

SOCIETY TITTERS AT ELK BLACK FACE MINSTRELS

Packed House Giggles and Guffaws at Hot-Shots on Local People.

TONY GOCKEL MAKES GOOD NIGGAH; IS HIT

Louis Juden, Pete Bremermann, A. M. Tinsley, Jack Hobbs et al Are Scored.

A ripple of titters, followed by giggles, snickers, guffaws, and, as the local "hits" were "sprung," horse-laugh characterized the premiere of the Elks Minstrel last night at the Park theater. It was a howling success.

The house was packed to capacity and from the opening chorus by a flashily dressed gang of "niggahs" assisted by a princely garbed company of "white-folks" to the last word of the barbedue, the minstrel was crammed full of fun. More than 600 persons saw the opening show. The minstrel will be repeated tonight.

The Elks' Booster supplement of The Tribune did not over-press-agentize the show and those who brought cauliflower tied up in ribbons did not muster courage enough to take it to the footlights.

The minstrel was started with an overture by the entire company of singers. First pranced on the stage the darkies, Harold Stubblefield, Robert Beckman, Leon Haman, Elmer Haman, Art Welpentz, Paul Finney, Charles Blackledge and Norman Gaines. A kinky head, coal black physiognomy, great rolling white-eyes, broad and expansive lips; hands as black as his face; bright yellow coat and pants, many colored shirt, black bow tie, and white shoes completed the costume of each.

The Beaux ideals of melody and sweet Southern singers were princely arrayed in silk stockings, knee breeches, flowing coats of the Sixteenth Century, lacy frills on shirt fronts, be-powdered wigs of a Colonial day and brass buckled shoes. Some of the shanks were not used to being displayed in silk stockings and knee breeches, but that didn't make any difference.

Chris Stiver, the interlocutor, garbed in much the same fashion as his beaux ideals took charge of the performance.

Leon Haman sang the first solo, "Auntie Skinner's Chicken Dinner" which was well received and after Pouch Gaines had sassed the interlocutor with "high art" in which he wound up with a "hit" on Patrolman George Talley, A. B. Gockel sang a ballad—"Piney Ridge."

Up to this point, two of the chairs had been empty and Christ introduced W. Palmer Oliver and George Boltz, the End Men or Premiers. They were resplendent in bright green costumes and on their entry, Boltz sang "I Guess I'll Soon Be Back in Dixie Land." Both Boltz and Haman were recalled for encores.

The minstrel show was getting over the stage fright of the first few moments by this time and the chorus was sung with a fervor born of having a good time themselves. It was as much fun for the minstrelmen as it was for the folks out front.

The show was getting across and just at this point, Tony Gockel, who, if a star performer were picked, would carry off the honors, together with Bob Nunn, the "greatest desaminators of minstrelsy" took the middle of the stage as Oliver and Boltz departed for another engagement.

Gockel's first song was a stem-winder. He was decked out in all the black-face paraphernalia, plus a white silk suit of clothes. His dancing as they "Loaded up the Mandy Lee" was professional and he had to repeat the performance four times. Each encore, he had a new stunt ready and his minstrel versatility kept the crowd with him from the moment he got started till he disappeared behind the curtain.

Bob Nunn in his dissertation to Stiver on Love and Natural Defense, sprung one of the "hits" that made an exceptionally profound impression. Stiver had maintained that England was going to build the longest ship in the world.

"Dat's where you's wrong again," admonished the minstrel. "De longest ship in the world am de coteship between Jack Hobbs and Birdie Mae Adams."

When Alvin Haas had received an ovation on singing a ballad, "When I Leave the World Behind," Gockel pulled in his story of a possum hunt, "hits" that went home with the audience.

In a dream contest, Gockel won a possum when he dreamed that he found Pete Bremermann and Louis

CRAMER REFUSES TO BE CANDIDATE FOR CAPE COURT

Jackson Attorney tells friends He Cannot Accept \$2,000 Position.

ALEXANDER MAY BE NOMINATED FOR POST

Democratic County Committee Will Meet in Jackson For Caucus Today.

The Democratic County Committee will meet in Jackson today to devise a means for placing a candidate in the field for judge of the Court of Common Pleas, to succeed the late Robert G. Ranney.

Chairman Kinder said last night that he did not know whether the Committee would merely endorse a man for the place or call a county convention at which the Democratic nominee would be chosen.

In either event, it is said, Harry E. Alexander will get the nomination. Thomas J. Juden, the main prop in the Democratic party of this county, is a strong friend of Mr. Alexander, and it is said he has eliminated all other aspirants.

Judge Wilson Cramer, whom the Republicans have agreed to nominate at their convention next Saturday, will not make the race, he has told leaders of his party. His reason for declining the place, he informed his friends, is the small salary. He could not afford to give up his practice, he stated, to accept the place, which only pays \$2,000 a year.

If Judge Cramer becomes a candidate at all this year, he stated, it will be for judge of the St. Louis Court of Appeals. But he has not announced himself for any office yet.

Of the available timber in the Republican party, with Judge Cramer eliminated, it is believed Judge John A. Snider of Jackson is favored by Republican leaders. He has privately informed his friends that he would accept the nomination. Judge Doris and Orren Wilson have erected their lightning rods and are waiting for a strike.

"I am available timber," remarked Judge Doris yesterday. "I am a real candidate," said Judge Wilson. "There are said to be Republicans who would not be adverse to accepting the nomination, if it is tendered to them, but I wish you would just say that Orren Wilson is a candidate and wants the job. I believe I have the bulge on the situation, but I am not claiming to have the proposition sewed up. That salary is large enough for the job and it looks good to me. Just tell the folks that I would like the place."

The Republicans will hold precinct meetings over the county tomorrow at which they will choose delegates to the convention, which meets in Jackson one week from tomorrow. Chairman Kinder of the Democratic committee believes that the law requiring candidates to file for nomination will annul any nomination that either of the parties may make, but lawyers do not take the contention seriously.

Juden, on Christmas Eve, seeing who could pitch the most nickels into a salvation Army pot. Elbert Vogelsanger figured in a vision in which he drove his Buick car out the Jackson road and landed in Cincinnati.

A. M. Tinsley got something wrong with his eyes, it was charged, and he was accused of seeing double, reading meters for the Utilities Company.

Many guesses were ventured on the characters in the side show and Captain Harry W. Bridges as the Fat baby was the only one universally recognized. The Captain had a feather bed stuffed under his dress. Jim Phillips had legs like tooth-picks as the Living Skeleton. Red Krump, the elevator boy at the H.-H. building, was a tame looking wild man and Louis Hopp made a hit as the Cannibal. Dr. John D. Porterfield, Jr., shook and rattled like a dope fiend and the identity of the Bearded Lady has been lost.

Other features of the show were the strong arm stuff pulled by Eddie Gockel and Russ Deal together with a song by Leon Haman, aided by a chorus of darky boys and girls dressed in gay stripes.

Professor Frank Kenyon gave a genuinely funny imitation of a 10-year old automatic piano as well as the nickle-in-the-slot brand and the show was closed by a barbecue scene staged by Leslie Patton, Russell Dearnont, Palmer Oliver, Arthur Welpentz, Bob Beckman, Oliver Edwards, Lowell Lane, Norman Mozley and Jene St. Avit.

The show broke up when Mozley and Oliver shot the place up with blank cartridges.

TO REVIVE SHOE FACTORY PLANS, S. M. CARTER SAYS

"Prepare Your Ideas On Money Raising," President Tells Com'l Club.

CAPE TO INAUGURATE NEW COUNTY SURVEY

Will Be Emulated All Over The State—May Bring Leming Mill To City.

The Cape's shoe factory proposition will be revived by the Commercial Club next week when the Shoe Factory Committee will meet Tuesday afternoon at the Commercial Club rooms to devise ways and means of raising the money with which to build a proposed addition to the present factory.

The announcements of the committee meeting was made by President Sam M. Carter last night at the regular monthly meeting of the club, when he asked the business men and public officials of the Cape to contribute ideas on how the money may be raised.

"Put your notions in writing," Mr. Carter urged, "and present them to the committee. Then we can classify ideas and get a definite line on this matter that is before us."

"It is not a matter of knowing whether we want to try to raise this money. But it is a question of learning how we can best go about it to raise the money, who can we expect to go about and do the actual work of getting the money."

The members of the committee to whom the money-raising ideas should be submitted are Mr. Carter chairman, ex officio, W. F. Bergmann, John L. Miller, C. W. Stehr, R. E. L. Lamkin.

The club last night passed a resolution authorizing the Executive Committee to conduct negotiations with M. E. Leming, seeking to induce him to bring his Rombauer mill to the Cape. Mr. Leming has signified a willingness to make the change, provided the proper adjustments may be made successfully.

Charles L. Harrison announced that Attorney I. R. Kelso was going to push the matter of a return to the 60-cent coal rate vigorously as soon as the railroad is out of its receivership.

President Carter announced that in response to a demand growing strong in the Cape, he will call a special meeting of the club to be held in about two weeks when a general review of the club's activities will be taken in the nature of an "inventory of club jobs."

After A. H. Hinchey, secretary of the Federated Missouri Commercial Clubs, had explained a proposed statewide, social, commercial and agricultural survey, the club voted to cooperate with the federation officials in starting the survey in Cape County.

President Carter appointed a committee of D. M. Scivally, Seth Babcock and E. W. Flentge to give the survey special attention and work in conjunction with the officials of the federation to obtain the information that is to be collected.

Similar investigations will be made in all the 113 counties in the state by the federation, Cape Girardeau County being used as a model. Following Mr. Hinchey's visit to Washington next week, he will return to the Cape when a special meeting will be held and Mr. Hinchey will explain details of the proposed survey.

DR. S. T. ADAMS WRITES WILL BE HOME THURSDAY

Dr. S. T. Adams, of 343 South Spanish street, dentist with offices in the Himmelberger-Harrison building, who was operated upon in St. Louis several days ago, will be home Thursday, according to word he sent his wife in a letter which she received yesterday.

Dr. Adams declared in his letter that he has almost completely recovered. The operation was the second within a few weeks that he underwent in an effort to cure a combination of gall stone, appendix and intestinal trouble with which he had been troubled.

The operation that was performed upon the doctor is considered one of the most hazardous and dangerous in surgical work. Dr. Adams went to St. Louis before Christmas to have the first operation performed and a month later, he was forced to return to have second done.

MISSOURI PASTOR'S WIFE DIES.

Jackson, Feb. 5.—Mrs. Lynn F. Ross of this city received news of the death last week at Marietta, Okla., of her sister, Mrs. J. E. Flow, wife of the pastor of the Marietta Presbyterian Church.

VANDIVORT AND MAYOR CLASH OVER PARK DEED

Fair Director Would Bind City From Ever Disposing of The Property.

CITY WONT BE TIED THAT WAY, SAYS KAGE

Deal Not Closed and Fair Officials Hand Out Silent Treatment.

In the closing moments of the negotiations between the City and the Fair and Park Association over the purchase of the fairgrounds as a City park, a clash occurred between C. A. Vandivort, one of the fair directors, and Mayor Kage that may cause serious complications before the deal for the purchase of the park is finally closed.

The controversy arose when, in drawing the deed for the park property, Vandivort proposed to insert a sentence binding the city to hold the land as a City park forever.

Mayor Kage opposed this stipulation by the fair director and declared that the deed to be accepted by the city should not contain any such agreement.

The deal for the purchase of the city park has not been concluded yet. The money has not changed hands and the deed has not been signed and turned over to the city officials.

The clash over the question of the city's rights to be able to dispose of the proposed park property occurred in Mayor Kage's office a couple of days ago, when R. B. Oliver, Jr., who is the attorney drafting the deed, the Mayor and Mr. Vandivort were discussing the terms of the deed.

Mr. Vandivort brought up the subject, voicing his request that the attorney include in the document the sentence that the property is to be used solely and exclusively as a public park by the City.

The Mayor declared that the deed would not be acceptable to the City under that condition. He was backed up by Attorney Oliver who declared that the deed will contain virtually all of the records leading to the purchase of the park and that the additional sentence will be unnecessary and inexpedient.

The discussion became heated and Mr. Vandivort is said to have departed saying he would take counsel with President Blattner.

Yesterday, when it was expected that the deal for the sale of the park would be closed, the city officials received silent treatment by the officials of the Fair Association. The deed never was shown to the Mayor, signed by President Blattner and the city officers were not even informed if the deed had been signed.

The deed was drafted by Attorney Oliver leaving out the sentence disqualifying the city from disposing of the property.

The Mayor will make a final examination of the deed before he orders the warrant for the \$30,000 drawn in favor of the Fair and Park Association.

The money with which to buy the park was received yesterday. The bonds which arrived at City Clerk Frissell's office yesterday, were turned over to City Treasurer J. F. Masterson.

Masterson took them to the Sturdivant Bank where a draft for \$40,628 was drawn upon William Compton & Co., of St. Louis, bond brokers, who are taking the bonds from the Sturdivant Bank.

This draft was deposited in the First National Bank and the city has to its credit \$41,628 with which to buy the park and make improvements. The City already had placed \$1,000 to the credit of the park fund through the certified check filed by the bank at the time the bonds were sold.

Mr. Vandivort's proposed stipulation is not based upon the terms of the offer and option that was given the City, the Mayor pointed out, and at no time has that specification been made a part of the City's agreement to buy.

Looking many years into the future, there is a possibility that the city will have grown to such an extent that to dispose of that land for business purposes in the heart of a great city, will be more profitable for a park system than to hold it, the Mayor pointed out.

ACID PLANT EXPLODES.

Emporium, Penn., Feb. 7.—A mysterious explosion destroyed the Picric acid plant of the Aetna Explosive Company here this evening, and for a time threatened the entire plant. No lives were lost, it was reported.

NEW CAPE BANK ORGANIZES, WILL OPEN MARCH 1

Wm. B. Schaefer to be President And A. H. Mueller V. P. Is Report.

CAPITAL STOCK TO BE INCREASED SOON

\$15,000, Present Capital Will Be Raised to \$50,000—Home Downtown.

The Cape Exchange Bank, which was incorporated several months ago, was formally organized at a meeting held in the offices of the Dempsey Grocery Company, last night. Following the conference, Judge William B. Schaefer announced that the \$15,000 capital stock had been oversubscribed, and that the amount would be increased to \$50,000 within a short time.

The directors of the new institution, are: William B. Schaefer, David B. Smith, Al H. Mueller, Charles H. Overstoz and A. R. Zoelsman. The officers of the bank were not selected, Judge Schaefer stated, but he probably will be the President and A. H. Mueller, Vice-President. The cashier, whose identity could not be ascertained, will be named by Mr. Schaefer. He stated that one of the best known bankers in the county was being considered for the place, but that no choice had actually been made.

The question of location was discussed at length last night, but no decision reached. The stockholders, which are composed of merchants in this city and farmers, will meet with the directors Wednesday evening, at which time the location will be decided.

It is understood that Judge Edward D. Hays will be made the bank's attorney at the meeting tomorrow evening.

"The bank will be independent and will be controlled by no man or faction," said Judge Schaefer. "Our object will be to make it a bank for everybody. We have purchased the fixtures and furniture and will be ready for business not later than March 1."

"We have an excellent set of stockholders. Some of the wealthiest and most influential farmers in the county have taken stock and are willing to take more. A number of the best business men in this city are among our list of stockholders. We are prepared to increase the capital stock to \$50,000 without adding to our present list of stockholders."

"In my canvass among the business men of this city and the men in the county, I never found one who turned the proposition down. Everyone came in without persuasion, and expressed a willingness to take more stock than we had for sale."

When asked whether the bank would be located on Main street, he declined to say. "That is a matter that will be left to the whole board and the stockholders next Wednesday night," he said.

According to a report that has been current on the street for several days, the bank will probably locate on North Main street, just a few doors from the First National Bank. The property is owned by Mrs. Lee Cairns. Albert Judge Schaefer said this site had been only discussed and that no action had been taken.

"When the stockholders make a choice, we shall be glad to announce it," he said. "You know this is going to be a bank in which everyone of its stockholders will have something to say. We have gone over some of the matters, of course, but we have nothing to announce concerning the location."

BANK SUES ELLEGOODS. First National Asks \$200 Damages in Deal Over House.

A suit for \$200 damages was filed yesterday afternoon in the Court of Common Pleas by the First National Bank against Mrs. Mosella A. Ellegood and her husband, William T. Ellegood.

In its petition, which was filed by Davis and Hardesty, attorneys, the bank declared that the bank was entitled to possession of the Ellegood home at the southeast corner of Theis and Spanish street, next to the Elks building, on January 31, last. The bank purchased the place at a sheriff's sale Saturday, Jan. 29, last when the bank made the only bid of \$7,500.

On the day after the bank was entitled to possession, according to the petition, the Ellegoods withheld possession of the place. The monthly rental of the place amounts to \$100, the petition recites and the bank is suing on account of the withheld rental.

DYNAMITE BLAST WRECKS BRIDGE OVER HOG CREEK

Span, Damaged By High Water, Collapses From Jar of Explosion.

TWO MEN INJURED; DEBRIS BURIES ONE

Workmen Ride Structure Into the Air, Then Are Hurlled Into Water.

Two men were injured when a charge of dynamite, used to dislodge an abutment of the Hog Creek bridge on the Jackson-Marble Hill road, wrecked the structure when it exploded, burying one of the workmen in the debris and throwing both into the waters of the stream.

The explosion and accident occurred last Friday afternoon and the story of the wreck reached the Cape yesterday when business men from Oak Ridge came here. The injuries to the men were not serious. The escape of Charles Tate, who was buried beneath the debris for a time, was considered miraculous.

The bridge which is on the road from Jackson to Marble Hill spanning the creek at a place about on the line between Cape and Bollinger Counties, is one of the largest in that County. The recent high water that passed down the creek damaged the abutment on the side nearest Marble Hill to such an extent that an entirely new abutment had to be placed.

The greater part of the abutment was carried away by the water and a stump was remaining that had to be removed in order to place the new abutment.

The repair work was being done by R. R. Bedwell and Co., Bridge builders of Oak Ridge, who have made virtually all the bridges in that part of the county and in Cape County. Bedwell and his crew of several men were doing the work when the accident occurred.

They had lifted the end of the span from the place it had lodged and had it braced up so that the new abutment could be put in place. The span of the bridge is made of steel with a concrete flooring.

In order to remove the remainder of the old abutment, a charge of dynamite was placed beneath it and exploded. The dynamite charge was considered only sufficient to move the abutment. Chester Morrison was standing on the floor of the bridge near the end when the explosion was to take place when the charge was touched off, and Tate was standing beneath the corner of the floor within a few feet of the dynamite.

When the dynamite was set off, it tore the abutment out of the ground, and lifted the floor of the bridge into the air, throwing it off its bracing abutments at both ends and plunged it into the bed of the creek.

The floor of the bridge was carried over Tate's head and when it went to the bottom of the creek, he was carried with it. Morrison went down with the floor and was caught in the water of the creek which still was at a comparatively high stage.

Morrison escaped almost immediately, but for several moments, Tate had disappeared from the view of his fellow workmen. They rushed to the place where he had disappeared and began working in an attempt to rescue him. After a few minutes, Tate crawled out from the side of the flooring.

The steel girders and beams in the bridge were bent and arched out of shape and it became necessary to remove them from the floor in order to make the proper repairs. The entire bridge will virtually have to be rebuilt, it is said.

WILSON'S HAT IN THE RING.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Although it had been presumed that President Wilson would evade an entrance into the Presidential campaign at present, it was learned authoritatively tonight that he will toss his hat into the ring in Ohio.

The President will write a letter to Secretary of State L. D. Brandt in Ohio, stating that he intends to seek a renomination, and giving a blanket consent to have his name placed on the primary ballot in that state.

From private sources it was learned that President Wilson is now writing his statement to the Secretary of State in Ohio. Just when this will be sent is not known, but it is presumed that he will mail it within the next few days.

Allen H. Oliver is in St. Louis on a business trip.

SPRADLING AND DRUM SEEK POST ON CAPE BENCH

Fight For Common Pleas Nomination Now Between Only Two Democrats.

ALEXANDER MAY RUN FOR CIRCUIT COURT

John A. Snider Leads for Nomination On The Republican Ticket.

The race for the nomination for Judge of the Common Pleas Court, on the Democratic side, has narrowed down to A. M. Spradling of Jackson, and Edward L. Drum of this city. According to a report current in political circles, Harry E. Alexander, has announced he would not be a candidate for the place, because he expects to be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Circuit Judge this summer.

While he informed The Tribune last night that he would not seek the Common Pleas Court nomination, he refused to say whether he would run for Circuit Judge. "I have not reached a decision on that matter," he said, "and I have authorized no one to make such an announcement."

Frank Kelly, now Circuit Judge, has informed his close friends that he will seek renomination, and his friends have been under the impression that Mr. Alexander would not oppose him. The report that Mr. Alexander contemplates entering the contest, has precipitated much uneasiness in the Kelly camp. Edward D. Hays has announced that he will seek the Republican nomination for the Circuit Judgeship, and according to leading Republicans, he will not meet with any opposition in this own party.

As the district, under its new boundary, is about evenly divided, politically, a vigorous contest is expected to be made by the candidates who get the nominations.

The elimination of Mr. Alexander from the contest for Common Pleas Judge, has started a contest between the friends of Mr. Spradling and Mr. Drum. It is believed that a spirited contest will be waged in the convention, which will be held in Jackson Friday.

John A. Snider, J. H. Doris, and Orren Wilson are the only candidates for the Republican nomination. Judge Snider, according to politicians, has the nomination nailed down. He will get the support of a majority of the delegates from this city and will have the unanimous vote of Jackson. In the delegations from the various county precincts, it is believed he will get as many as his two opponents combined.

Orren Wilson is threatening to run as an independent candidate, if he fails to get the party's approval, he said yesterday. "On the records of the three candidates, I ought to win hands down," he said. "My decisions in the justice and police courts have been air tight, legally speaking. I know the law. I went over to Virginia one time and told the lawyers there what the law was in that state. When it comes to Blackstone, none of 'em have anything on me, by heck I honestly believe I would make an ideal judge."

CAPE MAN DIES IN CAL.; WILL BE BURIED HERE

Body of Emil C. Miller, Victim of Tuberculosis, Due Here Today or Thursday.

The body of Emil C. Miller, former Cape man, whose relatives here last Saturday, learned of his death at San Diego, Cal., is expected to arrive in the Cape today or tomorrow. The funeral arrangements will be made on the day of the arrival of the body and burial will be in Fairmount cemetery. The services will be held at the home of the Miller family on South Frederick street.

Miller has two brothers, H. C. Miller and Robert C. Miller, as well as a sister, Miss Bertha Miller, living at 15 South Frederick street, and a sister living in St. Louis, Mrs. Amelia Schumacher.

His death occurred in San Diego last Saturday morning and the Millers were notified by wire last Saturday. He had been in California for the last three years on account of ill health. The cause of his death was tuberculosis.

Before he went to California, Mr. Miller had lived in St. Louis, where he was engaged in the drug business. He left the Cape to go to St. Louis about twenty years ago, according to members of the family. He was unmarried, and is survived in addition to his brothers and sisters, by his mother, Mrs. Johanna Miller. He was 38 years old. He was born in the Cape.