

THE COLUMBIAN.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1909.

End of Dumont's Minstrels.

Home of Black Face Comedy Abandoned.

Last Saturday night the final curtain was rung down at the old Eleventh Street Opera House, Philadelphia, where for fifty-five years the merry men in blackface, satin suits and silk hose have held forth to the delight of hundreds of thousands.

This is not only the end of the season at Dumont's. It is the end of old-time minstrelsy as well. Sad, smooth-faced old chaps who have spent their lifetime in making others laugh shook their heads dolefully when the subject was broached.

"It's heart-breaking to think that the old house will be dark after tonight," said George W. Barber, lessee of the Eleventh Street Opera House. Mr. Barber has been lessee of the theater since 1876, and through stormy weather and fair he has stood by the minstrel show. "A fickle public taste is responsible for the decision to make this the final season. How well I can remember the time, years ago, when the public could not get enough of the minstrel show. But the taste has changed. We have not received necessary support, and it is from necessity that we darken the old house forever."

SCHOOL FOR COMEDIANS.

A wealth of associations and bounteous reminiscences are harbored in the low structure on Eleventh Street, between Market and Chestnut, where the minstrels have held forth for more than a half century. In the estimation of discerning theatrical experts it is no exaggeration to say that the minstrel house was the greatest school in the country for comedians. From the ranks of the blackfaced semi-circles have come some of the most famous actors of the generation. Many comedians who to-day sport before the public obtained their first tuition from the ancient house on Eleventh Street.

HISTORY OF THE HOUSE.

The Christies made minstrelsy the rage. That was in ante-bellum days. They danced "Jim Crow" and it was infectious. Black-faced fun scored. Minstrel shows sprang up everywhere overnight.

Cartee's, now Dumont's was among the very first of these. Fifty-five years ago Dr. Wylie's Presbyterian Church stood on the east side of Eleventh Street between Market and Chestnut. A little alleyway, now known as Merchant Street, ran along its northern side. The congregation had outgrown the church and the neighborhood so when a finer, larger building was erected the old edifice was sold. H. S. Cartee bought it and transferred it into a theater. That was in 1854. It was known first as Cartee's Lyceum. The company was called the "Julian Minstrels." "Ben" Colton and E. F. Dixie were the first end men.

The celebrated Sam S. Sanford was the next manager. Then, in 1865, it came under the control of Carncross, Dixie and Simpson and Carncross' and Dixie's Minstrels gained a national reputation.

In 1876 George W. Barber, the present lessee, took over the reins and continued the organization as Carncross and Dixie's minstrels until the Fall of '78 when Dixie retired. After that the name was hortened to Carncross Minstrels, until in the Spring of 1896, Carnross retired. Frank Dumont, who joined the minstrels in 1876, then became associated with Mr. Barber in the management of the theatre.

There are many middle aged men a Bloomsburg who will remember that a visit to Philadelphia was not complete without going to Carn-

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cross'. The writer remembers that on his first visit to the city in 1858 he attended this play house, which was then Sanford's.

The building will probably continue to be used for amusement, but will be changed into a modern theatre.

Democracy's Magazine.

We hail with much anticipation of delight the announcement of Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic national committee, that he has completed all arrangements for the publication of a monthly magazine to be known as National Monthly and to be devoted to the interests of the Democratic party in national affairs. It is stated that the magazine will be open to contributions from United States senators, members of congress, governors and other prominent representatives of the Democratic party.

The magazine will fill a great need if it adheres closely to the fundamental principles of the Democratic party. The majority of the magazines published now are more or less controlled by plutocracy and one of the dangerous signs of the times is that nearly every magazine of note is lending aid and comfort to the spirit of militarism and war. There are a few notable exceptions. But the average magazine contains every month something extolling war, the preparations for war and a militant government generally. This is a threat against democracy and a national magazine really devoted to the cause of peace and equal rights to all is something to be desired. Whether Mr. Mack will give us such a magazine remains to be seen. If he does he will render his country a service. We are convinced that a magazine which honestly and fearlessly stands for the principles of Jefferson and Jackson will find a welcome in the homes of all faithful Democrats and assure its permanent success.—Johnston Democrat.

DON'T BE MISLED.

Many a life has been cut short by a cough that was not believed to be serious. Many a backache and headache follows a coughing spell. Many a night is passed in restlessness caused by coughing. Many a cough "cure" that never cures is tried. Do not be misled. If you cough, take the old reliable Kemp's Balsam, the best cough cure. At druggists and dealers, 75c.

Wise and Otherwise.

—Mrs. Newpop—"What's the baby crying for, I wonder?" Mr. Newpop—"Oh, he tried to swallow my cuff buttons." Mrs. Newpop—"What did you do?" Mr. Newpop—"Gave him a couple of cuffs."

—Chicago News.—Teacher—"Bessie, name one bird that is now extinct." Little Bessie—"Dick." Teacher—"Dick? What sort of a bird is that?" Little Bessie—"Our canary. The cat exterminated him."

—The Presbyterian.—It's a wise daughter who doesn't underrate her mother-in-law's charms.—Chicago Tribune.

"Will that young man ever go home?" demanded the irritated head of the house. "I guess so, father," replied the mater familias. "He always has."—Washington Herald.

—Seasons may roll, but the true soul burns the same where'er it goes.—Moore.

—Belle—"Well, you ought to be happy." Nellie—"Why?" Belle—"You've married a rich husband." Nellie—"No, I haven't; I've married a rich man, but he's a mighty poor husband."—Cleveland Leader.

Card Signs For Sale.

The following printed card signs are kept in stock at the COLUMBIAN OFFICE:

- No Admittance. For Sale. This Property for Sale. This Property for Rent. This Room for Rent. Post No Bills. Keep off the Grass, and others. Window Cards, Step Cards, Trolley Advertising Cards, and Card Signs of any kind, up to 22 by 28 inches in size, white or colors, printed on short notice. tf.

The Year's Eclipses.

According to the announcement of the National Observatory authorities at Washington, D. C., there will be four eclipses this year, two of the sun and two of the moon. The first eclipse of the sun, June 17th, will be visible in a large portion of North America, but the second, December 12th, will be invisible in the United States. The lunar eclipses will occur on June 3rd and November 26th. The first will be visible in a part of North America and the second throughout the continent.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an Alias writ of Levari Facias and sundry writs of Venditioni Exponas issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pa., and to me directed, there will be sold at public sale at the Court House in the Sheriff's Office, at Bloomsburg, county and state aforesaid, on

SATURDAY, MAY 1st, 1909

at 2 o'clock p. m., the following described real estate:

TRACT No. 1.—All that certain message, piece, parcel and tract of land, situate in the Town of Bloomsburg, county and state aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a corner in the public road leading from Bloomsburg to Lightstreet and corner of land of J. J. Musselman, thence in said road south forty-four degrees west two hundred and forty-one feet to a point in said road, thence south sixty degrees west two hundred and eighty-seven feet to a post in said road, thence south sixty-four degrees forty-five minutes west one hundred feet to a post in said road, thence south seventy-two degrees forty-five minutes west two hundred and forty feet to a post in said road, thence north eighty-six degrees west two hundred feet to a post in said road, thence south eighty-seven degrees thirty minutes west one hundred feet to a post in said road, thence south seventy-one degrees fifteen minutes west three hundred and sixty-four feet to a post corner in said road, at a private road leading to Rosemont Cemetery Co. thence by said road and other lands of said Armstrong north sixty degrees and thirty minutes east one hundred and forty-eight and five-tenths feet to a stake, thence north fifty-four degrees thirty minutes east one hundred and eighty and five-tenths feet to a stake, thence north thirty-two degrees and ten minutes east seventy-four feet to a stake, thence north ten degrees forty minutes east one hundred and ninety-nine and five-tenths feet to a stake, thence north nine degrees and five minutes east one hundred and eighty-one feet to a stake, thence north four degrees and fifteen minutes east one hundred and thirty-eight feet to a stone corner and other land of said Armstrong, thence by same north eighty-five degrees east nine hundred and ninety-five and five-tenths feet to a corner and land of J. J. Musselman, thence by the same south eleven degrees east two hundred and sixty-two and five-tenths feet to a post corner in the public road aforesaid, the place of beginning, containing

THIRTEEN AND THREE-TENTHS ACRES.

together with the right to use the private road leading to Rosemont Cemetery and the use of water from a spring located about ninety feet from the northwest corner of the tract of land herein conveyed, on which is erected a large

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and necessary equipment for the florist and nursery business. This property is located within a quarter of a mile of the Town of Bloomsburg, and is well equipped with a modern up-to-date Green House and Nursery Plant capable of immediate operation.

TRACT No. 2.—Beginning at a post on the north side of East Fourth Street, at the intersection of lot No. Twenty-three with the Bloomsburg Land Improvement Co. line; thence westwardly along the north line of said Fourth Street one hundred and sixty-four and seven-tenths feet to Eastern line of lot No. Twenty-eight, one hundred and eighty-four feet to an alley; thence along the southern line in an easterly direction, of said alley to line of said Bloomsburg Land Improvement Company; and thence southwardly along said line to the place of beginning, which embraces lots No. Twenty-five, Twenty-six and Twenty-seven in the plan of Neal's Addition to the Town of Bloomsburg. Whereon is erected a large

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and necessary equipment for the florist and nursery business.

Seized, taken into execution at the suit of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania vs. Davis Brothers Company, and at the suits of W. R. Sobers, John Jones and John Trinkle vs. Davis Brothers Company, and to be sold as the property of Davis Brothers Company.

CHARLES B. ENT, Sheriff. A. W. DUY, CLINTON HERRING, Attorneys. 4-8-3t.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS OF ELECTION OF TRUSTEES, AND OF SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHARTER.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE BLOOMSBURG LITERARY INSTITUTE AND STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

You are hereby notified that the annual meeting of the stockholders will be held in the public parlor of the School, in the Town of Bloomsburg, Pa., on Monday, May 3, 1909, between the hours of 2 P. M. and 4 P. M., for the purpose of electing three trustees, to serve for the ensuing three years, on the part of the stockholders, and the selection and nomination of six persons to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, three of whom, if satisfactory to him, shall be appointed to serve on the Board of Trustees for the ensuing three years on the part of the State.

You are also hereby notified that at the said annual meeting of the stockholders there will be submitted for your approval or disapproval certain proposed Amendments to the Charter, to wit: Amending the name, style and title of the corporation from "The Bloomsburg Literary Institute" to the "Bloomsburg Literary Institute and State Normal School of the Sixth District"; increasing the number of trustees from nine to eighteen; changing the time of the Annual Stockholders' Meeting from the first Saturday to the first Monday in May; designating the officers of the corporation as President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer; the manner and mode of election and appointment of trustees; increasing the quorum of the Board of Trustees from five to seven; fixing the capital stock at \$50,490.00, divided into 1997 shares; prohibiting dividends upon the capital stock of the corporation, and enlarging the purposes and scope of the institution.

JOHN M. CLARK, Secretary. 4-1-3t.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Levari Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, there will be sold at public sale at the Court House in the Sheriff's Office, in the Town of Bloomsburg, county and state aforesaid, on

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1909, at 2 o'clock, p. m., the following described real estate:

All that message or piece of land situate in the Town of Bloomsburg, County of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Market Street and Sixth Street thence along the South side of Sixth Street North sixty-four degrees and fifty-six minutes East Seventy-seven and two-tenths feet, thence North sixty and one-half degrees East one hundred and twenty-one feet and two inches to Whiteman's Alley, thence South twenty-five degrees fifty-six minutes East fifty-four feet to land conveyed to the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company by D. J. Waller and Julia Waller his wife, thence South fifty-seven and one-half degrees West one hundred and ninety-eight and one-half feet to Market Street, thence North twenty-five degrees fifty-six minutes West seventy and one-third feet to the place of beginning.

Whereon is erected A LARGE BRICK STORE BUILDING, 70 by 42 feet, 3 1/2 stories in height, slate roof, equipped with steam heating and electric lights, also another FRAME BUILDING on the rear end of lot used as a warehouse. Seized, taken in execution at the suit of the Sunbury Trust and Safe Deposit Company vs. H. G. Supplee, and to be sold as the property of H. G. Supplee. CHARLES B. ENT, Sheriff. Duy & Reimensnyder, Attorneys. 4-1.

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