

A GOOD SHOW RETURNS HERE.



Scene from "Mrs. Temple's Telegram" at the Gennett theater next Friday night.

NEWS OF THE THEATERS

Theatrical Calendar.

GENNETT.
Wednesday, Jan. 30.—Matinee and night, Primrose's Big Minstrels.
Friday Night, Feb. 1.—"Mrs. Temple's Telegram."
Monday, Feb. 4.—"The Man on the Box."

PHILLIPS.
Entire Week—High class vaudeville.
Primrose's Big Minstrels.

George Primrose and his big minstrel company will come to town next Wednesday matinee and night with what is said to be the greatest organization of minstrel variety put together and offered to the enthusiastic lovers of this peculiar style of entertainment in many years. It has long been Mr. Primrose's ambition to present minstrelsy in an ideal form, eliminating vaudeville features that in the past few seasons has almost shamed the real minstrel element entirely from the scene. In the Primrose minstrels of today will be seen sumptuously staged modern first part, painted in blue, gold and ivory, which is artistically embellished with paintings candelabras and trappings of a most exquisite pattern. During this part, Mr. Primrose will be heard in an original song, in which he will be assisted by Bob Murphy, the Gorman Brothers, Emile Subers, Eddie Horan and James Conners, who will occupy the end chairs and will bring a budget of new songs and jokes, with Ed Chappell as interlocutor. The vocalists will include Charles Reinhart, Clarence Marks, David Irwin, Walter S. Brower, Ed. Chappell, Wm. Oakland, Geo. Kellogg and a chorus of twenty male voices who will render all the latest ballads as well as classical selections. They will be accompanied by an orchestra of twenty picked musicians under the direction of Charles Brokop of Vienna, Austria. The second part will open with a humorous Band Concert in which all the comedians will take part, after which a novel act entitled "The Dudes and Dudes of Blackville" will be seen. Then Mr. Primrose will present his "School of Dancers" in the famous "Silver Show" clog. They will be followed by the drill of the negro cadets. The lighting effects and colors, together with the intricate evolutions produced in this number, making it one of the grandest innovations ever seen in minstrelsy. Then comes "Hotel Life Up-to-date," a one act black-face comedy in which Eddie Horan, James Conners, the Gorman Brothers, and Emile Subers will play the principal characters, this to be followed by "Mamie's Watermelon Party," after which Mr. Primrose will again be seen in his famous silent dance, assisted by his "bunch" of Cotton Blossom Coons. The next number of the second part is entitled "Twilight on the Old Plantation." During this sketch, all the old-time characters will be introduced as well as the up-to-date darkey, such as Aunt Mymee, Aunt Amy, old Granny, Uncle Ephraim, Rastus and John, who will

be heard in all the old-time jubilee hymns and dances, such as "The Heel and Toe Dip," and the "Georgia Quadrille." The closing number entitled, "The Evolution of the Negro," staged and produced by George Primrose is a magnificent spectacular transformation wherein the following scenes will be given: The Darkey in the Moon, The Jungles of Africa, The Plantation Quarters before the War, Old Kentucky Home, The Emancipation, The Darkey Heaven, closing with the "Birth of the Rose," which is said to be the most beautiful picture ever seen on the American stage.

Mrs. Temple's Telegram." This week's vaudeville bill at the New Phillips will be a very pleasing and entertaining program as the bill is made up of all high class vaudeville acts, presenting such well known acts as Leyell and Butterworth, Southern comedy sketch artists; the Seymour Sisters, singers and dancers; Stevens and Kelley, refined sketch artists; The Famous Fords, undisputed king and queen of hand cuts, introducing Miss Dot Ford the only lady hand cuff expert in the world; new illustrated songs and 1,000 feet of new and interesting pictures. Wednesday there will be a souvenir matinee, Friday evening an amateur contest, Saturday a special matinee for children and the usual double performance Saturday night.

IN AN AMUSING POSE.



George Primrose is an old favorite in Richmond, and when he comes next Wednesday, matinee and night with his minstrels, he is sure to be given a warm welcome.

MEANS GOOD SHOWS HERE

National Vaudeville Managers' Association Organized, Including the Phillips.

The organization of the National Vaudeville Managers' association at Springfield, Ohio, last week was significant to local people, because it will work in conjunction with the Western Vaudeville Managers' association, thus increasing the repertoire of the circuit in which the Phillips theater operates. This circuit will now include twenty-seven cities in Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Each city will be visited in turn by each attraction.

Manager O. G. Murray, of the Phillips theater, was elected treasurer of the National Vaudeville Managers' association. Gus Sun, of Springfield, Ohio, who is also interested in the Phillips, was elected amusement director.

WANTED—At once two girls at the Eldorado laundry, 18 North 9th street. 27-11

Use artificial gas for light and heat 10-11

See how what you have heard looks in print and get a dollar for doing it. Win the News "tip" prize.

Zolla derived his name from Zolla, which means a clod of earth; and he was proud of this derivation. Among his remote ancestors he traced Italian, German and Greek blood. His great-grandfather and grandfather were officers in Venice under the last doges. In India alone the losses to the British army from typhoid fever amount to half a battalion a year. The latest reports furnish proof that the practice of anti-typhoid inoculations in the army has resulted in a substantial reduction in the incidence and death rate of enteric fever among the inoculated.

In the root of Durham castle, England, there has been discovered a bucket containing bullets and gunpowder. It is believed to have been walled up about the year 1641, when the castle was being prepared to withstand a Scottish raid. The bullets are molded spheres of two sizes and consist of a little over 99 per cent. of lead with iron and silver and traces of bismuth, arsenic and antimony. The gunpowder is not granulated like that of the present day and was evidently prepared by simply mixing the ingredients. It contains about 1 per cent. of moisture and the proportion of the constituents calculated on the dry powder is practically identical with that of the black gunpowder of today; that is, after 5 per cent carbon 15 per cent, an sulphur 1 per cent.

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Artificial gas, the 20th Century fuel 10-11

THE BIG 'POSSUM SUPPER
Col. Wiley Presided Over The Feast at Bethel Last Night and the Sheriff Kept Order.

There was a big 'possum supper at Bethel last night, a large number of guests from this city and other parts of the county being present. County Commissioner Wiley was seated at a place of honor at the head of the table, and acted as toastmaster. Sheriff Meredith was present in his official capacity to prevent riots that might grow out of the unfair division of the toothsome 'possum, but all got their share, and taken altogether it was a very enjoyable affair.

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Palladium Want Ads Pay.

"DAGO" GIVEN A DUCKING

WAS TOO GAY ON A TRAIN

Passengers Broke the Ice and Threw the Shivering Son of Italy into the Frigid Water—Was Left on the Bank.

[Publishers' Press]

Ellsworth, Pa., Jan. 26.—The smooth crystal ice covering a creek that parallels the tracks of the Monongahela and Washington branch of the Pennsylvania railroad was broken by passengers of a north-bound train a few minutes after it left this place and a troublesome Italian passenger, John Dravino was hurled into the icy water several times. He was left shivering, teeth chattering, on the bank, while the passengers boarded the train again and went its way.

The Italian, having been put off the train for insulting passengers in the smoker, caught and entered the last car, in which there were many women, and amused himself awhile by knocking off their hats. This soon became tiresome and John then embraced several women. He picked out the prettiest girl in the car and tried to kiss her.

Many of the male passengers in the smoking car heard of the trouble and went to the car to see what could be done. The creek nearby attracted their attention and it was decided to give the offender a ducking, and he got it.

THE DEED OF A DEMON

BURNS WOMAN TO DEATH

Neighbors Attracted by Her Piteous Cries, Prevented from Rescuing Her by Fiendish Murderer.

[Publishers' Press]

Gulfport, Miss., Jan. 26.—A fiendish crime was committed in Soria City, near here, by Will Smith, colored, of Scranton, Miss., who burned to death Fanny Tigg, with whom he formerly lived. The woman is said to have come here from Scranton to get rid of Smith, who followed her. Neighbors were excited by piteous cries for help coming from the woman's home. They found the building in flames, but were prevented from rescuing her by Smith, who stood guard in the doorway until the wall began to totter. The dead woman is thought to have been tied, as she continued to scream for help until dead. When the officers arrived Smith said he was sleeping and awoke to find the house ablaze. Smith was arrested.

Having thus completed his work, the assailant fled from the room, ran down the stairs and escaped, but how he got out of the house is not known, as every door and window was closed when help arrived. When Mrs. Townsend tried to call assistance she found two of the three telephone wires leading to the house were cut. The third, which was to the office in the lower part of the house, apparently was overlooked. Over this wire a servant in the stable was notified of the shooting and word was also given to the police. While awaiting the arrival of the police Mrs. Townsend, who is a physician, dressed the wounds and made preparations for the operation, which she knew was necessary in the effort to save his life. It is feared, however, that even with prompt attention the wounds will prove fatal.

The police were unable to find any trace of the man who fired the shots. All the doors and windows were securely locked and no marks of any kind were left by the fugitive. Despite these conditions, however, the coroner appears to be satisfied that the man will be apprehended.

The Townsend home is scarcely half a mile from the home of Charles L. Spier, which not more than a year ago was the scene of a tragedy strangely like this. Spier was shot in his home during the night and died of his wound. It was at first believed he was the victim of a burglar, but investigation proved that he took his own life.

In the Townsend home at the time of the shooting there were in addition to Townsend and his wife his aged mother and his four children, all of whom occupied bedrooms in the upper part of the house.

A close inspection revealed signs that the intruder gained admission to the house by forcing a window in the physician's office on the ground floor.

Tracks were found leading from the house to the water's edge, and it is believed the assailant, after his crime, made his escape in a boat provided in advance for that purpose.

It is proposed to substitute solitary confinement during six years for the death penalty in France. No death sentence has been executed for some time.

According to a Government naturalist, crickets have a tendency to chirp synchronously, or in time with each other. It is said by this scientist that they chirp more rapidly in warm than in cold weather. The increase has been rated at four chirps a minute for one degree Fahrenheit rise in temperature.

Green gutta-percha is now obtained from the leaves of the caoutchouc tree and is said to be more durable than that procured by cutting into the stem of the tree.

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