

Blackman Theatre, Monday, Dec. 18

THE KELLAN DUO.



The Kellam Duo will be one of the big attractions on our Lyceum Course. This company has successfully toured the United States and Canada for ten years and have appeared repeatedly on some of the best Lyceum and Chautauque courses.

Mr. T. J. Kellam, baritone reader, is also a musician of ability. He plays violin, mandola and piano, and as an entertainer he is unsurpassed. With him is Miss Lela Lowery, singer, pianist and piano-accompanist.

PRECEPTS AT PARTING

Well, son, so you's gwine for to leab us, yo' lubbin' ol mammy an' me, An' set yo'self up as a waiter, a-settin' ob' de Robbut E. Lee, An' wid dem fancy young niggers, what's shamed fur to look at a bow, An' acts like a passel ob' rich folks, when dey isn't got nuffin to show.

You's had better trainin' dan dey has—I hopes 'at you'll zibit more sense; Sech niggers is a-like a young rooster, a-settin' up top ob' his fence; He keeps on a-stretchin' an' a-blowin' his horn, Dem chickens what ain't teler fussin' is pickin' up all ob' de corn.

Now listen, an' min, what I teler you, an' don't you forget what I say; Take advice ob' a 'sperienced pussen, an' you'll git up de ladder an' stay; Who knows? You mought git to be Pres'dent, or jestic, perhaps, ob' de peace— De man what keeps pullin' de grape-vine shakes down a few bunches at leas'.

Dem niggers what runs on de ribber is mos'ly a mighty sharp set, Dey'd 'in' out some way fur to beat you, ef you bet 'em de water wuz wet; You's got to watch out for dem fellers; dey'd cheat off de horns ob' a cow, I knows 'em; I follered de ribber 'fore ebber I follered de horns ob' a cow.

You'll easy git 'long wid de white folks,—de Cappen an' steward an' clerks,— Dey won't say a word to a nigger, as long as dey notice he works; An' work is de onlies 'ingine we're any 'casion to tote, To keep us gwine on troode currents dan pesters de spirchul boat.

I heered dat idee from a preacher; he luv'd 'at dis life wuz a stream, An' ebry one's soul wuz a packet dat run wid a full head ob' steam; Dat some ob' 'ems only stern-wheeler, while oders wuz mos'ly fine— An' de trip wuz made safer an' quicker by boats ob' de Medofia line.

I wants you, my son, to be 'tic'lar, an' 'boats ob' wid deyod line, An' 'ebry one's soul wuz a packet dat run wid a full head ob' steam; Dat some ob' 'ems only stern-wheeler, while oders wuz mos'ly fine— An' de trip wuz made safer an' quicker by boats ob' de Medofia line.

But nebber git back; be 'raisin' to all de white people you see; An' nebber go a-way on de cabin,—don't neber hab nuffin to say, As a hard on your mudder, your leabin'—I don't know whatebber she'll do; An' ebry one's soul wuz a packet dat run wid a full head ob' steam.

Well, now I's done tol' you my say-so. Dar ain't nuffin more as I knows,— Dey won't say a word to a nigger, as long as dey notice he works; An' work is de onlies 'ingine we're any 'casion to tote, To keep us gwine on troode currents dan pesters de spirchul boat.

PAY YOUR POLL TAX.

The following letter from a prominent State official to a local parish official is self-explanatory: New Orleans, Dec. 10, 1922.

Dear— You realize as fully as I do the importance of getting the folks to pay their poll taxes between now and the 31st of December, in order that they may be qualified to vote at the numerous and important primary and general elections to be held in 1924.

During that year we will elect the Governor, and all other State and parochial officers, United States Senator, Congressmen, President of the United States, etc., and unless the folks begin to qualify by paying their poll taxes this year, they will be cut out of participating in these elections.

I feel that you have given this matter the same thought that I have, and my only excuse for bringing it to your attention is the necessity for prompt action.

Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am, as ever, Sincerely yours, JARED Y. SANDERS

Mrs. Matilda Stringer is visiting her two great-grand children, Master J. W. and little Miss Dorris Scott, hopefuls of Mr. Wesley Scott and Myra Berry. Mrs. Stringer's friends are delighted to see her looking so well and carrying her nearly 85-years young so beautifully.

The mayoralty election held in Natchez on Tuesday was accompanied with greatest interest, the suffragists manifesting intense enthusiasm. The rival candidates were Hon. Luther Whittington and Hon. Chas. F. Engle. More than 2,000 votes were cast and Mr. Whittington won by a few over 100. Perhaps a thousand automobiles were engaged from the rising of the sun to the setting of the same, and even later, carrying voters to and from polls. It was the Gazette publisher's privilege to be in that city on election day and to visit the several polling precincts while the sun was going on. Unused

to such scenes, which we candidly confess we regret have come in our life-time, it was interesting to survey the procession in formation at the polls, each voter waiting his or her turn at the ballot box. Young ladies, who we were surprised would admit being 21 years old, fair as the lily, with cheeks and lips like unto the opening rose, standing along side gray-haired grandmothers, often too infirm to stand unsupported and not infrequently having to be given chairs in which to rest while those ahead, all talking at once, were answering the call of the "country. But youth and age alike did their duty and the battle of the ballots went merrily on, happily unaccompanied by unpleasantness of any nature. After the day was over and the result became known the victors celebrated, and when that "celebrated" we mean all that the word implies or is possible since the 18th Amendment got by! Bells were rung, fireworks discharged, automobiles honked and men and women cheered and cheered and then cheered; we may say parades reigned in happy, good-natured way, and though we regret to acknowledge, as it would be foolish to deny, the ladies held the balance of power and gave victory to the winner. We tremble at the thought of such a day coming to Tensas!

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Rummage, nee Annette Rollins, are receiving congratulations on the coming of a pretty baby-girl, born Monday morning, 11th December. The coming suffragist will bear the names of her two grandmothers, Ann for Mrs. Rollins, and May for Mrs. Rummage, latter deceased. Both mother and babe are doing well. Friends of Mrs. Kate Skinner, mother of the proud maternal grandmother, Mrs. Rollins, are felicitating her upon becoming a great-grandmother.

The firm of Leah Blouin, successor to C. Z. Blouin, Jr., fancy grocer, St. Joseph, is rapidly replenishing stock and will be ready for the Xmas trade, with full supply oysters, fruit, celery and vegetables. All orders will receive prompt attention.

CARD OF THANKS FROM BOY SCOUTS.

We, the Boy Scouts of Troop No. 1, of St. Joseph, wish to say that it is utterly impossible to put in words our thanks for the enjoyable time shown us out on Tensas River by Mr. B. F. Young and Mr. A. B. Ratcliff, our hosts, who, we are glad to say, are both scout commissioners. We thank them.

- B. E. Baxter
A. Blouin
C. Blouin
K. Blouin
D. Brewer
G. Bruno
T. Clarke
J. Johnston
L. Levy
W. Osborn
B. Ratcliff
A. M. Smith
M. B. Smith
J. Brent
S. Baragona
E. Osborn
H. Omburant

Following scouts were unable to attend the camp, but join with their comrades in expressing thanks to the hosts:

- H. Netterville
H. Scott
J. Skinner
O. Watson
C. Baragona

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the many kind friends who ministered to us in our recent great bereavement and whose words of love and comfort afforded us much consolation in the giving up of our dear husband and father; we also thank them for the many beautiful floral offerings that covered the grave of our beloved dead.

- Gratefully yours,
MRS. MARY MORRIS
MRS. VIVIAN GRACE
MRS. CECILE PRIEBATCH
ED. MORRIS
LEON MORRIS
GUS MORRIS

W. R. Baker & Son, in Kershaw building, phone 29, are prepared to supply anything needed in clothing for men or women, boys or girls, from head to foot, with latest prints in dry goods to please the feminine eye. They also have a full and complete line of fancy groceries suitable for Xmas dinner.

No voter can enjoy the privilege of the ballot, or, in other words, can become a voter, if the prerequisites to voting are not fully complied with. Among those prerequisites are registering and paying poll tax. The former can be done without loss after January 1st, though it can be done equally as well now, but the latter cannot be done after end of the year without loss of franchise for two years. The law requires that poll tax must be paid for each of the two years immediately preceding year in which election is held, and must be paid within the year for which it is due. Thus 1922 poll tax must be paid within and not after the year 1922; if paid or if not paid after the year 1922 is gone the payee suffers disfranchisement for two years. So it will be seen that all who do not pay their poll tax before end of the current year—only two weeks off—will lose the right to vote during 1923 and 1924, and in the latter year we will elect state officials and parish and ward officials, president and vice-president of the United States and U. S. senator, and from the way things are now looking it would appear that times are going to be lively then. No matter what opinions may be or how experts may lie, Tensas as always expects every man, and now every woman, to do his and her duty. Preparedness should ever be our motto, so get ready now for the time, when it comes, by paying your poll tax now, and also register. If you don't do it you will have yourself only to blame—we have warned you.

The "Particular" Man. Our idea of being particular is when a man straightens his necktie out when he goes to the telephone to talk with a woman.—Portland Press.

FOR SALE.

COPIES CHATTEL MORTGAGE. The Gazette has in stock a number of Chattel Mortgage blanks which we are offering at 10c a piece, with special price made on larger orders. These chattel mortgage blanks were carefully drawn by local attorneys and are guaranteed to be perfect and complete. The Gazette was requested to print these blanks and keep in stock for benefit of the interested. The form is quite long, covering a sheet 8 1/2 x 16 inches, (longer than legal cap), hence the price we are compelled to charge.

Do It Now—Pay Your Poll Tax!

FORESTRY SCHOOL ON URANIA PRESERVE.

The second annual summer forestry school camp, which began a six weeks' session June 19, with an enrollment of 66 pupils, closed its session July 29, after a gratifying course. Among the students were 15 forestry employees of the Department of Conservation, which established the school not only to educate the youth of the state in the importance and technique of forestry, but to train its own employees so as to get better results from their labors. The department originated and maintains the school, co-operating with the State University in the selection of the faculty. The first session of the school was the initial educational project of its sort and was held in 1921 at Bogalusa. The curriculum for the last session included an advanced class for college graduates, a course for high school graduates and college students, a high school course and a Ranger's course. The faculty consisted of Prof. J. G. Lee, L. S. U., director; V. H. Sonderger, Department of Conservation, assistant director; H. J. Stahl, state forester, and Prof. R. L. Reel, instructors.

EXCELLENT BOATS FOR PATROL WORK.

The necessity for small boats, so staunch in construction as to make cruising in the open gulf safe, induced Commissioner Alexander of the Louisiana Department of Conservation a short time ago to purchase from the federal government several hulls built for tenders for battleships at small cost. These boats, as may be imagined from the use for which they were built, are of the most substantial construction and offer fasted throughout, and are 24 feet long, 3 feet beam and draft of 28 inches, fully equipped. Only the hulls were bought from the government, the cabin construction and engine installation being done by Emile R. Senac, inspector of movable property of the department. The engine develop sufficient horsepower to give a speed of nine miles an hour, and the boats have a cruising radius of 315 miles on the oil carried in tank. Sleeping quarters are provided for two persons, with all the conveniences necessary, considering the work to be done. The lines and construction of the boats are such as to meet the resistance of heavy seas, as is necessary in tenders of battleships.

CHANGES IN HUNTING AND TRAPPING LAWS.

The Louisiana Department of Conservation announces, for the information of the public, that the following changes have been made in the laws for the taking of game animals and game birds and fur-bearing animals: The deer season has been changed to open in the northern zone October 16 and to close December 31; in the southern zone, November 1 to January 15. Non-residents are required to secure a \$50 non-resident license to hunt deer or bear. The quail season now extends from November 15 to March 1; the dove season from September 16 to December 21. All other laws remain the same except for fur-bearing animals, the season for trapping these being November 15 to February 15. Hereafter these trapping fur-bearing animals will have to take out a license costing \$1.25, giving the privilege of both hunting and trapping. The hunting license remains at \$1. Prairie chickens (not rail or marsh-hen), upland plover (papa-not-hen), and imported and native-bred ring-necked pheasants, must not be hunted until 1924. Licensed non-resident may carry out the state with him the bag permitted for two days.

PROSPEROUS SEASON IN SEA FOOD TRADE.

The fish business of Louisiana has just passed through a prosperous season and is about to enter upon one of still greater promise. The supply of sea food in local markets has been abundant, in some cases exceeding the demand. This is particularly so of crabs, the New Orleans market being so overstocked that an effort will be made to get the Conservation Department to pass regulations in respect of the size of crabs marketed. Speckled and white trout have been in the markets in great quantities, but the demand for this particular fish has been so great that the supply was not sufficiently great to meet it. The prevailing price has been \$6.50 for a "hand" of thirty pounds. The catch of fresh water catfish has been large, and the price of ten cents a pound has been satisfactory to the fishermen. Redfish, sheepshead and croakers—in fact, all sorts of fish—have been abundant.

The oyster season closed May 1, except for local markets, in which the bivalves are consumed throughout the year. The crop was the greatest ever known.

The shrimp season is closed until August 15, but local markets are still supplied from the deeper waters of the gulf, for, as in oysters, the season for shrimp in Louisiana never closes. The law prohibits the catching of shrimp for export outside the limits of the state. The outlook for the coming season is so prosperous that catches and sales of \$4,000,000 pounds in 1921 to be exceeded. Prospects for commercial fresh water fishing were never better.

Steal is again its tempter, so to speak—but equal still leads back, daily, quickly, p. d. g.—(prettily, daily, quickly).

KEEP CLOSE GUARD OVER THE FORESTS

The season of the year is at hand when there should be an increased vigilance to prevent forest fires. The forests lands are beginning to dry out and fires at this season are more serious than at any other time of the year. In recognition of this fact the Conservation Department is increasing its number of rangers, and citizens generally are asked to render them every assistance in their power not only in putting out fires, but in guarding against their occurrence. Fires in the forest not only destroy the trees, which are becoming scarcer and more valuable yearly, but they also destroy or permanently injure the ranges, destroying the nesting places of birds and squirrels and other small animals, and do an infinite amount of injury otherwise. In increasing its force of rangers the Conservation Department hopes to minimize the injury done by these fires, but it cannot hope to succeed to any extent unless it has the earnest co-operation of the people of the neighborhood. The deliberate setting fire to forests by ill-informed persons, for one purpose or another, is now prohibited by law, and serious penalties are attached to the custom. This setting fire to the woods for the purpose of improving the range, or of getting rid of ticks, was some years ago not uncommon, and a heavy price is now being paid for the ill-advised act. Forest fires injure, they do not improve the range, and they do not kill ticks. There is no benefit to result from their occurrence in any case. Their effect is always bad, and no valid excuse can be found for their practice. They annually destroy millions of dollars worth of property and at times are destructive of human life. As fires in the forests should be fought as vigorously as those in settled communities, for while they are not as common they are usually more injurious, the property loss in each case being generally greater.

FISH HATCHERY CONTRACT IS LET

The Department of Conservation, through Commissioner M. L. Alexander, has just let a contract for the completion of its Beechwood Fish Hatchery, located about 18 miles from Alexandria, La., said contract having been given to the Lambert Construction Company at an approximate cost of \$35,000. This hatchery is being built for the purpose of hatching the varied species of game fish with which to restock the sport fishing streams of the State, and when completed will be one of the show places of the State.

The hatchery is situated on Indian Creek, three miles from Forest Hill, and sixteen miles from Alexandria, La., a most ideal location, as it will be possible to distribute the fish to all sections of the State at a small cost.

It is the purpose of the department in addition to stocking the streams, to stock the private fish ponds of the farmers and encourage them in the rearing of food fish, which may be sold for profit the same as chickens or other food products of the farm.

There is nothing that means more to the general public as a means of outdoor recreation and sport for men, women, and children than fishing, and the Department of Conservation has recognized its obligation to the citizenry of the State in seeing that this will always be good sport of this kind.

STUDY OF HABITS OF SPOONBILL GAT

During the past month E. L. Barney, director of the United States Fisheries Biological Laboratory, Fropport, Iowa, and P. A. Coullier of the Louisiana Conservation Department, located about 300 paddlefish, or spoonbill cats, about a foot long, in borrow pits along the Red River, tagged them with aluminum tags and released them in the main stream. The fish were recued near Lucas, La. Both the State and the Federal authorities have been interested a number of years in the natural history of this fish, with a view of the artificial propagation of the species, which is valuable food, and whose roe is especially valuable in the manufacture of caviar.

The growing scarcity of the fish and its commercial value have aroused the interest of the Federal government, and led to investigations into its life history, with particular attention to its breeding habits. At present the breeding grounds, the exact temperature and time and manner of mating of the fish are unknown. The rapidity of growth, the time of attainment of sexual maturity, reasonable migrations and their causes are matters of conjecture only. In fact the fish, unusual in appearance because of its long spatulate bill, is something of a mystery.

The tagging done at Lucas may result in the solution of some of the mysterious features in the life history of this fish. The fish were tagged with small metal labels on which were stenciled a number and the address, "U. S. Fisheries, Fropport, Iowa." It is hoped that any fisherman who in the next few years catches any of these tagged fish will co-operate with the State and Federal authorities by sending information regarding the time, place, sex, length and weight of his catch and the evident nearness of the captured fish to spawning. The tags have been locked through the central portion of the large "spoon" of the fish and will probably remain in evidence for years.

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