

# GENNETT THEATRE

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## An American Hobo

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# Amusements

"Isle of Spice," February 9th at  
the Gennett Theatre.

## "An American Hobo."

U. D. Newell, manager of "An American Hobo," tells a good story of William L. Baker, the tramp comedian, while the latter was travelling in the far West several years ago. I was in a remote mining region in the San Juan country, Colorado, in a small camp called Rico. Baker was the comedian of a repertoire company, and the bill was "The Hidden Hand," in which he played the part of Wool. "It was our opening night and we performed in an old shack of a hall up two narrow flights of stairs, lit by kerosene lamps, seated with rough benches. It was Baker's first season on the road, and he had been

led to believe that a man's life was not worth a cent in the mining country; that the men usually amused themselves between the acts by shooting out the lights and at times an actor became the target for stray bullets. The show opened up and all went lovely until the finish of the first act, when a burly miner, who was seated on the back of a bench, accidentally discharged his six shooter while applauding Baker, who was making an immense hit in his part. Baker, becoming frightened, took this as his cue for disappearing. When the next act was called no one could find head nor hair of Baker. After searching high and low the remainder of the performance had to be gone through without him. After the play was over, the miners all wanted to know what had become of 'Wool.' Well we searched high and low for him with the assistance of some of the miners, and at last, in the cellar of the hall, behind a lot of rubbish, we discovered Baker almost suffocated and trembling with fright. We bawled him out, and his first words were: 'For God's sake don't shoot I did the best I could.' It is needless to say that Baker's entire salary for that week was used up at a thirteenth parlor, providing liquid refreshments to prevent himself from being quizzed with a rather touchy question." Gennett Saturday matinee and night. Popular prices.

## "The Fortune Teller."

An attraction which is certain to attract the theatergoers is "The Fortune Teller" which is shortly to be seen locally. There is no doubt in the minds of the well informed as to the value of this comic opera as an entertainment. To begin with it is one of the handsomest productions that has ever been given a musical production, for the Messrs. Aborn under whose management the opera is being presented have obtained the complete production which was used by Alice Nielsen for the same opera and which cost the enormous sum of \$40,000. No comic opera the stage has seen in recent years can approach this production in the matter of lavishness. As is known the music is extremely good and the book contains many bright and sparkling lines. The Messrs. Aborn have placed the principal parts in the best hands and the organization is a large one numbering sixty people. "The Fortune Teller" is to come to the Gennett theatre Friday, Feb. 12th.

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# SELECTIONS

## VANKEEFYING PORTO RICO.

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Until two years ago whoever rode from Ponce, the residential part of the southern seaport of Porto Rico, built some miles inland many years ago to escape the visits of the old time buccaneers, to the playa, or port, where the business of the place is transacted, did so in vehicles not unlike a New England carryall. Passengers crowded into these carriages, paid their fares according to their ability to drive a bargain with the presiding jehu and were responsible, under the Spanish regime, for any accidents that the reckless driving of that cheerful individual might bring to pass in the course of their journey.

All this has materially changed since May, 1902, when the first car of an American trolley line, built by the Stone-Webster management, began running between Ponce and the playa. The rickety vehicles, with their cheerfully reckless drivers, have practically disappeared, and the little brown, half naked children who made the borders of the old military road their playground are actually very much safer since the advent of the "broomstick train." Many who formerly were pedestrians from financial necessity rather than choice have taken to the trolley cars, thanking their stars for a uniform fare that makes the luxury of riding possible, and the line has carried an average of several hundred passengers daily.

The equipment of this little pioneer American electric railway in Porto Rico consists of half a dozen open "electrics" operated by motormen and conductors in khaki uniform and recruited chiefly from the younger men of the island. On the cars are several graduates of Spanish colleges and one graduate of Columbia university, taking this opportunity to begin working their way upward in the service of the American management. Later it is expected to develop the road as a freight as well as a passenger carrier, a development that will do much to help the coffee, sugar and tobacco interests that center around the water front of the playa.

## "Dead Hand" of the Rich Father.

The "dead hand" of the rich father is still apt to keep a firm hold of the surviving daughter, as appears from the will of the late R. F. Crawshaw, the wealthy Cyfartha ironmaster, who provided that if any of his daughters married any but an English subject or an American citizen her share of his fortune of \$500,000 should be divided among her brothers and sisters. Such conditions, however, are hardly more stringent than those imposed by an Irish judge, Sir Jerome Alexander, in the reign of Charles II., on his daughter Elizabeth, for she was to forfeit all the great estates he bequeathed her in the event of her marrying "any lord of Ireland or any archbishop, bishop, prelate, baronet, knight, esquire or gentleman that had come of Irish extraction or been born and bred in Ireland."—London Modern Society.

## Singular Birthmark of a Family.

Mrs. Belle Harvey of Bower's Mill is one of a family of four living in that place, each of whom has a curious birthmark. The family consists of three sisters and a baby two years old. Each has black hair, with a large lock of pure white hair, beginning over the forehead and running backward. The flesh under this hair is also white, and the white mark runs down upon the forehead. The entire mark is said to look like an ostrich plume laid over the head of the bearer. The three sisters are twenty-three, twenty-one and nineteen years old. The mark is said to be hereditary in their family. — Kansas City Journal.

## Grape Fruit.

While the taste for grape fruit is possibly an acquired one, it holds, and the wholesome fruit is considered indispensable for breakfast in hundreds of homes. There is a good hygienic reason for this increase in grape fruit's popularity. Its peculiar acid renders it an almost sovereign remedy for malarial and bilious troubles, while as a "bracer" it is quite the equal of quinine and vastly more agreeable. Physicians recommend it most highly for grip convalescents, and some assert that the habitual consumer of grape fruit can even consider himself immune from the prevalent malady.—Exchange.

## Ancient Celtic Urns.

In the course of some digging operations in a garden at Haslemere, England, a gardener unearthed a number of ancient vessels of peculiar shape, together with a quantity of calcined human bones, at a depth of about two feet below the surface. The British museum authorities, who have examined the discovery, pronounce the vessels to belong to the late Celtic age, about B. C. 150. Only three or four vessels were found in a perfect condition. He computed that twenty-two urns and pots were originally interred at the spot.

## The Last of the Puns.

Sir Francis Burnand, one of the best punsters that have lived, is also one of the last. Puns, as Bob Acres remarked of another form of speech, have had their day. There was a time when this form of humor in the hands of Theodore Hook or H. J. Byron convulsed the public with laughter. The habitual punster of today would be shunned like a leper by his acquaintances.—London Treasury.

# Political Announcements.

## COUNTY OFFICES

### STATE SENATOR.

Roscoe E. Kirkman is a candidate for senator from Wayne county, subject to the Republican nomination.

### REPRESENTATIVE.

Dr. M. W. Yencer is a candidate for state representative, subject to the Republican nomination.

Walter S. Ratliff is a candidate for representative from Wayne county, subject to the Republican nomination.

### JOINT REPRESENTATIVE.

Richard N. Elliott is a candidate for joint representative in the legislature from the counties of Fayette and Wayne, subject to the Republican nomination.

### RECORDER.

Benjamin F. Parsons is a candidate for county recorder, subject to the Republican nomination.

Aaron A. Conley is a candidate for county recorder, subject to the decision of the Republican nomination.

King E. Williams is a candidate for recorder of Wayne county, subject to the Republican nomination.

Frank C. Mosbaugh is a candidate for county recorder, subject to the Republican nomination.

Harry T. Fisher is a candidate for recorder of Wayne county, subject to the Republican nomination.

John C. King is a candidate for recorder of Wayne county, subject to the Republican nomination.

Alvis M. Nicholson, of Clay township, is a candidate for Recorder of Wayne County, subject to the Republican nomination.

### COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Elwood Clark is a candidate for county commissioner in the western district, subject to the Republican nomination.

John F. Dynes is a candidate for county commissioner, middle district, subject to the Republican nomination. (Re-election.)

Robert N. Beeson is a candidate for county commissioner from the western district, subject to the Republican nomination.

Elias M. Hoover is a candidate for commissioner of the Western district, subject to the Republican nomination.

### COUNTY TREASURER.

Benjamin B. Myrick, Jr., is a candidate for county treasurer, subject to the Republican nomination.

Albert R. Albertson, of Clay township is a candidate for treasurer of Wayne county, subject to the Republican nomination.

Robert A. Benton, of Chester, is a candidate for treasurer of Wayne county, subject to the Republican nomination.

### SHERIFF.

Richard S. Smith is a candidate for sheriff of Wayne county, subject to the Republican nomination.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY. . . Paul Comstock is a candidate for prosecuting attorney of Wayne county, subject to the Republican nomination.

Wilfred Jessup is a candidate for prosecuting attorney of Wayne county, subject to the Republican nomination.

### CORONER.

Dr. S. C. Markley is a candidate for coroner of Wayne county, subject to the Republican nomination.

## TOWNSHIP OFFICES

### TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR.

Thomas F. Swain is a candidate for assessor of Wayne township, subject to the Republican nomination.

George Bishop is a candidate for township assessor, subject to the Republican nomination.

C. H. Bulla is a candidate for assessor of Wayne township, subject to the Republican nomination.

Josiah T. Elliott is a candidate for

assessor of Wayne township, subject to the Republican nomination.

John M. Winslow is a candidate for assessor of Wayne township, subject to the Republican nomination.

### TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE.

Charles E. Potter is a candidate or trustee of Wayne township, subject to the Republican nomination.

John W. Tingle will be a candidate for trustee of Wayne township, subject to the Republican nomination.

John E. Moffitt is a candidate for township trustee of Wayne township, subject to the Republican nomination.

George E. McCoy is a candidate for trustee of Wayne township, subject to the Republican nomination.

## CITY OFFICES

### MAYOR.

Dr. W. W. Zimmerman is a candidate for mayor subject to the Republican nomination.

Dr. J. M. Bulla is a candidate for mayor, subject to the Republican nomination.

### CITY CLERK.

John F. Taggart is a candidate for city clerk, subject to the Republican nomination.

### CITY TREASURER.

Charles A. Tennis is a candidate for city treasurer, subject to the Republican nomination.

### COUNCILMAN.

William W. Alexander is a candidate for councilman in the second ward, subject to the Republican nomination.

Henry W. Deuker is a candidate for councilman from the second ward, subject to the Republican nomination.

W. T. Earley is a candidate for councilman from the third ward, subject to the Republican nomination.

Edgar Norris is a candidate for councilman from the third ward, subject to the Republican nomination.

H. H. Englebert is a candidate for councilman from the third ward, subject to the Republican nomination.

Fred Haner is a candidate for councilman from the fourth ward, subject to the Republican nomination.

J. Rue Riffe is a candidate for councilman from the fourth ward, subject to the Republican nomination.

Robert F. White is a candidate for councilman from the fourth ward, subject to the Republican nomination.

Richard M. Whitman is a candidate for councilman from the fourth ward, subject to the Republican nomination.

C. F. Walters is a candidate for re-election as councilman from the fifth ward, subject to the Republican primary.

O. A. Leftwich is a candidate for councilman from the fifth ward, subject to the Republican nomination.

Charles S. Neal is a candidate for councilman from the sixth ward, subject to the Republican nomination.

Watt O'Neal is a candidate for councilman from the sixth ward, subject to the Republican nomination.

Samuel Wolf is a candidate for councilman from the sixth ward, subject to the decision of the Republican nomination.

W. J. Rhoads is a candidate for councilman from the sixth ward, subject to the Republican nomination.

Alonzo H. Crowell is a candidate for councilman from the seventh ward, south side, subject to the Republican nomination.

James E. Harris is a candidate for Councilman from the seventh ward, subject to the Republican nomination.

George W. Cotton is a candidate for councilman from the seventh ward, subject to the Republican nomination.

E. G. McMahan is a candidate for Councilman from the Seventh Ward subject to the Republican nomination.

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