

LEOPARD SPOTS AT AUDITORIUM

The lengths to which artists and writers will go for their materials—"local color" etc., is a source of constant wonder to the lay mind.

Thomas Dixon furnished a striking illustration of this when he was at work upon the manuscript of "The Leopard's Spots," his famous novel which he has at last dramatized and which will be seen here at the Auditorium, Friday, October 31st.

Mr. Dixon had a perfectly clear conception of his story in mind and was working night and day towards the completion of his work. But certain characterizations in the book bothered him not a little. Especially that of "Tom Camp," the old Confederate soldier, whose adventures and tribulations bear an important part in the action of "The Leopard's Spots."

Tom Camp had Mr. Dixon "up a tree." He knew exactly what he expected of the old fellow but somehow or other couldn't visualize him exactly as he wanted to.

One day while he was in Pittsburg Mr. Dixon saw a photograph in a window. He stopped and studied it closely, hardly daring to hope yet thrilling with anticipation.

It was a picture of "Tom Camp" in the flesh, just exactly as the author had imagined him. An old man with silver locks grown long, and a patriarchal beard. The face was that of a man who had been handsome in his youth and still retained the marks of character in his old age. A noble forehead surmounted brows under which the deep set eyes gleamed with intelligence and power. The nose was straight and large, the mouth firm.

Mr. Dixon dashed into the photographer's studio and demanded to know where he might find the original of the picture.

The photographer told him it was an "art study" that had been made in Chicago and gave him an address. No, he knew nothing about the old man.

"I'll bet he was a soldier," said Mr. Dixon as he started out of the studio. "I'll bet he was a Johnny Reb, too."

"What makes you think that?" asked the amused photographer.

"Well," replied Mr. Dixon, "he looks it. He has all the ear-marks of one of Lee's Devoted Demons. I'm going to find him."

Mr. Dixon went to Chicago, and to make a long story short, he found the old man, who, sure enough, had been a soldier.

But alas for dreams.

"Tom Camp" was a "Yank."

He had fought under Grant, and now he lived in the Union Soldiers' Home in Chicago!

But no matter to Mr. Dixon, he had found his character, for the old man was just the one he wanted. His imagination could easily overlook a little thing like the difference of color in a uniform. The more he talked to the ancient the more delighted he became. It was like having a dream come true.

And when Mr. Dixon was producing "The Leopard's Spots" as a play he sent an actor who was to play "Tom" all the way to Chicago for a week to study his ideal.

So the character and being of "Tom Camp," the old Confederate soldier was furnished by one of his former enemies.

Strange case, is it not?

MANY GERMAN OFFICERS KILLED IN EXPLOSION.

Admiralty Trial Board Wiped Out When Largest New Air Ship Explodes in Mid Air.

Berlin, Oct. 17.—The entire German admiralty trial board of seven and twenty other military men were killed today by the explosion in mid air of the largest and newest of the Zeppelin war airships, the "L-11," upon which the party was making a trial flight. Only one person on board escaped.

The disaster occurred just above the main street of Johannisthal. The shattered bulk of the 500-foot airship, a mass of blazing canvas and crumpled aluminum, dropped 900 feet into the public highway. Hundreds of people who had been watching the flight rushed to the scene. There was nothing to be done except to take out the bodies of the victims from the wreckage.

Lieutenant Von Bluel, of the Queen Augusta Grenadier Guards, who was making the trip as a guest, was the only survivor of the wreck. He was badly injured.

GREATEST FLEET OF HISTORY TO MARK THE CANAL OPENING.

Navy Nations Will Send Big Fighting Craft to Make Memorable Great Occasion.

Washington, Oct. 19.—Anchored in Hampton Roads early in 1915 will be the greatest international fleet ever gathered in American waters, assembled in answer to the invitation of the United States government to celebrate the completion of the Panama canal by sending a voyage to the new waterway.

The precise number of vessels which will lie in the famous roadway is not yet known to the officers of the navy department in charge of the arrangements for rendezvous, as far there have been no formal responses received to the invitations dispatched by the state department to all of the nations of the world.

Some of the nations with great navies may be represented by squadrons of four or more warships; others by only one or two and some of the countries practically without navies, the visiting vessels of the first class, will be represented only in the personnel of their legations and commissions to the Panama-Pacific exposition.

The exact date of the rendezvous probably will be announced within the next two months.

RAILWAY PRESIDENTS SAY ROADS UNDERPAID.

Appeal to Postmaster General for More Money for Carrying Uncle Sam's Mails.

Washington, Oct. 17.—Postmaster General Burleson had a conference late today with a delegation of American railway presidents seeking better pay for transporting mail.

President Ripley, of the Santa Fe, was spokesman, being seconded by President Rea, of the Pennsylvania. They declared the railroads now were being underpaid an aggregate of \$15,000,000 a year for carrying the mails, entirely aside from the extra-ordinary burden placed upon roads by the parcel post matter, for which, it was maintained, they were receiving practically nothing.

Mr. Burleson assured the railway men he would try to see to it that they received all they were entitled to. He said, however, he could do nothing toward readjusting railway mail pay until the commission created by congress to collect and tabulate data bearing upon the subject had made its report, probably on March 4, next.

Saturday—Children's day, \$1.50 hats The Quality Shop.—adv.

Against Negroes.

Washington, Oct. 17.—Frank admission that the "grandfather clause" of the Oklahoma constitution was designated to restrict the right of negroes to vote as far as possible within the limits of the federal constitution, featured the argument in defense of the clause before the Supreme court today by former Senator Joseph W. Bailey.



EZRA McLEOD
Playing a prominent part in The Leopard's Spots at the Auditorium, Friday, October 31st.

Any hat in the window three dollars on Saturday. The Quality Shop.—adv

MANY IMPORTANT MATTERS

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endorse his plans and tender him its moral support towards their final and successful consummation.

It was moved and seconded that the club send a committee of two into the Middle West for the purpose of advertising Henderson county and to investigate the farmers and business men of that section in this country with a view of eventually locating some of them here, and that advertising matter be prepared for distribution there and that all arrangements be made at once to carry the plans outlined by Mr. R. C. Clarke, F. S. Wetmur and the following committee was named to raise the necessary funds to defray the expense of their trip: R. C. Clarke, Frank Ewbank, C. E. Brooks, K. G. Morris, Brownlow Jackson.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Henderson county presents unsurpassed opportunities to the farmer, the truck grower, the orchardist, and to the health-seeker;

And Whereas, The natural resources of this county are at the present time almost undeveloped and are waiting only for men of ability and small capital to make this county blossom as the rose;

And Whereas, The club believes that men who have made the Great West will find in Henderson county a far greater and more profitable reward for their labor and investment;

Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Greater Hendersonville club fully endorse the movement to bring settlers here from the Middle West, and extends to these men a hearty and sincere invitation to visit this county as the guests of the Club and hereby appoints Mr. F. S. Wetmur as its official representative to carry this invitation to the farmers and business men of the west.

Wednesday, Oct. 23rd, school girls day hats \$2.00 and \$3.00.—Adv.

MANY SOUTHERN GIRLS TO VISIT WASHINGTON.

Washington, Oct. 17.—Fifteen girls, one from each of fifteen southern states, will visit Washington, probably on December 11, as a reward for their success in being awarded first place in the girl's canning club state contests, the department of agriculture announced today. Women agents of the canning clubs will assemble here at the same time and will act as chaperones for the girls.

The department estimates that 25,000 girls have been enrolled in the canning clubs of the Southern States this year.

Conditions In West Bad Says R. C. Clarke

Prominent Business Man Talks to G. H. Club About Bringing Western Farmers to Henderson County.

One hundred and sixteen in the shade—hogs selling for two dollars each—water so scarce that some hardly know what it looks like—a year's hard work gone to waste—that's about the picture Mr. R. C. Clarke drew of farming conditions in the Middle West, from where he has just returned.

Mr. Clarke, at the last meeting of the Greater Hendersonville club, spoke very interestingly indeed of agricultural conditions in the West—which he described as "bad."

The club will send two of its members as missionaries to these people, of whom Mr. F. S. Wetmur, a fine example of a Western man, will be one.

These missionaries leave within the next few days—to be gone possibly a month. They will carry plenty of advertising literature prepared by the club especially for this occasion and they will carry the true Gospel of Health and Opportunity to a class of men it is extremely desirable to interest in Henderson county.

Their expenses will be defrayed by private subscription. The club officially endorses the movement to try and bring these Middle West farmers to Henderson county and when they do come, as eventually they will, they will become the guests of the club and will be given a welcome that will surprise them.

The whole aim of the movement is not to sell real estate, not to merely get a few families here, but to bring into Henderson county practical farmers, practical truck growers, practical orchardists, practical stock raisers, who will help develop the latent natural resources of this naturally rich country and who will help stop the half million dollar leak which is now draining the very life blood of the community.

During his talk, Mr. Clark said: "Farming conditions in the Middle West are bad—very bad. Millions of bushels of corn have been lost there owing to the terrific drought. During the height of the dry spell hogs sold for \$2.00 each, and outside the awful financial loss the physical suffering has been severe.

"The people are essentially a people who move. They are generally of another means—there are any number of them who could clean up \$30,000 or more if they decided to pull up stakes and move to a more congenial climate. I believe this is an opportunity to put Henderson county in a section where it has never been put before and I believe that two good men out there for a few weeks could thoroughly advertise this section and possibly bring a few men back with them. They could possibly get a Southern Railway immigration agent to go with them, and if so, so much the better.

"There's an awful lack of information in the Middle West about the South—and of Western North Carolina they are absolutely ignorant. They asked me the most absurd questions. They think most of the population here has a black skin. They believe we are eaten alive by mosquitoes and die in droves from malaria. A common question asked me was: 'Where do you go in the summer?'

"They are the best class of settlers to be had for any country. They are energetic, practical and are men of means, and if they could once be made to realize that right here they could make money, enjoy the finest scenery in the world, have perfect health and freedom from such awful experiences as they have just gone through this summer I believe they would come."

"The Denver Board of Trade appreciates their value, and has appropriated a large sum of money to bring some of these men to that city. If Denver can do it, we can on a smaller scale. If Denver wants these men, we want them and I believe we can get them. The necessary funds can be raised by subscription. The club should endorse the plan, furnish at once all the needed advertising matter and co-operate to the extent of its ability. What action is taken must be taken at once for within the next few weeks many of these people will have moved and I see no reason why some of them should not move here."

Mr. Clarke's talk commanded the closest attention of the large number of business men present. The Secretary was authorized to prepare at once the needed literature and to co-operate with the committee in any way possible.

Mr. F. S. Wetmur was emphatic that all the real estate men would co-operate, as they did so successfully in securing the St. Petersburg Colony for this country. Other members endorsed the plan and Mr. Wetmur and his fellow missionary will leave within a few days on their mission.

Saturday, Oct. 25th, special three dollar hat day. The Quality Shop.—adv

SULZER MAY ASPIRE TO CONGRESSIONAL HONORS.

Has Been Tentatively Offered Progressive Nomination From Tenth New York District.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 19.—Indications tonight are that William Sulzer will make the race for assemblyman from the sixth district which is included in the congressional district he formerly represented.

Friends said that unless he changed his mind before tomorrow he will accept the nomination which has been tentatively offered him.

Sulzer's plans, according to his friends, now are to leave here tomorrow for New York where he will hold a conference with sixth district leaders. He is said to have reached this decision late tonight.

AN OPEN LETTER

To Mr. Ora L. Jones, Editor The Sylvan Valley News. Brevard, N. C.

My Dear Mr. Jones:

"God hath chosen the weak to confound the mighty."—1st. Cor. 1:27.

Nine times out of ten SILENCE is the best answer to false accusations and misrepresentations. It is a sad fact and yet true that not a few people have enough religion to hate others who differ with them on theology. It should be the policy of everyone to help others and never harm them.

I am using this OPEN LETTER in The Democrat in reply to your unfair, unchristian and fanatical attacks on Pastor Charles T. Russell, of Brooklyn, N. Y., for the purpose of enlightening the readers of your paper on the other side of the matter. After reading your farcical editorials (?) against Russell and his teachings it is a plain fact that all may see that you are not yet ready to bury the hatchet of strife and bitterness that has separated Christian people so long! If you claim to be a follower of the Lowly One that taught us to love enemies it is a plain fact that you have not yet learned to love those who differ with you on the Bible, say nothing of your enemies! It is not necessary to here mention the fact that your methods of dealing with others who differ with you on things theological are anything akin to the sweet Christian spirit that we are commanded to emulate; and no doubt your insidious fashion of going to the extremes when it comes to dealing with religious discussions has already been discerned by your better informed readers!

Nobody with a limited amount of information on religious matters is narrow enough to claim that any certain denomination has a monopoly on religion. Every fair minded Christian will agree that there are saints and sinners in all denominations, whether they be followers of Wesley, Calvin, Campbell, Luther, Knox, Russell, or the Pope of Rome. We won't be judged by our creeds but by our deeds. It is our duty to measure up to the standard of love, which is the foundation of Christianity, we will make our calling and election sure, 2nd Pet. 1:10. Our Lord said "I am He that searcheth the reins of the heart." (Rev. 2:23) As I cannot read your heart and you cannot read mine, neither can you read Brother Russell's and nobody will be ready to believe that ye editor has had any special revelation from on high to that effect. One man's opinion is no better than another's and we believe that ye editor's opinion is crooked when he expresses it on C. T. Russell.

For the fact that all creeds are in conflict with each other is all that is needed to convince the simple minded that a mistake has been made in the true interpretation of the Bible. If Russell can give us a better interpretation than is taught by our creeds, let us investigate and if we find that Russell can bring harmony out of confusion let us "Hold fast to that which is good," (1st Thes. 5:21.) If Russell can harmonize the Scriptures, altho, he may have to abolish our pet creeds, to do it, let us investigate his expositions. The Bereans were called "noble" because they searched. (Acts 17:11.) Your reference to Pastor Russell as "the devil's first lieutenant" and as an "Imposter" is ALL RIGHT. The Pharisees of old accused our Lord of doing His works by Beelzebub the prince of devils. (Matt. 12:24) "A servant is not above his Lord." (Matt. 20:24.) Because the editor of the Sylvan Valley News brands C. T. Russell as "the devil's first lieutenant" isn't sufficient proof. We must have higher authority than that. While Russell has many enemies, he also has twice as many friends. No great man ever lived without enemies. When the world produces an extra smart man, one that has the nerve to say what he thinks whether it agrees with others or not, it is then that small calibers get their heads together and croak. The lamented Sam Jones, once said "It's the bit dog that hollers and from the certain amount of noise we hear lately, we are about to be convinced that somebody has been hit! Unable to refute Pastor Russell's teachings those who differ with him (with some noble exceptions) have launched a campaign of slander against him. Slander is a lame weapon to fight with. Slander has never abolished anything yet except the one that uses it.

Some Shadows From the Dark Ages.

Neither Catholic nor Protestant can deny the pages of history! All true Christians are ashamed of the record. Our Catholic friends blush at the story of the Huguenots. Our Church of England friends blush at the story of the Covenanters. Presbyterians are not proud of the atrocious acts done in the name of Calvinism. Baptist were whipped in public and driven from place to place to exile. So were the Puritans. John Wesley the founder of the Methodist church suffered for righteousness sake. His wife deserted him and Wesley was blamed for the separation. The newspaper took up the matter and gloated over the downfall of the "Methodists". He was called every ugly name that could be thought of. The Gospel Magazine of his day published a poem against him of which we quote two lines—as follows:

"O think of this thou gray-haired sinner
Ere satan pick thy bones for dinner"
Joseph Trapp, D. D. of that time referred to the "Methodists" as "A new sect hypocrites, whose doctrines tend to the destruction of souls, a scandal to Christianity and a set of infidels."

Few people remember Rev. Joseph Trapp, D. D. he has long ago dropped into oblivion. But what about the great and good John Wesley—we all think of him as a grand reformer, and his name is immortalized by the good he did: (See Tyerman's Life of Wesley, Vols. 1, 2, and 3.)

Mr. C. T. Smith, (Bill Arp) the great Southern Philosopher and associate editor of The Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution said in part, concerning Russell's book, "The Plan of the Ages": "It is impossible to read this book without loving the author and pondering his solution of the great mysteries

that has troubled us all our lives. The author denies none of the Bible but throws a flood of light upon many texts etc." We believe that it is possible that the Editor of The Constitution is as capable of passing on the merit of a book as is the editor of The Sylvan Valley News. Of course we are not saying this is possible, but believe it could be possible. What think you gentle reader?

Back in the Dark Ages people beat each other up in many cruel ways. They stoned each other to death. They burned each other at the stake. They gouged out eyes and tongues—all because they could not agree on the Bible. Down here in the twentieth century (we are ashamed to own it) a gentleman up at Brevard, N. C. advises the kicking process for those who disagree with his theology!

What's the difference?
Back in the Dark Ages old Nero used Lions to devour and kill those who disagreed with him.

Down here in the twentieth century (as strange as it may seem) a gentleman up at Brevard, N. C. hasn't got any lions but advises the use of dogs to devour and conquer those who differ with his way of thinking.

Back in the Dark Ages all books and Bibles were burned in order to keep the people in ignorance, so that they could be enslaved, plundered and oppressed.

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(Anyone wishing a copy of Pastor Russell's book "The Plan of the Ages" may obtain same FREE of all charges by making a post card request to The Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, Brooklyn, N. Y.)

The citizens of Brevard, N. C. and Transylvania County are to be warmly congratulated on having a gentleman for the editor of their county paper that teaches mob violence to those who differ with him on theology!

Our Lord says We shall be "Reward-ed according to our works. (Matt. 16:27). If I kick a brother or set the dogs on a brother or burn a brother's books because we cannot see eye to eye on theology, what will be my reward? Is kicking a brother a good work? Is setting the dogs on a brother a good work? Is burning a brother's books a good work? Our Lord said, "For he that is not against us is on our part." (Mark 9:40.)

The editor of The Sylvan Valley News to the contrary notwithstanding! Small editors and little theologians had just as well try to dip the Atlantic ocean dry with a teaspoon, as to try to thwart the glorious message C. T. Russell is proclaiming throughout the earth!

Sincerely yours,
JAS. W. HEATHERLY,
Saluda, N. C., Oct. 1913.

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Sunday School Convention.

The Hendersonville Township Sunday school convention will meet with the Horse Shoe Baptist church on Thursday, November 6 at 10 o'clock.

All Sunday schools in the township are requested to send one or more delegates, and Sunday schools in adjoining townships will be given a cordial welcome.

G. J. LAMBETH, President.
L. CORA SUMMEY, Sec'y.

Inch Will Get Ship.

New York, Oct. 17.—The unwritten, but almost inexorable law of the sea, which bars a captain who loses his ship from being given another command will not be applied to Captain Francis Inch, of the Voltorno. Officials of the Uranium line made it known today that the young skipper's heroism which resulted in the saving of such a large proportion of the Voltorno's passengers and crew—will preserve him from the fate of many a master whose ship the sea has claimed.

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