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THURSDAY, FEB. 11, 1909.

In the face of such a calamity as befel Mr Winslow Wright, it seems like empty platitudes to say, "I am sorry for you." Expressions of sympathy are very cheap and oftentimes come only from the lips. Yet we cannot refrain from expressing how deeply we feel for the man whom we esteem as a friend and whose pluck, energy and industry had built up his personal fortunes and at the same time exercised a large influence in the upbuilding of his town and community. For a man to see swept away before his eyes the property that represented the hard work and earnings of a life-time is pathetic almost beyond expression and we cannot find words to convey our sympathy. Still more difficult is the task of picturing the execrable scoundrel who would first rob his fellow-man and then to cover up his tracks commit the baser crime of wantonly destroying all that his victim had and endangering the lives of him and his family. And yet, if we are rightly informed, there walks the earth such a black-hearted villain. Such a creature, his guilt established, should receive short shrift at the end of a rope. A human fiend at large is a far greater menace to society than a mad dog.

Senator Frank B Gary delivered his maiden speech in the United States Senate Monday. The Senatorial body was in executive session, having under consideration the question of confirmation of Crum's nomination for re-appointment as collector of the port of Charleston. The Democratic minority, led by Senator Tillman, have attempted by filibustering tactics to defer the Crum matter until Roosevelt's term has expired in the hope that President Taft will not follow the example of his predecessor in forcing the negro on an unwilling community. Senator Gary spoke on the subject at issue and his speech is said to have been conservative, logical and convincing, eliciting congratulations from both Democratic and Republican Senators.

Reports from Washington indicate that Senator Fry, who had the matter of Crum's nomination in charge, has given up the fight and consented to let the matter remain in statu quo until President Taft is inaugurated. It is reported also that Mr Taft has intimated that he would not force Crum's appointment for another term. This is a distinct triumph for Senator Tillman, who has valiantly led what appeared to be a hopeless fight against the re-appointment of Crum. It is said that during the filibuster Senator Tillman spoke more than seven hours on the case.

It really seems that the rules of the General Assembly might be amended so as to change the present foolish and cumbersome

method of electing officers. Where is the sense in voting for the same set of candidates over and over again for a week or longer? It looks like child's play and costs the State a pretty penny in unnecessary waste of time. It might be, however, as we heard some one remark recently, that the time spent in electing officers prevents them from passing "that many more fool laws."

The Legislator who would take away from a man the right to strike a match on the seat of his pants is aiming a blow at personal liberty only little short of trying to deprive him of the right of suffrage.

The ancient adage as to how to become "healthy, wealthy and wise" revised to date would be: "Early to bed and early to rise: hustle like blazes and advertise."

DISASTROUS FIRE AT SCRANTON.

Mr Winslow Wright's Store and Dwelling Totally Destroyed.

Florence, February 8:—There was a very disastrous fire at Scranton, twenty-three miles south of this city, at about 4 o'clock this morning, in which Mr Winslow Wright, one of the largest merchants of that place and section, lost heavily. His large brick store, stock of goods, dwelling and its contents, together with the banking furniture and fixtures of the Bank of Scranton, which was, located in the second floor of the Wright stores, were completely destroyed.

Mr Wright carried a very large stock of merchandise, estimated at \$40,000 to \$50,000, on which he carried not a dollar of insurance, so it is reported. The store buildings were valued at about \$9,000 and the dwelling and contents at about \$6,000. The property of the bank was valued at about \$1,000, making a total value of property destroyed at about \$55,000 or \$65,000, with not a cent of insurance. It is now thought that the building was broken into and robbed early last night and that to hide the robbery the building was set on fire, making it a complete job.

Mr Wright's home was within a few feet of the store, and the wind, blowing from the north, fanned the flames directly to the dwelling. Owing to the fact that Scranton is a small place, the citizens had to be aroused before any effort was made to check the flames, hence nothing could be done except to stand and watch the property burn.—*News & Courier.*

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A New One on "Josh."

Hon S N Pearman is telling a new story on Hon Joshua W Ashley. It is just too good to keep.

Not long ago, Mr Pearman says, some one in Columbia asked Mr Ashley what was the altitude of Anderson county.

"Baptist, by a large majority," was Mr Ashley's prompt response, according to Mr Pearman.—*Anderson Mail.*

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PLAY BY LOCAL TALENT A SPLENDID SUCCESS.

STIRRING WAR DRAMA, "DAUGHTER OF THE CONFEDERACY," GREETED BY LARGE AUDIENCE.

Quite the largest audience ever assembled at Thomas opera house greeted the "Daughter of the Confederacy" Friday night. Every available seat was occupied, the crowd being estimated at over three hundred people. The play, as the name suggests, is a melodrama founded on the stirring events leading up to and intensified by the War of Secession. The leading roles of Cuthbert Charlemagne, the villain, and "Dixie", Daughter of the Confederacy, were well sustained by Mr J D Gilland and Miss Lorena Ross. There were many special features in the play, all of which added interest. The grand military review, representing "Confederate Volunteers", "Confederate States" and "Daughters of the South", was a splendid scenic production, about thirty pretty girls appropriately costumed taking part.

The play was rendered entirely by local talent, under the direction of

Mr W A Fisher, formerly of the Mason-Newcomb Stock Co. Considering the short time since the play was undertaken—less than two weeks ago—the players did remarkably well, much better indeed than was expected. Where there was so much general excellence it is hard to particularize. The old time, ante bellum darkies were well portrayed by Mr Tom McCutchen as "Old Joe" and Mr Odus Kibler as "Aunt Dinah". In interpreting these characters free rein to fancy was allowed and the many quips and jests and ludicrous mishaps of the pair frequently brought down the house.

The quartette—Misses Cora Garner and Belle Ervin and Messrs Hugh McCutchen and R J Kirk—sang old plantation melodies with pleasing effect, this being one of the most delightful features of the play.

Miss Cora Garner's solo "Roses", sung with exquisite pathos and sweetness, was one of the most appreciated numbers of the programme. Miss Garner has a rich contralto voice whose natural sweetness is enhanced by careful training and cultivation.

Following are the cast of characters and a synopsis of the play:

Grand Military Review

I. CONFEDERATE VOLUNTEERS: Ada Brockington, Clara Montgomery, Lula Brockington, Jallie McCullough, Roberta Coker, Lillian Salters, Emma Cooper, Marian McFaddin.

II. CONFEDERATE STATES: South Carolina—"The Girl I Left Behind Me"—Flossie Kellehan Mississippi—"Bonnie Blue Flag"—Marguerite Van Keuren Florida—"Sewanee River"—Lillian Alsbrook Alabama—"Home, Sweet Home"—Juanita Coward Georgia—"Annie Laurie"—Essie Blakely Louisiana—"Marsellaise"—Martha Gamble Texas—"San Antonio"—Ruth Chandler Arkansas—"Arkansas Traveler"—Leora Gamble North Carolina—"Ben Bolt"—Minnie Strong Virginia—"Auld Lang Syne"—Marie Nelson Tennessee—"Dixie"—Fannie Vause Maryland—"Maryland"—Rubie Thorn Kentucky—"My Old Kentucky Home"—Olive Montgomery.

III. DAUGHTERS OF THE SOUTH: Serena Lee, Rosa Wilkins, Lily Marcus, Ruth Fairy, Ethel Anderson, Milton Stackley, Lizzie Gordon, Georgia McGill, Helen Kennedy, May Reddick, Claude Jones, Eulah Swann.

Vocal Numbers

- "The Gray".....Confederate Volunteers
- "Confederate States and Generals" (duet).....Lula Brockington and Roberta Coker
- "Grandpa".....Claude Jones and Eulah Swann with chorus
- "Captain C. S. A.".....Rubie Thorn and chorus
- Grand Finale—"Dixie" by entire Review, with special words adopted by the Alabama Division, U. D. C.
- Tableaux—"The Bonnie Blue Flag." Special costumes and light effects will be used in Military Review

Cast of Characters

Cuthbert Charlemagne.....Mr. J. D. Gilland
The meanest man a sister ever called brother
Lillian Charlamagne.....Miss Marie Thorn
A true Southern woman
George Charlamagne.....Mr. W. A. Fisher
Senior member Charlamagne Real Estate Concern, and afterwards surgeon in Morgan's Brigade
Aunt Dinah.....Mr. Odus Kibler
"Bin wid de Cherlamagne Fam'ly eber since she 'was bo'n"
"Old Black Joe".....Mr. Thos. McCutchen
"A good, old-fashioned darkey"
"Dixie".....Miss Lorena Ross
"Daughter of the Confederacy"
Henry Davis.....Mr. R. J. Kirk
Virginia Gray.....Miss Belle Ervin
Edwin Dale.....Mr. Hugh McCutchen
Rosy Lee.....Miss Cora Garner

Synopsis

Time 1861.
ACT I—Exterior of Charlamagne Home in Louisville, Ky. The lawn party.
ACT II—Office of Charlamagne Real Estate Concern. Morning. The insult. Defense of a Daughter of the Confederacy. The fatal shot. Death of Lillian.
ACT III—Morgan's Brigade encamped near Louisville. The duel. Death of the Federal Spy.
Musical Director.....Miss Lillie Ervin
Stage Manager.....Odus Kibler
Master of Properties.....Sam John Montgomery
Manager of Military Review.....Miss A. N. Erekmann

Who Can Solve This?

We are requested to publish the following problem and ask for a solution. Can any of our readers solve it?

"A man at the stamp window handed the postmaster a bill, saying, 'Give me some one-cent stamps, three-fourths as many two's as one's, three-fourths as many five's as two's and the rest of the bill in five eight-cent stamps'. What was the denomination of the bill?"

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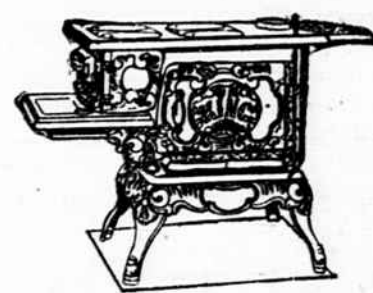
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