

IN THE FRONT ROW

HEADLINERS TONIGHT

Musical Comedy Hippodrome..... Sunshine Girls Photo plays Nelson..... The Shadow of Doubt Princess..... The War Wolf Dixie..... The Honor of Mary Blake Grand..... The Heir to the Hoopah

BILL BAILEY, most deadly of the specie "critic," sat in fat men's row yesterday afternoon and looked on while Carter & Rose's Sunshine Girls were putting their best foot forward in an effort to please a crowd of law-abiding citizens who went out of their way to prove to House Manager Burka that they have the fullest confidence in his attempt to set a high standard of amusement at the Hippodrome. Bill Bailey, having once or twice differed with some things we chronicled, went to the Hippodrome yesterday to get a line on the aggregation. Filled with the irrepressible fat man's joviality and being in his usual high spirits, he sat through the whole show unmindful that we were close by to detect any evidence of approval on his part. We did not get a clue as to what was in Mr. Bailey's mind, but when he departed we ducked. And we have seen neither hair nor hide of him since, but we will admit we are typing this somewhat under the influence of his sense of right. We are moved to think Bill's a big man—not so much in point of circumference as in his down right determination to be honest. So Bill's hand is in ours when we step to the front to express our grief to Manager Burka. We know he's doing his darndest to give patrons a big money's worth, but yesterday Gus Sun sent him a show that we could all well afford to miss. Why such an experienced booking concern should send to a town that is having eighteen musical comedy performances a week, a show like the "Sunshine Girls" we can't understand. It might go with a "get 'em in, get 'em out, get the money" policy on a one-night stand; but never will it pay to send anything like it to Fairmont where we are eating three full meals of musical comedy every week day. Burka is not so much to blame. He has to buy these shows on the "pig in a poke" plan. He tied up to the Sun Agency because it is the best that serves this section. However, Burka's business is not our business; neither is Sun's.

"The Sunshine Girls" are a pretty lot. Nice, sweet looking girls, well consumed, dance all right and sing not bad. The show opens with the introduction of the chorus which is good. The leading lady sings an appealing song entitled "She's the Sunshine of Virginia" and it is fascinating in melody and words. No one need to do any better with it than she does to make a hit. So far we witnessed a good show. Then a couple of "comedians" get on the stage and the show drops flat. Probably one would do an injustice to say anything derogatory to the ability of these alleged fun-makers, but they certainly do have "bum" parts. The comedy is not comedy, it is spurious, amateurish, but thank Heaven not unchaste. Just how any comedian could expect humor to come from a pistol, or from the lips of one who is elaborating on a pitiful physical defect in a human being has never been explained to me. Is there anything funny in being blind, lame, deaf, a hunchback, or having an impediment in speech? No intelligent audience would witness a second performance knowing beforehand that they would have to draw their enjoyment from the things said by a "stuttering" Jehu. The Prince Carl feature is not bad, but we had a similar performance two weeks ago and that was enough to last for a time. The whole thing strikes us that possibly it's the play and not the players that are at fault. If so the management of the "Sunshine Girls" will change the bill promptly. What say you Mr. Bailey?

In filming "The Shadow of Doubt" the Equitable feature which will be shown at the Nelson theatre today and tonight, the directors of the Equitable made it plain that they wanted a company of actors in support of Carlyle Blackwell that was second to none. The result was that one of the best-balanced supporting companies ever given in support of a star will appear with Mr. Blackwell in "The Shadow of Doubt."

"The Shadow of Doubt" is one of the most perfectly produced motion pictures yet shown. This is due to careful direction, wise discernment of actors and addresses, an excellent vehicle of the type best suited to Mr. Blackwell, and an atmosphere prevailing throughout the denouement of the play which makes the spectator feel the play as though he or she were one of the actors on the screen. That is what serves to make real features. A single star does not make a picture, nor does a good story make a good film. The interpretation of the story by a company of players judiciously selected to characterize the different roles as the author intended they should be is what makes pictures good.

The new millinery on display by Hippodrome attaches is a sure sign of spring and a proper sense of the fitness of things. The little "urban" with the tassel is to have an outing as soon as Prince Carl gets through with his open air stunts. The event has been arranged to avoid a conflict of interest. OLD STAGER.

Will Keep Up Fight To Conserve Gas

CLARKSBURG, Feb. 27.—Although the bill drafted by local attorneys to conserve the gas of West Virginia which would have supplied this state with gas before sending it to outside consumers, was defeated in the state senate last week, manufacturers of this section will continue the fight with renewed vigor.

The first step in renewing the fight was announced by Secretary G. W. Dudderer of the Clarksburg Board of Trade, who stated last night that he had called a meeting of the manufacturers of Clarksburg, Fairmont, Morgantown, Grafton, Salem, Pennsylvania, Weston and other nearby cities and towns to meet at the board of trade headquarters here Thursday night.

M'ADOO'S DAUGHTER TO WED RUSSIAN!



NONA McADOO

The Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. McAdoo have announced the engagement of their second daughter, who will wed Ferdinand de Mohrenschildt, second secretary of the Russian embassy, in April.

H. G. DAVIS HAD \$3,036,304. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 27.—With the payment of an inheritance tax of \$55,637.68 on the estate of the late Henry Gasaway Davis the fortune left by Mr. Davis has been made known. The net value of the estate after the debts were paid amounted to \$3,036,304. It consisted chiefly of railroad stocks and bonds, bank stock and mining stock. The bequests were to his children, grandchildren, great-grandchild and nieces and nephews.

LOCAL SOCIAL EVENTS

Merry Makers to Meet. The Merry Makers club will meet Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Maude Baker, 303 Blaine street.

Is Recovering. Miss Mary Ritchie who has been ill for the past two weeks with tonsillitis is reported today to be much better.

To Give Dance. The local Red Cross society will give a benefit dance on April 20th. Plans are in the making at this time for the dance which will be an interesting affair. It is probable the dance will be given in the Masonic Temple though the place has not been definitely decided.

A Japanese Tea. The Queen Esther Missionary Society of the First M. E. church will give a Japanese tea on Thursday evening of this week at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Howard on Maple avenue.

In Orlando. Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Keener, of Walnut avenue, who are spending the winter months in the south, are now at Orlando, Florida.

Interesting Meeting. Prof. Walter Barnes, of the Normal school faculty, addressed the Home Economics department of the Woman's Club yesterday afternoon at the regular department meeting. The subject for the afternoon study was "Literature in the Home," and Prof. Barnes' talk dealt with various classes of books for children and their relative values to the reader.

The committee appointed to investigate the feasibility of establishing a penny lunch in the public schools reported, but no definite conclusion was reached until a further investigation is made. However, it is reasonably assured that the lunch will be established in the near future.

Mrs. O. M. Hoge, chairman of the department, presided at the meeting.

LEADS WOMEN IN PHOTOGRAPHY



Miss Gerhard, of St. Louis, is president of the Women's Photographers of America. She is a pioneer in professional photography by women. Her pictures of great persons are known in all large cities.

There are ten big prizes all in Gold in The Golden Festival of The West Virginian. The first is one thousand dollars. Nearly half enough to build yourself a home. Advt.



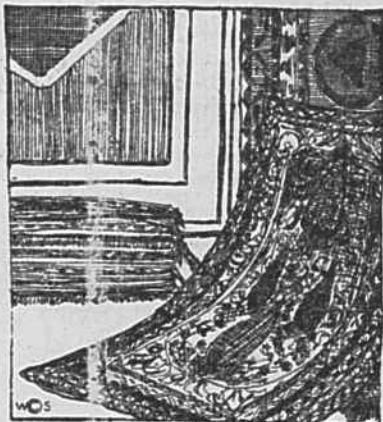
See This Great Educational Film "The Romance of Silk"

This film, produced at great expense, pictures in a most interesting manner the different stages in the manipulation of silk, from the silk worm in Japan to the finished product in America. Two performances daily, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. Everybody welcome. FOURTH FLOOR.



Tomorrow Is the Last Day of the February Furniture Sale

Last Day to Choose From the Largest Variety of High-Grade Furniture Ever Seen in Fairmont at Our Low Sale Price



An Extraordinary Sale of Magnificent Oriental Rugs

The most wonderful collection of fine Oriental rugs we have ever been able to assemble.

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and a very good assortment of Chinese rugs—all in sizes from a door mat to the largest room size rug. They come to us from one of the best concerns in the United States, Kawam Bros., through which the very cream of Persian loomings can be obtained.

When you see these rugs on the floor tomorrow, glowing with luster and life and beauty, never seen in ordinary pieces, and all of them marked at the lowest commercial prices at which the commonest run of Oriental weaves are obtainable, you will readily understand that this is an entirely new kind of Oriental Rug sale and that the one thing to do is to take advantage of it. Prices run anywhere from \$15.00 to \$1,800.00. (Third Floor.)

William Wallace Dies in Ohio Town

News has been received here of the death of William Wallace, which occurred on February 25 at his home at Barnesville, O., at the age of 81 years. Mr. Wallace was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Elzeta Hawkins, of this city, his wife having been Miss Martha Hawkins. He was a brother of Mrs. B. F. Charlton, of Mannington. The deceased was born and had spent the greater part of his life on Plum Run, moving to Barnesville about seventeen years ago. Four children survive the union, Mrs. Louella Curtis, of Iowa; Mrs. Porter Reese, of near Mannington; Mrs. Sam Tygart, of Mannington, and Scott Wallace, of Barnesville. Mrs. Ernest Sherwood, of this city, a niece of the deceased, attended the funeral services, which were held this afternoon, in Barnesville.

Miss Lelia Williamson returned yesterday from Mannington where she had spent the week-end with her parents.

Miss Eva Brand has returned from Grafton where she had been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harry Beverlyn, for several days.

Mrs. Rose Steele has returned from Mannington where she had been the guest of Mrs. R. M. Hite for several days.

Marshall T. Watson of Topeka, Kas., is visiting relatives in Fairmont and vicinity.

Mrs. C. M. Shuttlesworth and sisters, the Misses Inez and Pansy Jacobs and Miss Pearl Jacobs attended the funeral of their cousin Charles Jacobs in Morgantown this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Stockley have returned from a trip to New York and Atlantic City



Kanawa Packets Withdrawn

GALLIPOLIS, O., Feb. 27.—The Lane Packet Company was compelled to withdraw the Kanawa River steamers Helen Lane and Valley Belle owing to shortage of fuel coal, which is highest in price on the river since the Civil War. Slack or dirt coal from Kanawa mines is 15 cents a bushel and operators say it will go higher.

Twins Still Coming

NEW CASTLE, Pa., Feb. 27.—For the third time, twins have been born

Bumstead's Worm Syrup

A safe and sure Remedy for Worms. BOTTLED TO ORDER. IT NEVER FAILS. To children it is an angel of mercy. FEARNOT TO TAKE. NO SICKNESS. NO PHYSIC NEEDED. One bottle has killed 132 worms. All druggists and dealers, or by mail—25c a bottle. Est. C. A. VOORHEES, N. D., Falls, Pa.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

to Mr. and Mrs. David Harris of Dewey avenue here. There are seven children, four boys and three girls, in the family. Six of the youngsters arrived in pairs.

AN EXPERT ON COLDS

Comparatively few people realize that a cold is a signal of physical weakness. To treat a cold with weakening physics, alcoholic syrups or drugged pills, may smother the cold but they also reduce the body powers still further and invite more serious sickness. Scott's Emulsion has always been an expert on colds, because it peculiarly enriches the blood, quickly tones up the forces and strengthens both throat and chest. Try Scott's. Refuse Substitutes. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J. 12-27

Safest Druggists Sell E-RU-SA Pile Cure

BECAUSE it contains no opiates, no lead, no mercury, no belladonna, no poisonous drug. All other pile medicines containing the above-named harmful drugs cause piles, and the sale of same is illegal. E-RU-SA cures piles or \$50 forfeited. For sale at CRANE'S DRUG STORE, Sale Agent.

HIPPODROME SOL BURKA... Manager 3 SHOWS DAILY MATINEE AT 3:00, 15c AND 10c NIGHT 7:45 AND 9:00, 15c AND 25c ALL THIS WEEK—MATINEE DAILY THE BIG CARTER & ROSE SUNSHINE GIRLS 12 PEOPLE PRINCE CARL THE MAN OF MYSTERY

CHESTNUT CHARLIE. HA-A-A-W-W LISTEN TO THIS ONE... SAY SMARTY WHAT IS IT THAT A DUMB MAN CANT CRACK? NOW SMARTY, JUST FOR THAT I'LL TELL YOU! A JOKE!!