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For two performances only. Engagement extraordinary of the Colored Southern Humorist and Character Actor.

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Character sketches, lightning changes and metamorphosis. Over two hours of unalloyed, dyspepsia-banishing laughter. Popular prices. Admission 75, 50 and 25 cents. Matinee prices, 50 and 25 cents. Seats reserved at Risco's without extra charge. 4-14-83.

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French Cooks—European Plan.

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Imported wines, liquors and cigars always on hand. 3-29-83

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To Be Offered Only a Short Time by Cohen & Koenigheim.

- 12 dozen stiff hats at 50 cents each, worth \$2.50 to \$3.00.
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- 100 more of these genuine indigo blue flannel suits just received by express, at \$2.00, worth \$2.50.
- 50 dark cassimere suits at \$2.50, worth \$3.00.
- 50 dark cassimere suits at \$1.50, worth \$2.00.
- 50 dark cassimere suits at \$1.00, worth \$1.50.
- 20 boys' blue flannel suits at \$2.00, worth \$2.50.
- 100 pairs boys' cassimere knee pants at \$1.00, worth \$1.50.
- 100 pairs English cottonade pants at \$1.25, worth \$2.00.
- 55 dozen all silk handkerchiefs at 50 cents, worth \$1.00.

This week we offer special inducements to city trade, and only ask an inspection of the above bargains to convince you that you can buy clothing, or anything else in our line, as cheap of us as in any eastern city.

Just Received at Jucker's.

A large assortment of "gent's," boys' and youths' ready made clothing. Call and see them. 3-29-83

Merchant Tailoring.

Cohen & Koenigheim keep the finest line of imported and domestic goods. They have the best cutter and workmen in this city, and their prices are the lowest. A fit guaranteed or no sale, and all they ask for is a trial. Remember the place, 300 and 311 Main Plaza. 4-14-83.

"GIFF" ON THE RIO GRANDE.

He Visits Governor Hunt's Coal Mines and is Completely Astonished at the Amount of Developments Inaugurated.

LAREDO, TEXAS, April 12.—As a mining man in search of coal and coke, the solution of successful smelting enterprises for this frontier. I this day, in company with Dr. H. Gerlich, German Consul at St. Louis; Mr. John C. Salgeber, a prominent citizen of St. Louis; Mr. H. Tarcke, a German mining gentleman from Candalla, Mexico; Mr. F. A. Lister, General Superintendent of the Mexican National; Mr. C. F. Whitney, Attorney for the Texas Mexican Railway; Colonel Hangelord, General Superintendent, and Governor A. C. Hunt, President of the Rio Grande and Pecos railway, visited and most thoroughly investigated the Hunt coal mines, situated 28 miles north of this point on the river.

The coal fields are penetrated from Laredo by over 30 miles of main line, side tracks and spans of the Rio Grande and Pecos railway, a standard gauge road, with the third rail now being laid to accommodate narrow gauge cars. One cannot believe the amount of work that has been and is being done in opening up these coal fields without a personal trip to the mines.

First, there is one noticeable fact, that while some enemies of the country and prejudiced people have been abusing Governor Hunt, making every effort to down him, he has kept quietly at work developing a property, proving it to be a grand success, right in the face of prominent condemnation that it would prove an entire failure. In this work the Governor has proven his superior ability as a railroad manager. Again, he has solved the problem of the future success and prosperity of our Southwestern frontier. Even San Antonio's brilliant future as a manufacturing center is now in the "cards," and only needs some shrewd capitalists to "play the first hand." Just think of it, the best quality of bituminous coaling, fine grade of gas and steam, and best quality of canal coals—endless quantity—sufficient to supply the State of Texas—almost at our door.

ONE THOUSAND TONS NOW ON THE DUMP, which can be delivered in car load lots at San Antonio for \$7 per ton. Austin \$8, Laredo \$5 and Monterey, Mexico. Our entire party were completely astonished at the work inaugurated on every hand and at a glance saw the magnitude of (as I once heard a prominent railway official quote it) "Hunt's coal scheme and little paper railroad, which will never be built." We first visited the

SANTO TOMAS MINE.

situated at the present terminus of their railroad, only 100 yards from the Rio Grande. The main entrance to this mine on the face of a little foot hill, back from (and fronting) the river, about 300 yards, and some 500 feet above the railroad track. From this opening runs a tram-way to the banks of the river with trestle work, scales, dumps, screens and every improved convenience for the handling of coal, built over the railroad track. All waste from the mine is run to the end of the tramway and dumped into the river with a fall of 75 feet. The main entrance or tunnel is 55x55 feet, at present 893 feet long, with 29 rooms opened up, from which they are now taking coal. At 500 and 700 feet in they have two "cross centers" or cross tunnels, in 300 feet each, for what they call "long wall work," on each of which 100 miners can work. The vein in this mine is only 22 inches, but of fine quality; from it they are taking from 40 to 50 tons per day, and with full force, can increase it to 100.

THE MOUNT MINT

is also opened on the face of a foot hill fronting the river and is reached by a spur from the main track. It is developed by two paved gang ways or tunnels each 700 feet long with 19 rooms and air shaft, all well timbered, and tramways complete for working to every advantage. Ore taken from this mine 30 times per day, which can be increased to 50 when necessary.

THE NEW SHAFT.

This mine as yet is not named, and for convenience sake I will call it the "Black Diamond Mine," because its contents to Western Texas are worth far more than diamonds. This mine is six miles south of the Santo Tomas, reached by a switch from the main track. It has a substantial timbered shaft 1000 feet, divided into three compartments, one for water, steam and air pipes and two for cages and elevators. At a depth of 105 feet in the shaft they cut the 22 inch vein, on which the other two mines are opened. And at 117 feet—reached last Friday—they cut the "black diamond" for Western Texas, a 42 inch vein of clear, clean coaling coal. Overlaying each of the veins in this shaft is a vein of first-class fire clay, which will prove of great value in the development of smelting enterprises on this frontier. From all appearances and investigations this coal deposit is in the shape of a basin, about 6x16 mile square, and with this idea the "Black Diamond" has been opened in about the center of the basin. First-class, improved machinery, immense engines, water pumps, elevators, hoisting machinery, boilers, cutting machinery for cutting down the machinery in large blocks are already on the ground, which will be put in operation as rapidly as possible, and it is safe to predict that inside of six months the "Black Diamond" will be opened up sufficient to furnish employment for 500 miners.

AN EYE TO BUSINESS.

While Governor Hunt came to our frontier at a time when every capitalist in the land was afraid of us, both for safety of life and property, he has shown his confidence in our

future by investing his individual fortune, doing more to develop our frontier than any man we could have selected by choice. At the same time the careful observer can see at a glance the Governor's long and clear-headed "eye to business." Out of his coal lands, which are included as a basis in his mortgage bond on his railroad, he has set aside 2000 acres for the future great of the Rio Grande.

CARSON CITY.

This town sight is beautifully situated on a plateau on the bank of the Rio Grande, romantically surrounded by a chain of foot hills with the coal mines to the northeast and south of it. It is laid off in the style and plan of Northern and Western cities, with 80 foot streets at right angles with square blocks, lots with alleys, and reservations for plazas, parks, churches, school houses, public buildings, etc. In the center of the town sight is a foot hill 50 feet above the town level and 150 feet above the river. On top of this foot hill the Governor has already erected a huge water tank, holding 95,000 gallons, supplied by powerful pumps from the Rio Grande, the water first being filtered by a tunnel the river bed, bringing the water through a deposit of gravel. From this tank the water is carried over the town site in pipes, giving a person sufficient for even fire purposes. White Carbon city, named in its infant dress, only has a dozen unpainted houses and 100 people. It has beauty, grandeur and prosperity stamped plainly on its face, and I predict for a full city with not less than 3000 industrious people receiving the admission in settlement of the people of Texas inside of two years. And if Governor Hunt lives and keeps his health I would bet on it having 5000 in five years and 10,000 in 10 years, with two important railroads. Even now a few sharp business business men will find this an advantageous location.

VALUABLE BUILDING STONE

in endless quantities adjoin the town site, and quarries are now being opened. Quality, sand and lime stone, of any size desired. From what I see, I would suggest that the contractors of the State capitol building at Austin would do well to investigate these quarries. They might find the stone they are looking for.

AN OPENING

for some young man in San Antonio, with a small capital, or a good credit, is to take hold and handle the coal from these mines. It would be a easy, safe business and I charge nothing for this suggestion, but if any of our readers take hold of it remember that the LIGHT will be most happy to advertise it at our regular rates—which will surely bring you success.

See Inside of Supplement for Local News.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

The Charges Against the President Fall and a Vote of Confidence Passed.

The British association held their usual business meeting in Struve's hall last night, the President, W. Holland, occupying the chair.

Mr. C. K. Law, of San Antonio, and Mr. J. D. O. Crab were elected members. Mr. T. N. Crye resigned owing to his leaving the State.

The charter of the association was read and ordered to be filed, Mr. I. H. Copeland receiving a complimentary vote of thanks for presentation of his notarial fees to the funds of the association.

The Building society scheme was read and referred to committee. The charges of Mr. R. C. Symington against the officers and council of the association were then presented. Mr. Symington charged:

The President (W. Holland) with partiality in preferring young members to old members in procuring employment, and to his partiality in ruling as Chairman.

The First Vice President H. Ryder-Taylor, with partiality towards certain members, no specific instance being made. The Council with general dereliction of duty.

Some person or persons unknown with having revealed the business of the association to reporters contrary to the constitution and by-laws.

The President then left the chair and the association resolved itself into a committee. Third Vice President G. W. Appleyard being elected to preside. After a careful investigation into the charges against the President, the association unanimously decided that there was no ground for the charge, and passed a vote of confidence in the President. Mr. Symington then gave notice that he did not intend to proceed with the other charges. The meeting adjourned at a late hour, the National anthem being sung.

Rolla Ryan.

The intangible Southern facial artist gave two of his varied and interesting entertainments Friday and Saturday nights. As an impersonator of characters we have never seen his superior. He does not weary an audience with a sameness, but gives that variety which renders an entertainment delightfully enjoyable. He enters so fully into the character he is impersonating that it seems incredible the same Rolla is on the stage. From the timid and affected school girl to the wild and reckless cowboy of the Western frontier, from the old maid to the Alabama squatter. He changes instantly, representing each perfectly. In the New York newsboy he exhibits a wonderful versatility of talent. He is humorous, musical, pathetic, serious and tragical at will. In brief he is a modern Proteus. As Othello he weeps over Desdemona's death. And as Macbeth raves in the fight with Macduff. —[Lynchburg N. wa.

SOCIETY GOSSIP.

Doings and Happenings About Town—What Ye Reporter Saw and Has to Say.

The beginning of the week ushered in, in a very becoming and significant manner, what will prove to be a long, continuous and severe summer. It seemed as though Vulcan opened his massive doors and shot down the scorching sparks of his terrible furnace.

THE POET.

too, comes in for a share of glory, and could be seen weeping his melancholy thoughts toward the "New Green Wood" or along the "silver banks" of our winding streamlets.

The fair sex, taking advantage of the early summer, aired their new bonnets, becomingly adorned the lighter fabrics of the day, and many a pure snowbird, lovely in the innocence of youth and beauty, was seen strutting down our

ADVENTURE OF COMMERCE.

where they engaged themselves in viewing the mighty new waves attractive to their wondrous eyes.

AT THE PARK.

On Wednesday afternoon crowds of lovely damsels with the small ones, and the babies and the nurses interspersed, thronged about Travis park—more to listen to the beautiful strains of Professor Hall's excellent band—others to air their new dresses. Many a pair witnessed the

FASHION AND STYLE.

of our San Antonio belles. Organoids, atomes, foulards, grenadines, and in fact, all kinds and sects. Handsome, medium and indifferent tastes were displayed.

WHEN THE MUSIC CEASED.

our reporter thronged along with a merry crowd of ladies, slowly winding their way down Navarro street, the topic of conversation carried on relative mostly to

WHERE AND WHERE TO GET IT.

The merry group presently merged into Commerce street, where, hostating a moment, they came to a conclusion and walked over to the most popular of

SAN ANTONIO'S SOCIETS.

the magnificent establishment of S. Mayer & Son.

THE LOCATION.

of this reputed house, its light and airy appearance, combined with the beautiful displays and rich assortment of all kinds of ladies' apparel, and accessories, gives the firm their well-merited standing and preference amongst the great majority of the San Antonio ladies.

LOVELY! ELEGANT! ENQUIRERS!

"Just too pretty for anything," were some of the enthusiastic remarks of the patroness; while another merry crowd were arguing the merits of it and qualities of some pretty novelty. It is noteworthy that this house has

LEADERS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.

and every week proves that it pays to mark certain lines of goods at small margins, thereby enabling the house to dispose of

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF GOODS.

S. Mayer & Son sell goods cheaply because it pays to do so, and they have had particular facilities in purchasing at extreme low prices. Everything in this popular house bears a plain number representing the price of the article. Give this house a trial, call, when you will find that everybody is

SERVED ALEK.

without regard to wealth or station. Next week S. Mayer & Son will offer some extraordinary

DRIVES IN ALL SORTS.

and will publish through our columns an Open Price List of some of their leading departments.

DO NOT FAIL TO SEE IT; IT WILL BE WELL WORTH PERSONAL AND AN INSPECTION

of their stock is advised, before making any purchases. Remember their house, S. Mayer & Son, millinery, fancy dresses, house goods, corner Commerce and Navarro streets.

BOUND FOR LIFE.

Lieutenant-Colonel Gutierrez Leads the Charming Hermina Flores to the Altar.

It was the intention that the marriage of Lieutenant-Colonel Felix M. Gutierrez, of Monterey, with Miss Hermina Flores should have been a grand affair, in so far as it was consistent with the fact that they had recently been in mourning. The religious ceremonial was arranged to take place in San Fernando cathedral, to be solemnized by High Mass and accompanied by full choral service, but news was received late last night of the death of Antonio Cardena, cousin and brother-in-law of the bride's mother. The ceremony was therefore reduced to its simplest form. The hour set for the marriage was 10 o'clock, and by that time San Fernando cathedral was crowded with interested spectators. About 10:45 o'clock the bridal party arrived at the cathedral, and were received by the Rev. Father Pedro de V. Lozano, of Monterey, and the Rev. Father Gonnoli. Taking their places, the ceremony proceeded. At the close the bridal party passed down the aisle in the following order: The bride and bridegroom.

Miss Francisco Flores and Senor Severino Villalera.

Miss Marie Lacoste and Senor Ignacio Morelos Zaragosa.

Miss Tregenta Garcia and Colonel H. B. Adams.

They were driven to the residence of the bride's father, on Alamo street, where the bridal luncheon was served to a select number of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Gutierrez leave to-day for Galveston and then go to Monterey, where they will permanently reside.

The bride is the charming daughter of Senor Jose and Senora Juana Montes de Flores. She was attired in an elegant brocade silk dress, and wore the usual bridal wreath and orange blossoms.

Colonel F. M. Gutierrez is an officer in the Mexican army who is held in high estimation among his people.

The ushers were Messrs. Leonardo Garza, Leopold Guerguin and J. Fermín Cassiano. The whole arrangement is devoted upon Mr. Cassiano, who performed his arduous duties in a very gentlemanly manner.

Recorder's Court.

W. Lang's case was dismissed, for being drunk on the streets. Clara, a veritable Topay, throwing stones, was continued in next Monday. Louis Gonzales, drunk and disorderly, was fined \$5. Jeff Edwards, drunk on the streets, fined \$5.