

said. "It is one of the biggest things of the kind on the road, and I have seen it time and again with great pleasure; but this year it was tiresome. There was but little riding of any consequence, and although the performance lasted an hour and three-quarters, the desire to fill in and kill time was evident. It was not long before I felt that I would be willing to give a dollar to be back at home. I have no doubt that the show was in its glory at the height of the season; but I suspect that many of the leading features have been dropped on account of the performers having secured new positions for the winter. The menagerie was very fine."

HICKORY GROVE NOTES.

Bad Weather Interferes With Entertainment—Stores Closed Tomorrow—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of the Yorkville Enquirer.

HICKORY GROVE, November 21.—Owing to the inclemency of the weather last Friday night, the entertainment was greeted by a small audience, so Prof. Slaughter decided to give it again next Thursday night, November 24. Music will be furnished by Hickory Grove string-band.

Mr. J. F. Martin is right sick with a slight attack of fever. Mrs. J. W. Allison and Mrs. T. M. Whisonant have returned from a pleasant visit among relatives at Clover. Misses Emma and Killa McDill are visiting relatives in Chester county. The stores here will all be closed next Thursday. There will be services at the Methodist church on Thanksgiving day at 11 o'clock.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

There Will Be Very Little in it of Real Importance.

Those who have been expecting President McKinley to make specific recommendations in his annual message to congress as to the future form of government of the territory wrested from Spain, will probably be disappointed, says a Washington special to the New York Sun.

His message, now well under way, will point out that it is too early yet to reach a decision. It is the president's purpose to have the conquered islands continued under a strong military government, pending a definite conclusion by the executive and congress as to their future government. He considers that it will take at least a year to enable the American people to determine what the relations should be toward the new possessions.

President McKinley will not recommend any legislation affecting the tariff and currency systems of Cuba, Porto Rico or the Philippines. Although it is well understood that no financial reform legislation will be seriously considered by the present congress on account of the situation in the senate, the president will call attention to the subject, and Secretary Gage, in his annual report, will make detailed recommendations of currency and bank reform legislation along the lines of his recommendations a year ago.

Revenue revision is not to be recommended to congress by the president or secretary of the treasury.

Army reorganization will contemplate at least 100,000 men. Use may be made of the native Cuban army by a gradual admixture of the Cuban troops with the United States troops.

The president will endorse the recommendations of Secretary Long for the revival of the grade of admiral for the benefit of Rear Admiral Dewey and for a strong increase of the navy.

PEACE OR WAR?

The Situation in Paris is Daily Becoming More Dubious.

The negotiations between the peace commissioners continue to drag along slowly. Up to date but little progress has been made and the hitch over the question as to what shall be done with the Philippines has not yet been adjusted. The dispatches published from Washington, Tuesday, indicated that the president was about ready to break the deadlock, and as to whether the result would be peace or war was a matter of doubt.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

White Man Convicted of Murder. After 3 hours and 40 minutes' special consideration, says a Greenville special of Saturday to The News and Courier, the jury in the case of Jim Williams, indicted for killing Charlie Potts, brought in a verdict of murder without recommendation to mercy. Williams heard the verdict without changing a feature, showing the cool nerve characteristic of the man. The verdict was something of a surprise as it has come to pass that no one believes that a white man can be convicted of a capital offense.

Horrible Crime in Greenville. Greenville correspondence News and Courier, Saturday: The blackest crime in the history of South Carolina was committed last night. Weaver Smith, a white boy 9 years old, was murdered within 50 yards of Main street, in the residence part of the city. At 4 o'clock this afternoon his body was found in some weeds on Elford street, which connects Main and Townes streets. The body was in full view of Main street, but was not observed until this afternoon, when discovered by a Negro woman. On examination it was discovered that he had been strangled and his stomach ripped open with a knife, severing the entrails. The mutilation was horrible. On further examination it was ascertained that a foul crime had been committed on the body before death, which probably induced the killing. At 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon the boy was given a supper by Mr. Riser, sexton of Springwood cemetery. Later he was seen at the north side camp. He was known to every housekeeper in Greenville, as he was a professional beggar. He was a harmless child, but considered a nuisance as a persistent beggar. The news of his murder quickly spread through the city, and the feeling of indignation is intense. Police are using every means to trace the movements of the boy. It is said that he was last seen at the

camp. No clue has yet been discovered, and up to this hour the murder is a mystery. The inquest has been postponed until tomorrow morning, hoping that some evidence may be discovered tonight. If the murderer is discovered he will probably be tried by the court now sitting.

Attempted Outrage in Union. Union special of Sunday to the Columbia State: The people of Union are stirred tonight with hot indignation over an attack upon Mrs. Lula N. Harris, a prominent white lady, by a trio of Negro men, which occurred this afternoon about a mile and a half from this city as Mrs. Harris was driving home from church. The news was brought to town by two white gentlemen, and Sheriff Long immediately dispatched his deputies to hunt the rascals, and tonight they are nine in jail; one of whom, Frank Brown, is identified as one of the guilty parties. The nine belong to a gang of gamblers that infest the region round about the place where the crime was committed, and come justly within the clutches of the law. The reports conflict and the details of the trouble are hard to obtain. It appears, however, that the Negroes stopped Mrs. Harris' horse in the road. The horse became frightened, and in struggling to free herself, Mrs. Harris was thrown from the buggy, but was not hurt. She fled at once to a near neighbor's house for protection. She recognized one of her assailants, a notorious character who was wanted for other infractions of the law. The others made their escape, but will doubtless be apprehended. No attempt at violence has been made, and doubtless the law will be allowed to take its course. Further developments are anxiously awaited.

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