

BIXLER OPERA HOUSE

Friday and Saturday Evenings

February 8th and 9th

The Well Known

Boston Ideal Opera Co.

Presents

"Frau Diavolo" on Friday Evening
"Persian Honeymoon" Saturday

Tickets 35c, 50c and 75c

In driving through the country around McCook several farms will attract attention because they are entirely enclosed with hog-tight fence, or have large fields fenced hog-tight. If you read the market reports and do a little figuring you will find that the price of

10 FAT HOGS

will buy from H. P. Waite & Co., hog fence enough to go around a quarter-section of land. Seven and a half more hogs will make it a half-section with a partition fence through the center. On a farm that is fenced in this way nothing is wasted, the hogs get it all, besides they are less liable to disease than if kept in small enclosures. Another car load of hog-fence has just been received by H. P. Waite & Co., and they will sell it at right prices,

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February 12th

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SMOKELESS POWDER.

Curiosities of the Explosive That Resembles Wax and Beads.

What is this smokeless powder? It is the modern high explosive which has superseded the old style black powder, even as electricity has superseded gas, and which is used not only in the field for sporting purposes, but is used exclusively for the shoulder arms of the army and the navy as well as for the machine guns, the rapid fire guns and the huge rifles on the decks of our battleships and within the works of our fortifications. Practically it is nothing but a mixture of gun cotton and alcohol and ether, or acetone, or else acetone with gun cotton and nitroglycerin—the two strongest explosives known—and, blended into a new compound which is at least double as strong as the common black powder, explodes without giving off smoke, and, once finished, not merely loses the dangerous characteristics of its dreaded ingredients, but is so safe that you might give a hatful of the powder to a baby to play with. He might pound it with a hammer to his heart's content, or you yourself might place it on an anvil and bring a forty pound sledge down on it. It would merely squash like so much soap or putty. So commission proof is this powder that you might drop a house on a heap of fifty tons of it and it would not explode. So proof is it against explosion by fire that you might place a stick of cannon powder on a saucer in your bedroom, light it with a match and go to bed by a flickering, sizzling light, as if given off by burning fat. In short, you simply cannot explode this powder unless you go to the trouble of confining it, and even then you can explode it only by using a fulminate of mercury detonator.

The quickest way to picture smokeless powder is to dismiss all ideas of the ordinary black gunpowder so familiar to every one. The color of the modern powder is not black at all, but has the shade of dark amber. In the sense of a powder being finely divided solid, smokeless powder is no powder at all. It consists of a waxlike composition, the size of the "grains" varying according to the calibers of the guns for which they are designed. For use in revolvers, rifles and sporting guns the grains resemble the tiny perforated glass beads, of the sort used in old time needlework. For the machine-guns, the rapid fire guns, the heavy rifles of battleships and forts the grains are cylindrical in shape, varying in size from a third of an inch to three-fourths of an inch in length to three-fourths of an inch in diameter and about two inches in length, each grain, in order to increase the area exposed to ignition, being perforated equidistantly and longitudinally with from one to six holes, big as knitting needles, depending upon the size of the grain.—A. W. Rolker in Appleton's.

A Hasty Judgment.

He sat stuning himself at the door of his curio shop. A crumpled evening paper lay on his knee, and he peered fiercely at it through thick horn spectacles of a kind usually seen in pictures of village pedagogues. A thin young man with a flushed face shambled across the street and stood before him. "Could yer giv'?" said the thin young man. Down fell the paper, and the old fellow began to lecture the appealing young man. "You've come to the wrong shop," he said. "Why, you oughter give me summat, instead of me you. 'Ere I sits all day, and sometimes I don't take a copper before I put the shutters up. But it's allus the same in this world—'im as 'as a shillin' gets it taken from 'im, and 'e who 'as a sovering gets another sovering gen 'im. I 'avent lived seventy year for nothin'." "Yes, but"—"Oh, I know! Why, there's dozens along 'ere every day—more than customers, you bet!" "You won't let me get a word"—"I've told yer my opinion. Go to the church army. If there's anything in yer they'll do summat for you. Or try the unemployed camp. They seem to do fairly well there. Why, I'm forty years older than you, and I don't find things easy—out 'er pocket often on my job. Yes," waving the paper, "who'll do owt for me? I know ye've only a copper left—'erd it before. I 'ad to borrow an 'alfpenny for this paper." Here he paused for breath. "I were goin'," said the young man, "to arst yer for a light."—Manchester Guardian.

Diplomatic Silence.

When Franklin arrived in France he was somewhat astonished at the luxury, noise and bustle of the court of Versailles. The courtiers, who are by nature effervescent and volatile, made much ado over him. He was himself inclined to be taciturn. Vergennes, the French minister of foreign affairs, also was of a reserved, circumspect, uncommunicative nature.

The introducer, having presented Franklin, withdrew. The two statesmen, left alone, bowed to each other. Vergennes, with a gesture, invited Franklin to be seated and then waited. Franklin, however, said not a word. Possibly he wished to put his companion's gravity to the test—the French had always been pictured to him as so loquacious.

The French minister felt that he was on the verge of overstepping the rules of courtesy and hospitality. He therefore took out his snuffbox and invited Franklin to take a pinch of snuff.

Franklin complied, reflected an instant and took his snuff in silence. Vergennes, on his part, did the same, and then the compliment was returned. After a brief flash of silence Franklin rose; so did Vergennes, whereupon, after a farewell obeisance, they parted. This was the entire sum and substance of their first interview, which happily was to be followed by others of a more fruitful character.—Addresses of Frederic R. Coudert.

Fourth Bargain Week

Saturday, February 2nd

Begins the third week of continuous bargains. Every department in the house is being reduced daily, but still have on hand as good and better inducements for you as the first day I opened this great sale, among never before heard of bargains, I have on hand 1,000 pair of ladies' shoes, of best makes and up to date styles, to close out, and placed them on sale in two lots of \$1.35 and \$1.95. Come and take advantage of this offer as it means a saving of a dollar or more on every pair you buy. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

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INDIANOLA.

Mrs. Baxter is visiting in Lincoln this week.

C. L. Walker was an Indianola visitor Thursday.

A young child of Matt Teenis's died and was buried first of the week.

John Harrison sen, shipped a carload of cattle to St. Joe Sunday morning.

Miss Adelaide Streff went to McCook Monday evening, for a short visit with friends.

Mr. Charley Panion of Randolph, Neb. is a guest at the home of his uncle, Ferdinand Vering.

Henry Johnson of Cambridge was a participant in the dance at Short's opera hall, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Haley returned home Sunday morning from their Dakota visit. They report cold weather and deep snow in the Dakotas.

Marion Dow, Alfred Randall, and L. Z. Currie took No. 2, Monday morning for Cottner university, where they will take a business course.

John Rozell traded his residence property to W. S. Dolan last week, for a tract of land north west of here. They will locate in a new home soon.

Merle Powell departed Friday morning for Chicago and New York City, to be gone until about the middle of February, when he will return to his railroad duties.

The Duckworth drugstore has changed hands, wherein Loton Duckworth becomes possessor. Fred will move out to his farm three miles east of town,—so rumors say.

Mrs. Hardesty, with her son and daughter, who have been visiting in the home of Frank Hardesty, left, overland, for their home in Jennings, Kansas, Saturday morning.

On Wednesday, a reception was given Arthur Hoagland and family by the neighbors, at the home of Lewis Longnecker. Mr. Hoagland will move to Saline county in the near future.

Mrs. Pronger drove down from McCook Monday morning and spent the day with Mrs. Walker Andrews. She returned home in the evening accompanied by Mrs. Andrews, who will visit in McCook awhile.

The five year old child of J. F. Currie died Tuesday morning, of membranous croup. The funeral was held at the home. The remains were taken to Juniata to be laid to rest beside two other children who died several years ago.

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