

BOSTON STORE MINSTRELS

Employees of J. L. Brandeis & Sons Give a Novel Entertainment.

SOME LOCAL HITS THAT COUNT DOUBLE

Metropolitan Hall Jammed by Audience that Finds Itself Immensely Pleased by the Program Offered.

Metropolitan hall was crowded to its utmost capacity last night with an interested and enthusiastic audience to enjoy the very excellent minstrel and vaudeville performance given by the employees of J. L. Brandeis & Sons.

Minstrels Make a Hit.

Following the farce came a well rendered grand minstrel production participated in by about thirty of the great store employees.

Some Salient Salutes.

The salutes between the interlocutor and the end men were without exception good and fresh. The takeoffs were local and applied almost wholly to the big store, and play on the names and whims of about the store people.

Interlocutor.

"I'll paint you a picture from nature. A picture no artist can draw. When the breath of the springtime is sweetest."

Staff of the Company.

The staff consisted of Horace Brenner, manager; Frank Clarke, complaint receiver; Herman Malchen, ballet master; Burney Wolfe, wardrobe mistress; Will Thomas, scrub woman; and Harry Boyd, pianist.

ROUGH HOUSE FOR POLICEMAN

Officer Leach Severely Beaten and His Prisoners Released by Two Fats.

While attempting to hold a prisoner whom he had arrested Officer Harry Leach was assaulted last night about 8:30. Two of the man's partners were in hiding in the alley near the feed store at Sixteenth and Webster, and Leach was leading his men to the call box they attacked him.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

E. M. Perfect of Irwin, Ia., was in Omaha on business Tuesday.

At the Murray-George C. Mason, E. W. Wilson, Lincoln; J. F. Frewie, Meadow Grove; Joseph Reuter, Bloomfield.

Father Thomas Walsh of Norfolk is at the Henshaw. Father Walsh was formerly pastor of St. Paul church in this city.

W. E. Shaver, Junata; Jacob Wooster, Hastings; J. V. Beardsley, Roseland; Henry Albert, Clatonia, are registered at the Arcade.

At the Grand-J. S. Harman, Tecumseh; W. D. Moss and wife, York; P. J. Disher, O'Neill; B. P. Pitman, Chadron; D. H. Hirschner, Bennington.

J. M. Aldrich of Mira, S. D., is at the Arcade. Today he will be in charge of a party of home seekers who expect to go with him to Dakota to purchase farms.

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At the Arcade, Mrs. Lang's former editor and publisher of the West Point Republican. He is at present in the banking business in Oklahoma.

Among the Nebraskaans at the Merchants are the following: E. Laifu, Tekamah; Richard Ebbitt, Grand Island; George and Peter Kiser, Ord; J. M. Green, Lincoln; Oscar Marshall, St. Edwards; John M. Dille, Hebron; L. E. Doly and wife, Lincoln.

At the Paxton-W. S. Clapp, Kearney; J. W. Wilson, Stromsburg; H. J. Wetmore, Wynona; F. H. Dunham, Lincoln; Dr. J. W. Mitchell, George Spahn, Superior; E. E. Brown, Harvard; C. W. McCracken, Holdrege; J. J. Wilson and wife, Broken Bow.

At the Millard-J. P. Gibbons, Kearney; J. J. Kennedy, York; J. M. Weldon, Wood River; L. W. Davis, Lincoln; C. E. Brown, Lincoln; W. W. Sankoff, Colorado; A. A. Houston, Fairbury; A. Sheppard, Fairbury; Carl Goucher, R. C. Webster, Wahoo.

Used regularly the skin assumes all its natural color and the soft smoothness which is the proof that she who walks in beauty is a devotee of Cream Charlotte.

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For sale in Omaha by Boston Store, 25 cents the Jar.

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HOTEL ROBBERY REPEATED

Trick Works So Well it is Tried a Second Time, but in Another Hotel.

A replica of the robbery, which was reported last Saturday night in one of the Omaha hotels, occurred last night in another hotel. In every detail the plan was the same, except that this time the party fell under suspicion.

Larsen describing the man as one of medium build, smooth shaven and light complexion. He wore a dark coat and might pass as a guest. He was a black handkerchief over his face.

A man answering the description registered in the afternoon. He represented himself to be a railroad man. He occupied room 7. Greater suspicion fell on him because the key he had used was found bent from straining in the locks.

It is thought that the conductor was hunting up as his train was about to pull out. He said he remembered the man, but said he had refused to let him ride.

BOLD WORK BY PICKPOCKET

Works Julius Lund for \$57, but is Landed in Jail After a Lively Chase.

A bold piece of work in the nature of larceny from the person was accomplished last night at about 7 o'clock opposite the postoffice building at Seventeenth and Capitol avenue.

Julius Lund, a chiropractor, who has his parlors in the Karbach block, was accosted near Seventeenth and Douglas by a colored woman who asked him for directions to reach certain number.

She asked him several questions and finally she walked at his side toward Capitol avenue, her number being in that direction.

For some reason he felt for his pocketbook on the way and found it missing. It contained \$57 in bills. He seized the woman at once, but she put up a fierce struggle.

He ran after her, but being past middle age and heavy could not keep up for a minute with the negro, who ran like a deer. He called to give the alarm and luckily for him J. A. Lyons, 1317 Capitol avenue, took up the chase.

He followed the woman for four blocks before he caught her at Nineteenth and Chicago. It is said that she jumped over fences and ran through the alleys in her efforts to elude her pursuer.

Her efforts she did not have the money, but she was taken to jail. The officers then went back over the course she had run and found the money in the yard at 223 North Nineteenth, where Lyons caught her.

Her name is Eva Williams, 817 North Thirty-second street.

W. E. Dewey, a boy who was following the chase after the woman, was the one who found the pocketbook where she had thrown it when she saw she could not escape.

Her hat was missing and one sleeve was torn out of her waist.

MILES CHANGES HIS PLEA

Negro Who Denied Second Degree Murder Charge Confesses to Manslaughter.

After hearing the opening evidence of the state in its case against William Miles, colored, for murder in the second degree, the defendant's attorney, J. M. Macfarland, advised Miles to enter a plea of guilty of manslaughter if the county attorney's office would consent.

To this end a consultation was held Tuesday morning between Miles, his attorney, Macfarland and Assistant District Attorney Fitch and Judge Day. At the end of the conference Miles stepped up and changed his plea of guilty of second degree murder to guilty of manslaughter.

Sentence was not pronounced, as Mr. Macfarland asked time to present affidavits as to the previous good character of the prisoner. For manslaughter the sentence may be anything from one to ten years.

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A site war had been on for some time and seven sites were put up to the public to vote upon. These were: Northwest corner Twenty-fifth and N streets, south-east corner Twenty-fifth and M streets, opposite new library building facing on M street, south side; southwest corner Twenty-fourth and O streets, southeast corner Twenty-fifth and O streets, south-east corner Twenty-fifth and M streets, northwest corner Twenty-fifth and N streets, south side between L and M streets, east side of Twenty-fourth street. The site at the southwest corner of Twenty-fourth and O streets received the most votes and the city hall was to be located there if the bonds were sold.

Lyman Spitzer is here for the purpose of buying these bonds and Mrs. Pivonka says she has been asked to buy the bonds. She told a reporter of the Bee that she was still considering the matter and she probably would know by Thursday or Friday.

It is understood that the syndicate which controls the lots on Twenty-fourth and O streets is holding them at \$15,000. It is also reported that three lots could be bought on Twenty-fifth and O streets for \$5,000, and the advocates of this site are again active.

A plan has been suggested of refunding the bonds, although they were never issued. The experts from the east say that this could be done. The presence of Mr. Spitzer has brought up all of the old fights for and against a city hall, and groups stand around the corners as if it was the day of an election.

Last night a meeting was held of the N Street Improvement club for a discussion of the matter. The attorney against the bonds and representing Mrs. Pivonka is Attorney Breen of Omaha. Two expert bond buyers, the employ of Mr. Spitzer, preceded him to Omaha to examine the bond history and data concerning the issue.

A special meeting of the council may be called.

The bonds were sold to Hayes & Sons for a premium of \$89 less \$10, making a net premium of \$79, but it is thought that if the bonds were sold at this time it will have to be at a discount because of the litigation and opposition.

Protests on Special Taxes.

The city council is sitting as a board of equalization to hear protests on some special taxes. For work done by Dan Hannan in Sixteenth street grading district taxes amounting to \$3,028.56; for permanent sidewalks E. 68th and for similar and temporary permanent sidewalks laid by the city and assessed against the property, \$37.88. These wages were put in instead of the old two-penny wages, which the last legislature knocked out. The board sat all day Tuesday and no protest was filed. It will continue to sit until tonight at 5 o'clock.

Howe's Busy Week.

City Treasurer Howe has been kept busy this week receiving money for taxes. Mr. Howe said:

"People should come early to pay their taxes as there is sure to be a rush toward the first of the year when they will begin to draw interest. Three railroad companies have paid their taxes without protest. They are the Rock Island, \$260,000; the Missouri Pacific, \$262,700; and the Milwaukee, \$188,500. This is a tax on mileage and the others have not paid up."

Easy Picking for Crook.

A meeting soon is to be called of the "Easy Marks" club, an organization in South Omaha composed of the eight business men who were so neatly trimmed last Saturday by the smothered, forged check men who have struck this burg for some time.

A young man appeared in one of the prominent saloons about dark with an old, mud-spattered overcoat and a dinner pail. He asked to have an \$8 check cashed, at the same time presenting a check drawn up in good form and signed by the rubber stamp and a good imitation of the signature of G. W. Briggs, the plumber. Pat Martin was the first victim and he thought nothing of it as the man looked like a working man who had just come out of some sewer ditch so he cashed his check. The money was not discovered until Monday day noon when the checks came into the Packers' National bank, eight in number and were thrown out. The man had a good two days' start with his \$100, which he realized and nothing has been heard of him.

Among the mourners are P. J. Martin, George Schuler, John Richter, Charles Weaver, Louis Lundin and John Rabb. The deception was so complete and the nerve of the man so great that the victims are not able to furnish the police with a good description.

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A system of ventilation also will be installed in the matron's department and other changes made. Prisoners who may be held for any length of time will be compelled to take a bath. The matron's department necessarily will have to be enlarged to meet the new conditions.

The commissioners expressed themselves as quite pleased with the kitchen at the jail, which they declared was quite cleanly and orderly.

Speaking of the improvements to be made Commissioner Spratlan said:

"Omaha should have a new city jail, but inasmuch as such a thing is out of the question for now the best thing to do is to improve the one we now have. We hope to make needed improvements from time to time as best we can."

Gifts for the baby, Edholm, Jeweler.

Kelley Acquitted on One Charge.

HURON, S. D., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The second of the five cases pending in the circuit court here against Charles A. Kelley, a prominent attorney and real estate man of this city, was concluded last night when the jury returned a verdict in Mr. Kelley's favor, declaring him not guilty of the charge of making a false certificate of acknowledgment to a certain warranty deed. This case has been on trial before Judge Gaffey since Friday, and attracted much attention because of the pro-nunciance of the defendant.

OCEAN STEAMERS.

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