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Amusements

The interest shown in the coming of Al. G. Field's greater minstrels is remarkable for the reason that Richmond has enjoyed two fairly good "burnt cork" shows this season. Almost any of the good minstrel organizations can count on doing a good business in this city, but the interest at present is in "the greatest show on earth," in the minstrel field—Al. G. Field's, and those who enjoy fun, (that includes everybody) will be at the Gennett theater Saturday at the matinee or evening performance.

Those who delight in minstrelsy are familiar with the names of the "stars," and, when Mr. Field announced that he had lined-up Doc Quigley, Harry Shunk, Tommy Donnelly, John Blackford, Lee Prosser, Billy Murray and others almost as noted, the public at once realized that "there was something doin'!"

The Field show does not depend upon its big quintet of popular comedians to furnish all of the entertainment, but its vocalists are the best and the selection of songs will meet with popular favor. The band and orchestra are features, and, added to this already strong ensemble is the most elaborate scenic and electrical effects ever carried by a minstrel company. The matinee performance will be largely patronized by ladies and children and patrons of the interurban lines. Theater parties will be at the Gennett on Saturday evening from Cambridge City and Milton, while Dublin, Centerville, New Paris and Eaton will be largely represented. The advance sale is now open at Nixon's confectionery, and it is expected that the plat will be checked off entirely before Saturday night. Line-up with the crowd for a berry good time. • • •

You can wear any kind of clothes while going "Through the Centre of the Earth," but don't go to the Gennett tonight expecting to witness a "chilly" performance. It will be anything but that. T. R. Blondell, at the close of last season, revised the "book" of the extravaganza by "lopping off" everything but the title and those who go with him "Through the Centre of the Earth," tonight will go over a new route; every inch of the way will be one of scenic beauty and you will have the jolliest time imaginable. The company numbers thirty people, and embraces many names that call for big black type ordinarily, but, there being so many "good ones," this is no one feature in particular. Mr. Blondell is "a whole show in himself," and needs no introduction to Richmond theater goers, who have, in times past, hugely enjoyed the many good things he has produced. • • •

The new balcony stairs are "in," and will be used for the first time tonight.

Cesar's Commentary.
They tell this of Julius Caesar:
That he put some ice in a freezer,
Observing to Brutus,
"We'll chill it to suit us."
Now, he was a funny old geezer.
—Judge.



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Injured, and Some Are
Missing.

New York, March 3.—Five persons are known to have been killed, about a score injured and eight or ten, all of whom are believed to be dead, are missing through the collapse yesterday of the steel skeleton of the hotel Darlington, a thirteen-story apartment house in course of erection at 57 West Forty-sixth street. The steel framework had been erected as far as the eleventh floor and the structure was swarming with iron-workers, masons and laborers, when, without an instant's warning the upper floor sagged and collapsed and the whole structure fell with a crash that was heard for blocks, and shook all the buildings in the vicinity. A portion of the steel frame fell upon the rear of the Hotel Patterson, on West Forty-seventh St., crushing in the walls of the dining room and killing Mrs. Ella Lacey Storrs, the wife of Frank Storrs, wealthy resident of Rye, as she was sitting at luncheon with the wife of the Rev. Dr. Minot Savage, who escaped unharmed. The other dead, so far as known, are Frederick Morrills, foreman of the Roebling Construction company, and three unidentified men, apparently laborers.

The more seriously injured with one exception were laborers on the building. Among those missing is Frank J. Allison of the Allison Realty company, the builders of the hotel, who is known to have been in the building when it fell. Efforts to recover the bodies of the dead and rescue those imprisoned in the wreck were begun by the firemen immediately after the crash, and the work of searching the ruins was continued all night.

Adjoining the collapsed building on the west is the four-story brown stone residence of Harold Brown. Some of the huge iron beams struck the side of the house and stove holes in the walls and roof and dislodged a part of the brown stone front which was thrown to the street. The occupants escaped uninjured. On the east side is a house occupied by A. Walpole Cragle as a school for boys. The pupils had gone home to luncheon a few minutes before the crash occurred. Some of the beams struck the house tearing off a portion of the roof and smashing holes in the side walls.

Mrs. Storrs, whose husband is in London, Eng., was sitting at luncheon with Mrs. Savage when the crash came and she and Meler, the waiter, were instantly buried under the debris of the roof and walls. Mrs. Savage barely escaped being struck, but her skirt was pinned to the floor by a mass of fallen bricks. Mrs. Storrs was breathing when extricated but died within a few minutes. The waiter is believed to be fatally injured. The other occupants of the dining room escaped unharmed.

Owing to the enormous mass of metal wreckage days may elapse before all the bodies are recovered.

The cause of the disaster generally accepted is the overloading of the floors. Foreman James Halpin, in charge of the iron workers, stated that there was a large quantity of cement and other building material on the fifth floor, and that on the ninth floor were eighty-three iron beams which were to have been used in constructing the remaining floors of the building.

That criminal carelessness is chargeable to somebody is shown by the fact that the building department had placed repeated "violations" against the building, the last one being filed today at the instance of Inspector Charles French, because "the side walls were more than two stories in advance of the front walls, and the floor beams were not properly bolted and tied."

The Hotel Patterson was shaken to its foundation and the rear fire escapes on several stories were torn from their fastenings and all the windows on these floors were smashed. The occupants of these apartments hastily quitted the building. The Rev. Minot J. Savage was ill in his apartments in the front of the hotel at the time of the collapse.

At 11 o'clock last night the contractor in charge of the wreck work said that his men had discovered seven bodies and that two were known to be pinned under the wreckage on the east side of the building.

Prairie Burning.
Kearney, Neb., March 3.—A destructive prairie fire is raging between here and Wood river, carried on by a fifty-mile-an-hour gale. It started yesterday afternoon near the latter town and was rapidly carried southward. All the buildings on the Calkins ranch have been destroyed, as well as a number on the Gamble ranch. At 4 o'clock a request came to Kearney for help and members of the fire department have gone to the scene.

Chicago's French Library.
Chicago, March 3.—The only library outside of France which contains French books exclusively has been established in Chicago by Prof. Maxime Ingres, of the University of Chicago.

CROMER'S CASE

Speculation as to the Effects of Recent Primary.

Indianapolis, March 3.—Whether or not Representative George W. Cromer of Muncie has strengthened himself with his district seems to be a matter of considerable speculation. When it was decided at his suggestion to make the nomination by direct vote it was said that he wanted to show that he was the choice of the people as it had always been said that he won simply because he was shrewd enough to manipulate the party workers. Now that he has secured a big majority in direct primaries his intimate friends say that he has demonstrated his popularity and that hereafter he will not have any serious trouble winning. But on the other hand there is the statement that he sacrificed too many of his friends who wanted places on the Delaware county ticket and that they will never stand for him again and that while he won this time that his fate is sealed and that next year he will be defeated. However, Cromer's opponents have always said they would defeat him "next year" and when that time rolled around he always came out on top.

The Republican state committee will have an interesting meeting here tomorrow at which the date for the state convention will be determined. There is no doubt but that there is some friction among the candidates as to when it should be held. Hanly and his boomers want it early as they feel they are now way in the lead. On the other hand a statement has been credited to Judge Penfield that give him enough time and he would certainly win. It is also said that Taylor, Sayre and several others are in favor of waiting until the middle of May at least. There is some prospect that the original dates considered—April 29 and 30—will not be selected out of deference to the wishes of members of congress who think the session may adjourn by May 1. So if the convention is held after that date there will be no occasion for them to make an extra round trip between here and Washington.

The Republicans of the Sixth congressional district held two conventions at Shelbyville today. The one in the morning renominated Representative James E. Watson of Rushville, who was not opposed. He was present and made a rousing speech. It is said that he is growing in popularity in his district and that he has been greatly strengthened with his constituents by reason of his appointment as a member of the committee on ways and means. The convention this afternoon was for the purpose of electing two delegates to the national convention. It was the understanding that John Wingate, the veteran editor of Shelbyville, and Francis T. Roots of Connerville, would be the men. J. Frank Hanly, W. L. Taylor and other candidates for places on the state ticket left here this morning to attend the conventions and incidentally look after their own fences.

George Self, of Corydon, one of the candidates for the Republican nomination for reporter of the supreme and appellate courts, left here this morning to attend the conventions at Shelbyville. He is very hopeful of landing the nomination. He comes from a district in which there is an intense bitter fight among the Democrats over the congressional nomination. Representative Zenor has been fighting for his political life for several weeks and although there is a bad mix-up throughout the district yet the Zenor men think they have won. W. E. Cox of Jasper, the rival candidate, is still putting up a game fight and is also confident but Self, who is a close observer, says it is the general impression that Zenor has the best of it and unless he is ushered out of it by the machine he will certainly win.

Quick Punishment.
Bloomfield, Ind., March 3.—There was an example of speedy justice in the circuit court here. John Huffman arrived from Indianapolis with Oliver Pugh, the nineteen-year-old boy who was arrested by Indianapolis officers on a charge of having terrorized the village of McVille on the night of Feb. 15, when he shot and slightly wounded T. A. Raber, robbed T. R. Lane of \$17 and stole a horse from a farmer. On his way here the prisoner said that he wanted an immediate hearing, and yesterday morning when court convened he was brought before Judge Harris and entered a plea of guilty to the charge of robbery, and received an indeterminate sentence in the Indiana reformatory, where he will be taken today.

Warship Movements.
Washington, March 3.—The navy department has been advised of the departure from Guantanamo for Pensacola of the North Atlantic squadron, which having practically terminated the winter maneuvers in the vicinity of Culebra, will engage in target practice on arrival at Pensacola. An interesting feature in connection with the northward movement is the fact that he battleship squadron is destined for an early journey to the Mediterranean without coming north to the navy yards. The squadron will stop first at the Azores, thus making an endurance test.

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