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The Self Rising Nose.
Frank Deshon, than whom a funnier comedian never donned the makeup, never resorts to a slap stick or horse play, but by his cute pranks and valuable wit, wins a host of friends wherever he chances to exhibit his wares. There are some folks with whom nature has endowed an extra bump of mirth and when these bumps were given out at school, little Frank Deshon must have been sitting in a front seat and stood pat with the distributor of those things that tend to make a funny comedian. He is exceedingly funny and wins countless laughs.

The other night after he had a hard night playing Archie Van Million in Willard Spenser's "Miss Bob White" talking to some friends, told them all the funny experiences he had since a showman and which dated back to his prior career, when as one of Palmer Cox's Brownies. The scene of the narrative is laid in Pottstown, Pa. When about 15 minutes after the curtain had risen, he found to his horror that he had no nose putty. He appealed to each and every member of the little Company but only failure stared him in the face, and finally as a last resort, he got an errand boy about the stage to get him 5c worth of best flour, with which after a great delay, he completed his make-up.

All went well during the first act, in fact, he was funnier than ever and he was particularly pleased with himself inasmuch as he got laughs he had never dared to dream of and some times when there was no occasion for it, but he was elated with his success.

He did not notice anything unusual until he had a scene with a beer keg, when much to his disgust his eyesight failed him and he could not see where the keg was. He felt sure that the property was at fault and went to look at the audience to see how they were taking the stage wait, and he could not see the audience. Finally he groped around and found the keg, finished the scene and went off in a fit of great excitement. Rushing to his room, he sought a mirror and beheld with horror that his nose was about ten times its natural size. He was thunder-struck and could not account for the phenomena but made a bee line for the youngster who had made the purchase and finding him, inquired as to what under the sun he had bought with the nickel, to which the youth replied "Why, self rising flour, of course, that's the kind mother always uses." And then with the recollection of the perspiration and the normal heat of the body, Deshon realized it was not a premature attack of Delirium Tremens for at last he was still on the water wagon.

At Opera House, Emporium, Pa., Tuesday evening, February 28th, 1905. Prices, \$2.00, \$1.50 and \$1.00. Chart opened February 6th, 1905. Two rows of seats will be reserved for a limited time for out of town patrons. Mail East will stop at Cameron, Sterling Run, Driftwood and Sinnemahoning for down county people who wish to attend.

Coxy's Army is Still on the Grass.
Last Monday evening the Coxy Army Bowling team "crossed bats" with the R. R. Bowling team, defeating the latter by 289 pins. It was evident that Coxy's Army was sure of winning by the confident manner in which they marched to the "field of victory. The much beloved Captain, "Reddy" Lyons, walked in advance carrying an army musket—made in 1776—followed by J. Shives bearing the American flag; P. Jackson was next in line waving a symbol of the African race far in the air and Prof. Daly brought up the rear exhibiting his ability as a bass drummer. After the game the army drilled a few minutes in the Bowling Alley, much to the disconcertion of the R. R. team, and then repaired to the New Warner Cafe for refreshments. The following is the score:

PENN'A. R. R. TEAM.		
Good.....	198	167-558
Gallagher.....	141	122-421
Welsh.....	110	123-350
Hemphill.....	161	139-441
McCarthy.....	163	140-424
Jordan.....	125	157-435
	905	861-2629
COXEY'S ARMY.		
Lyons.....	145	193-493
Crawford.....	194	128-355-457
Shives.....	132	154-201-487
Daly.....	169	133-189-491
Jackson.....	168	145-147-460
Clarke.....	165	158-187-510
	973	911-2898

Saturday, February 11th the Coxy Army bowling team will go up against the "Untried" team of this place, which team is composed of Messrs. Brady, Good, Walker, Chas Howard, Overturf and Hemphill.



The Colonial Dames with Miss Bob White Co.,

At the Opera House, Tuesday evening, Feb. 28th. Prices—\$2.00, \$1.50 and \$1.00. Seats now on sale at H. S. Lloyd's Book Store.

Ariel Ladies Quartet, Feb. 17th.

The Ariel Ladies Quartet of Boston will close the Peoples Star Course Friday evening, February 17. The program given by these ladies will fully maintain the high standard set by previous numbers and prove a source of pleasure to all patrons. In addition to quartet and solo parts there will be readings, emotive plasticques in Grecian costume, Japanese songs with action, in costume and violin solos. In engaging this number the management receives the assurance of the Bureau that the quartet is absolutely unexcelled and that no similar attraction will better please and entertain an audience. Seats can be reserved at Lloyd's book store.

Death of Thos. J. Lysett.

Thomas J. Lysett, formerly of Emporium, died at his home at Williamsport, last Friday, aged 36 years. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his untimely death. Mr. Lysett was in poor health when he left Emporium, a few months ago, yet his death was no surprise to his friends. His funeral took place Monday morning from his late residence at Williamsport. The following relatives and friends were in attendance from Emporium: S. J. Kline and family, Ed. Robinson and family, Dan'l McDonald and wife, Thos. Cavanaugh, T. F. Moore, Alex. McDougall, John Cummings, F. X. Blumle, Pat Normandy, M. Murphy and others.

Birthday of Lincoln.

In the High School room to-morrow (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock an entertainment will be given in celebration of the above named event. All friends of education and we believe this includes all of the city, are invited. Come. We will assure you a pleasant afternoon.

E. S. LING.

Return Reception and Ball.

A committee of Emporium gentlemen will tender the ladies a return reception and ball, Tuesday evening, Feb. 14th—Valentine day. No doubt it will be an enjoyable occasion, judging from the plans arranged. Mr. Bride's orchestra will furnish the music.

The chicken supper announced for Friday evening at Howard Siding, has been postponed until a later date.

Married.
Albert W. Card and Miss Nellie Skillman, two of Moore Hill's popular young people were united in marriage at the office of M. M. Larrabee, Tuesday. Their friends extend congratulations and wish them a prosperous and happy married life.

Will Cut Hemlock.

C. B. Howard Company's hardwood mill commences cutting hemlock again this week thereby giving employment to several more men. The wrecking of the big engine reduced the stock of hardwood several hundred thousand feet. This will be cut later in the season.

The Young Wife.

The comedy drama is to be given at the opera house next Monday night, by the young folks of our city. The Presbyterian Church has made arrangements with Chas. Payne a dramatist to direct this production. He comes to us very highly recommended as he has put on several plays in our neighboring towns. This play tells the story of a jealous wife; the comedy element is very strong. Dancing specialties by the little girls in fancy costumes. Mr. Payne promises us a very superior performance and a play that has always pleased. Reserved seats on sale at Lloyd's Saturday a. m. At 35 and 50 cents.

Dinny—McCormick.

Miss Susie McCormick, late teacher in our graded schools, and Owen Dinny, well and favorably known in Emporium, now being in the employ of the Emporium Powder Co., were quietly married at Imperial Hotel, Olean, N. Y., last Monday evening. Rev. Dr. Wood, Pastor of M. E. Church officiating. Mr. Jasper Harris, of this place, was present at the marriage. Congratulations are now in order. After a short visit they will reside in Emporium.

Take Notice.

I will be at the New Warner, Friday, February 10th with samples.
BEN S. GUNZBERG.

Whole Train Delayed.

Two trainmen lost their lives and a score or more of passengers were injured in a wreck on the New York Central Railroad, at Whitesboro, three miles west of Utica at an early hour last Saturday. None of the injured were dangerously hurt, their wounds being mainly cuts and bruises. The dead are John Allen, engineer, and John Brennan, fireman of the locomotive on the Western Express.

As this train was passing the Buffalo Special, east-bound, the boiler of the locomotive of the west-bound train exploded. The force of the explosion and the upheaval of the engine threw the entire train of thirteen cars composing the "Special" from the rails as if it had been a string of toy coaches. The rear Pullman toppled into a ditch on the side of the track, but the forward cars were hurled into an adjoining field at distances varying from ten to forty feet. Several flew from the supporting trucks and wheels and ploughed deep into snow banks, their ends demolished by the impact. The west-bound train did not leave the track.

B. E. Courtwright, formerly of Ridgeway, one of the injured, being thrown through a car window and seriously injured. J. L. Wheeler, of Emporium, accompanied his brother to his injured brother last Sunday.

John E. DuBois' New Operations.

Mr. E. W. Kelley, foreman for John E. DuBois on Hicks Run, transacted business in town yesterday. When their operations are ready for business a large force of workmen will be employed. The mill will be erected at Dents Run, in Elk county, but the town will be in Cameron county. About fifty dwelling houses will be erected early this spring, in Cameron county. The timber is located on Hicks Run, south of Emporium, and a railroad is being graded to mouth of Mix Run. It will take fifteen years to cut the timber. It is now reported that Mr. DuBois will remove his tannery to Mix Run.

Don't forget that you can purchase tickets for the Hobo Sociable at opera house, Friday evening.

Republican Borough and Ward Ticket.

The attention of all voters, especially property owners, to the following excellent nominations for Borough and Ward offices. The fact that Emporium Borough finances has been in a deplorable condition, for some time, owing to several causes, makes it imperative that careful, competent and honest men should be elected. Elect every man on the Republican column and you will make no mistake. The fact that several of the prominent Democrats nominated have declined the nominations, makes it very evident that even the Democrats approve of the wise and judicious choice made by the Republicans, viz:

BOROUGH.
Constable and Collector,
William Hackenberg.
Overseer of Poor,
John W. Kriner.
Auditor,
A. P. Van Gelder.
High Constable,
A. O. Swartwood.

WARDS.
Councilmen,
George J. LaBar, West Ward.
Charles L. Butler, West Ward.
William H. Cramer, Middle Ward.
Allen Baldwin, East Ward.

School Directors,
R. R. McQuay, West Ward.
L. K. Huntington, East Ward.

Constables,
Harry Hemphill, Middle Ward.
Charles Fisher, East Ward.

ELECTION, TUESDAY, FEB. 21ST.

The Hobo Sociable.

The Hobo Sociable at the opera house Friday evening promises to be a pleasant occasion. The ladies at the head of the affair request all, both ladies and gents, to come prepared to join the hobo gang. Fun galore.

James W. Reed Very Low.

Several days ago, Jas. W. Reed, of Moore Hill, while working on Kelley's log job on Hicks Run, cut his right knee quite badly. Blood poison has now set in and the unfortunate man is in a very dangerous condition, at this writing, Wednesday evening, with little hope of his recovery.

WANTED—A good girl for general house work in small family. Apply at this office.

WEATHER REPORT!!
(Forecast by T. B. Lloyd.)
FRIDAY, snow storm.
SATURDAY, Fair.
SUNDAY, Fair.

Observer.

Professor James in his "Varieties of Religious Experience" draws a distinction between two types which he designates as the "strong man" and the "saint." The "strong man" is the representative of forceful genius, full of initiative and enterprise. He is the strenuous man who does things, and in doing them is not hampered by considerations of mere sentiment. In his consciousness the sense of strength excludes the sense of weakness or dependence. He is apt to look upon the religious sense as a confession of weakness and as such it is abhorrent, or at least meaningless, to him. The "saint" is one in whose consciousness the sense of dependence upon a higher power is dominant. Apart from connection with that higher power he feels himself to be utterly weak and unworthy.

The foregoing classification may go for what it is worth. It is recalled to the Observer by an article in last week's Outlook by Gerald Stanley Lee, entitled "The Church of the Strong Men." The writer assumes that the great body of "strong men" are holding themselves aloof from the Church, because the churches of to-day represent God and religion in a way that seems very trivial and unworthy. "It does not interest them to go to a church whose God is so hard put to it that he conducts his business affairs in such a way that the average business man in the street can look down on him. Who cares to accept an invitation to come and pray to a God who has just worked out the last week some new way of picking one's pocket or of cornering people into giving? If the church building that represents God on the streets is vulgar or hideous or shabby or insincere, or if it is a mere sitting room, with colored windows, where people drop in pleasantly for a cozy, comfortable chat with Him before whom hell is naked, who stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing, why should one notice God?"

Our churches may be more or less open to these criticisms; but these criticisms are far indeed from representing the whole truth about them. Neither is it true that "strong men" in godly numbers are not to be found in the churches. It is the belief of the Observer that the majority of "strong men" in the country are men of wide enough vision to see now central and vital in our civilization are the institutions of Christianity and of large enough social spirit (to say the least) to do some part towards maintaining a Christian life and atmosphere. On the other hand, it is very misleading to suppose that all who hold themselves aloof from the churches are "strong men." In the majority of cases it is something besides the possession of the noble qualities of strength that leads some men to hold themselves aloof from the churches. If it is a sign of strength to be so exclusively absorbed in private business that one has no inclination to take any part in the public activities of the community, whether political, social, or moral; than perhaps the majority of non church going men are "strong men." If it is a sign of strength for one to feel free to criticize the administration of institutions without which civilization and social order would quickly perish, while at the same time feeling no responsibility for any share in what is really a common interest and a common duty; then perhaps these churchless men are "strong men."

The Observer does not believe in coddling or coaxing these churchless "strong men." They owe a duty to God and to humanity just as truly as do the "saints." They have eyes and ought to be able to see facts for themselves. If they are honestly and thoroughly convinced that we have no need of religion or of churches, let them say so frankly, but let them not fail to offer something better in their place. Humanity does not live by bread alone, but is thirsting for something higher than stocks and bonds, deals and dividends.

Weary Willies.

Will meet the ladies of Emporium Friday Evening, Feb. 10, at opera house. Come and enjoy an evening of fun. Refreshments in hobo style. Tickets, including "handcut" 25cts. Affine "handout" for the best costumed lady or gent.

COMMITTEE.