington Not Wanted at New Bern.**

Raleigh, Nov. 12.--A special to The News and Observer from New Bern, N. C., says:

C. H. Gilbert, R. H. Bunting and ex-Chief of Police Melton, three of the Republicans who were forced out of Wilmington, arrived here via the Atlantic Coast line yesterday afternoon. They were met at the depot by a committee of citizens and notified that their presence was not desired. They showed a willingness to leave and were accordingly escorted to steamer Neuse, on which they sailed at 6 o'clock for Elizabeth City. Word has been sent to Elizabeth City and it is believed they will not be allowed to land there.

No further trouble at Wilmington and none expected.

## STRIKE AT VIRDEN HAS BEEN SETTLED.

The Coal Company Agree to Pay the Scale and the Men Will Return to Their Work.

Carlinville, Ill., Nov. 12.--The differences between the Chicago-Virden Coal company at Virden and Auburn and the striking miners have been settled and the shafts will soon be in operation. The company agreed to pay the state scale of 40 cents per ton, but did not want to tear down the stockade. Finally the company accepted the offer of the miners that they would take it down and charge the company nothing for the labor.

Over 100 witnesses have been summoned by the grand jury, which is now investigating the recent Virden riot, in which so many men lost their lives. The grand jury is moving slowly, but its investigation is thorough.

### DEMAND FOR IRON.

The Mills at Birmingham Cannot Supply All Orders Received.

Baltimore, Nov. 12.--Special correspondence of the Manufacturers' Record from Birmingham says that shipments of iron are increasing. Every car that can be utilized for the purpose is being pressed into service. Flat cars are boarded up on the sides and at the ends, and loaded with iron. Even the gondola cars, heretofore exempt from such services, are made to meet the emergency. One line of railroad sent out in one day 20,000 tons of iron for export, and on another day, 15 trains. Some of this iron was billed for Jerusalem. During the past week an order for 10,000 tons at a price temptingly above the price of domestic trade, was declined for export because the seller could not supply it. The question is soon likely to come to the front regarding the ability to meet the demand without adding to the number of furnaces in blast, as all of them at present are turning out a full capacity.

### Three Persons Burned.

Owosso, Mich., Nov. 12.--The village of Perry, south of this city, was visited by a fatal fire. Rowe & Co.'s large livery stable and barn, with contents, were burned to the ground. Charles Taylor, one of the proprietors, and family lived over the barn. Mrs. Taylor, her daughter and an old man named Clark were buried beneath the fallen roof and were burned to death. The building was so suddenly enveloped in flames that they could not escape.

### Yellow Fever Among Troops.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 12.--Advices received in this city from members of the Eighth Illinois volunteers, colored, now at Santiago, state that fully 30 per cent of the regiment are in the hospitals. The Twenty-third United States infantry is encamped across the hill from the Eighth Illinois and yellow fever has made its appearance at the camp of the regulars. Communication between the two camps has been forbidden.

### Ran With a Tray of Rings.

St. Louis, Nov. 12.--Two negroes entered the jewelry store of Albert Webber and asked to be shown some rings. The jeweler placed a tray containing 40 rings, valued at \$50, on the show case for the negroes to look at. While they were examining them a lady customer came in. She attracted the attention of Mr. Webber for a minute, and while his back was turned the negroes ran from the store with the tray. They were followed a short distance, but escaped.

### Jerry Simpson Has Enough.

Topeka, Nov. 12.--Congressman Jerry Simpson, who was defeated in the Seventh district for reelection by Chester I. Long, concisely states a statement of the explanation of his defeat as follows: "As for myself, I shall seek office no more. I shall, at the expiration of my term in congress, retire to my estate ranch at Medicine Lodge and participate in politics to help out the Populist party whenever my services are in demand."

### A Check From the President.

Kokoma, Ind., Nov. 12.--Mrs. James Jones has received a letter from President McKinley. Her husband was an artilleryman and was killed by a premature discharge of a cannon while aiding the presidential train when it passed through here three weeks ago. The president expressed deep sympathy for the bereaved family and sent a check for \$25.

### Two Consuls Appointed.

Washington, Nov. 12.--The president has made the following appointments: Richard Guenther of Wisconsin to be consul general of the United States at Frankfurt, Germany.

Frank H. Mason of Ohio to be consul general of the United States at Berlin, Germany.

### Fatal Shooting at a Mine.

Prescott, Ariz., Nov. 12.--A shooting affray has occurred at the Trilby mine in which Sup.intendent Murphy, a man named Bruner and two others participated. Murphy was mortally wounded, Bruner was killed and the others were slightly wounded. The trouble was over the boundary lines of two mining claims.

### Killed by His Father-in-law.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 12.--J. W. Newton, aged 26, was shot and killed by Sergeant Perkins, his father-in-law, on the farm of the latter. Domestic violence was the cause.

### Montejuco.

Madrid, Nov. 12.--The cabinet who came to power last night...

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