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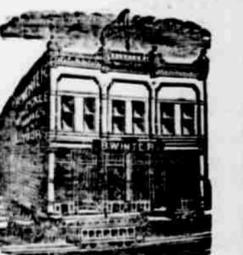
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Thursday Night, May 24. Alexander Salvini

Accompanied by MR. WM. REDMOND and a company of players, under the direction of MR. W. M. WILKINSON, in Dumas' masterpiece, "The Three Guardsmen"

The sale of seats for this notable engagement commences Tuesday, May 22, at Pluke's. NOTE: The performance will be entirely in English. Prices—25, 50, 75, \$1 and \$1.50.

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This coupon will establish identity as a subscriber to the ROCK ISLAND ARGUS, and will be accepted for any or all of the features mentioned: "Picturesque America"—10 cents and three coupons of different dates. Gathered Jewels of Song"—30 cents and six coupons of different dates. "Picturesque World's Fair."—15 cents and three coupons of different dates. Monday, May 21. City subscribers will present the cash and the coupons at the ARGUS office. Out of town subscribers will mail the cash and the coupons to this office with the order for the paper desired, and it will be mailed them free of any further charge.

STRANGE SOUNDS.

GUNS OF BURRISAU AND OTHER MYSTIFYING PHENOMENA.

Notes Made by Natural Causes For Which No Explanation Has Ever Been Found. Famous Sounds in Various Parts of the Earth Have Scared Many.

Of strange sounds which probably depend on meteorological or other natural causes, one of the most remarkable has long been known as "the guns of Burrisau," but though its causes have long been debated, no accurate explanation has been given, so far as we are aware, that is thoroughly satisfactory. The Sunderbunds—as the delta of the Ganges in native dialect is called—is covered with a vast and luxuriant jungle of marshy vegetation. One of the stations is named Burrisau. From here, in the rainy season, have long been heard mysterious sounds resembling the discharge of artillery, and therefore popularly named "the guns of Burrisau."

Only heard in the rainy season and from the southward, they have been heard 100 miles off, yet on the coast itself they appear still farther south. The sounds resemble the booming of cannon. Mussulman and Hindoo superstitions have each associated the sounds with their religious traditions. Others have thought the sounds were produced by the breaking of the sea on an island in the bay of Bengal. But where? That some atmospheric or meteorological cause is the explanation is all that can be said after hearing all arguments.

A much humbler yet ancient instance of great local interest used to exist, we believe, at Baddley, in the New forest, in the shape of a groaning tree. Whether it still lives and groans we are uncertain, but it is said to have uttered mysterious and insidious sounds at certain times, probably dependent on wind or weather, but full of omen and import to past generations. Indeed in the various mysteries which, despite fin de siecle acuteness, still surround us, eerie noises have always played a most conspicuous part, whether out of doors or within ancient houses. Instances of the latter, indeed, abound. Some of the most thrilling of inexplicable ghost stories turn not on anything which has appalled the eyes, but has "distilled horror" through the ears. It is, we believe, in East Anglia that the shrieks heard from time to time round certain pits have long been a tradition in which a female phantom has part.

The "drummer of Tedworth's" phantom sounds are so well known from Aubrey and more modern describers as only to need allusion, but we may say that, according to a communication in a popular periodical some few years back, similar sounds had recently, comparatively speaking, been heard in the locality, and by people of most practical disposition. These may be called phantom sounds. Returning again to those which hover on the border line between the natural and inexplicable, there is the wild strain as of weird music which has been heard aboard ships when getting within the circle of a Mozambique cyclone.

One of the same kind, formerly mysterious and thrilling enough, has been resolved into a natural one. Early travelers through the primeval forests of Brazil—still among the few unexplored places of the globe—were astonished and awed to hear the distant resonant sound of a bell pealing from the depths of the woods, which certainly had no building and for ages had known no human footstep. Many a legend was woven round the strange sound. Ultimately it was discovered to be the note of the bell bird. There are, however, few mysterious sounds which have been as satisfactorily explained as this. For instance, there is the legend of the sounds heard at times on the plains of Marathon, the clash of weapons, the snorting of horses, the "shouting of the slayers and screeching of the slain," which recall to memory the famous battle that lives so much more vividly than many modern ones in the history of the world. Of course there are many instances of sounds which, at first mysterious, become so really from the distance over which they traveled, but these must be distinguished from those which are our theme.

One of the most interesting examples rests on the authority of the late Sir Edmund Head, who remembered when a boy going to church on the famous "Waterloo Sunday," June 18, 1815, at Hythe, in Kent. His father and he, on arriving at the church at 11 a. m., found to their surprise the congregation outside listening intently to the faint sound as of distant cannon coming from the east. Afterward it was ascertained that Napoleon having, on the (for him) unfortunate advice of his artillery officers, who pleaded the state of the ground, waited till 11 to commence his fire, the first French gun was fired as the Nivelles church clock struck 11. Nor was Hythe the only place where the French cannon were heard in England.

Here, however, is fact dependent on the by no means remarkable axiom that sound under certain conditions travels enormous distances. But the sounds of which we speak for the most part have puzzled all who have attempted to explain them and lie indeed in that vague region which is inexplicable. Such is the sound of the "Airie drum," such are the wailing of the banshee in some parts of Ireland.—New York Post.

Narrow, but Useful. The good lady was going around among a lot of poor people distributing all manner of old clothes which were gratefully received, when she met a newspaper man looking for a clew to a killing case. "Charity covereth a multitude of sins," he said sarcastically. "Well, that isn't what I'm looking for," she responded. "No," he looked surprised. "No," she said, "my mission is a little narrower than that. We cut it down to charity covereth a multitude of skins."—Detroit Free Press.

BRIEF MENTION.

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A special meeting of the W. C. T. U. is called for tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. building. All members are requested to be present, as there is business of importance.

R. R. Bemis, a city-builder, who established Wichita's reputation a few years ago, and is just now stirring Fulton from end to end, is in the city. He may take advantage of Rock Island's opportunities to improve his reputation.

Dr. G. L. Eyster attended a meeting of the state board of health at Springfield last week, at which an auxiliary to the state board was established, in order to accomplish better work throughout the state, with a member in each city. Health Commissioner Eyster being the representative in Rock Island.

Salvini.

The night of May 24 will be devoted to a magnificent production at the Burtis opera house by the Alexander Salvini company, of so complete and lavish a nature that the auditor will be transformed from his every day surroundings to those dear old days of chivalry and romance, made famous by such literary giants as Victor Hugo and Dumas, whose word paintings have stimulated the ambition and fired the zeal of innumerable feeble imitators to compete with them in their graphic descriptions of times and places and scenes of bravery that have now been relegated to the past. The transformation of the grand heroes made so famous by such brilliant writers into living breathing humans, requires more than mechanism of stagecraft; it requires not only the genius of the central figures of each story, but the untiring, ceaseless pursuit of detail and history. To the man who directs the various characters that are to be endowed with life and animation must belong those rare qualities given to such a few—patience, a thorough knowledge of his art, a keen insight into the conception of the author and the executive ability to transmit his intelligence to those who look to him for guidance and instruction. The task seems almost herculean, yet Mr. Salvini has executed it in such a thorough manner that the integrity of his performances in every detail has received the unstinted endorsement of the theatrical critic wherever he has appeared. The play selected for Mr. Salvini's engagement will be "The Three Guardsmen."

Nervous Dyspepsia.

"I had what some of the doctors call nervous dyspepsia. There was such a nervous feeling in my stomach that I could not rest day or night for three years. I took three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and now my stomach feels all right. Last winter I had a severe attack of pain in my side so that I could not turn over in bed. I got one bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla and now am well."—Sarah P. Carrel, Pittsfield, Ill.

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Notice. To Whom it May Concern: By order of the board of directors of the Rock Island Plow company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Illinois, notice is hereby given that the capital stock of said, the Rock Island Plow company, has been increased from three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to the sum of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000).

Date and the corporate seal of said company affixed this 7th day of May A. D. 1894. PHIL MITCHELL, President Rock Island Plow Co., Attest: W. J. KAHLKE, Secretary Rock Island Plow Co.

Home-Sekers' Excursion - Burlington Route.

On May 29 round trip tickets will be sold at half rates to all points on the Burlington route in Nebraska, Kansas, Wyoming, South Dakota and eastern Colorado. Tickets will be good for stop-over at any point west of the Missouri river on going passage, and will be limited to 20 days from date of sale. For pamphlet descriptive of western farm lands, send to P. S. Eustis, General Passenger agent, C. B. & Q. R. R., Chicago, Ill.

South Rock Island Caucus. The democrats of South Rock Island are requested to meet at the town hall in South Rock Island, Saturday, May 26, at 7:30 p. m., to select five delegates to the democratic county convention. W. S. GARDNER, Chairman.

COUNTY BUILDING.

Transfers. 17—John C. Kiel to Christ Kiel, lot 9, block 2, Second add., Edgewood park, Rock Island, \$50. L. H. Rasmussen to C. Rasmussen, lot 4, L. H. Rasmussen's add., Rock Island, \$300.

John Maeder by adm., to John Kiel, lot 9, block 2, Second add., to Rock Island. P. L. Mitchell to Methodist church, lots 5 and 6, block 6, town of Milan, \$400.

Marx Heltrick to J. H. Weirather, wd lot 9, block 68, Chicago or Lower add., Rock Island, \$500. 18—R. A. Smith to William Wiesener, lots 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8, R. A. Smith's add., Rock Island, \$1,800.

Samuel Goode, Sr., to Charles F. Horn, ej se 33, 17, 3w, s 1 nw 1 and s 1 sw 1 34, 17, 3w, \$6,500.

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An ancient story tells of two unfort nates who were condemned to make a long pilgrimage with peas in their shoes. The feet of one of them, at the end of the journey were terribly sore and swollen. His companion's were not hurt in the least. Being asked the reason he replied: "I belled my peas." Wise man. Why should men and women and children make the pilgrimage of life with pain and ache troubling them, not only in their feet, but all over, when a simple remedy will effect a cure? Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is potent to cure dyspepsia, "stiver complaint," skin disease and kindred troubles arising from the same source.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Rock Island Savings Bank, AT ROCK ISLAND, STATE OF ILLINOIS, before the commencement of business on the 1st day of May, 1894, as made to the Auditor of Public Accounts, of the State of Illinois, pursuant to law.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. RESOURCES: Loans and discounts, Bonds and Stocks, Cash on hand, Due from other banks, Other Real Estate, Furniture and fixtures, Current expenses, Collections. LIABILITIES: Capital stock paid in, Undivided profits, Dividend unpaid, Sundry deposits subject to notice, Individual deposits subject to check, Time Certificates of Dep't, Due to other banks.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, J. M. BUFORD, Cashier of the Rock Island Savings Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief. J. M. BUFORD, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of May, 1894. E. J. KINNEY, Notary Public.

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