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Open Evenings

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Amusements

A fair-sized audience attended Knox Church last evening to hear Prof. Chas. W. Wallace, the blind organist, play a programme of organ and piano music, and when the delightful concert was finished every one present must have been greatly impressed with Prof. Wallace's work. His handling of a three manual organ of the size of Knox certainly shows that he is a master. Beyond an almost imperceptible hesitancy in the changing of the stops, one could hardly realize that a blind man was sitting at the console. His numbers on the organ were works of well-known masters, of which he displayed a musician's intimacy. His own composition, and were well rendered.

At the piano Prof. Wallace seemed equally at home, having delightful touch and a thorough understanding of what he was playing.

Mrs. W. F. Brennan sang most acceptably "The Publican" and the Knox Male Quartette also assisted. The programme was:

Offertory of St. Cecilia, No. 8 Patiste
Large Cantabile from 5th Symphony Joseph Haydn
Fugue in C Minor Bach
Impromptu on a Familiar Theme C. W. Wallace
Solo—Mrs. W. F. Brennan.
Feen Fantasia D. Krug
La Casade (The Water Fairy) E. Pagnier
Capriccio, Op. 22 Mendelssohn
Fantasie on Southern Themes C. W. Wallace
Knox Male Quartette.
Tocatta in G Dubois
Tocatta on Wales National Hymn C. W. Wallace
Grand Chorus in D Gullmann
(a) Traumeri Schumann
(b) Spring Song Mendelssohn
(c) Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana Mascagni
Tone Picture (The Battle) C. W. Wallace

A WORTHY SHOW.

Only a small audience was on hand to see Sam S. and Lee Shubert's presentation of "The Witching Hour" at the Grand Opera House last night. The play is worthy of much better patronage, and those who saw it went away immensely pleased. As a dramatic performance, nothing has been seen here so far this season to equal "The Witching Hour," and it is the excellent acting of every individual member of the cast that makes the play such a success. The plot is not particularly brilliant, but it is the cleverness with which each character is portrayed that puts the production on a high level. As a dramatic performance, nothing has been seen here so far this season to equal "The Witching Hour," and it is the excellent acting of every individual member of the cast that makes the play such a success. The plot is not particularly brilliant, but it is the cleverness with which each character is portrayed that puts the production on a high level.

BENNETT'S THEATRE.
Good comedy bills seldom fail to please patrons of vaudeville, and it is for no other reason, the Bennett show this week should continue to draw big business on the strength of the fun it provides. In addition it contains an abundance of pleasing singing, graceful dancing and considerable novelty. The English Mermades, who will be recognized as part of the famous Finney troupe, are always a hit on any bill, their pretty swimming exhibition, in which they perform some really startling feats, being entirely out of the ordinary. Another genuine novelty attracting considerable attention is the offering of Luigi Marabini, who, with amazing rapidity, chisels figures out of solid blocks of ice. As an opening number it is an exceptionally strong act, and leaves the audience in a pleasant frame of mind for what is to follow. The singing of the Dixie Serenaders, two dusky merrymen from the southland and four colored men, is full of melody, and unlike most "smoke" acts, the staging and other details of this attraction have received care and attention. The vocal work of Zinnel and Boustelle, who appear in a comedy skit, is another pleasing feature of a bill that provides two hours of entertaining amusement.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Barry, who will appear here next week in a new farce, entitled "At Hensfoot Corners," are old favorites in Hamilton. They will be remembered for the hit they made in the Savoy at the time of the street car strike, when they assisted at the benefit given by the union.

"SWEET INNISFALLEN." Bernard Daly, the Irish tenor, who has been seen here in Joe Murphy's plays, comes to the Grand next week in a new production of a romantic Irish play, called "Sweet Innisfallen." Mr. Daly, who has a sweet voice, will sing during the performance of the play "The Wearing of the Green," "Sweet Eyes of Irish Blue," "The Call of the Wind," "Sweet Innisfallen," "Hide and Seek," and "The Sweet Rose of Killarney." A special scenic setting has been given the play.

"DAVID COPPERFIELD." Whether Charles Dickens wrote the story of his own life as well as the local history of his own times, in his immortal novel, "David Copperfield," is a question that will be started anew when Edward C. White's carefully selected

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He—No, a woman will only jump at conclusions when she thinks a man is there to catch her.

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Women's Gowns of flannelette, in assorted stripes with square yoke; finished with self frills; long sleeves; on sale ... 50c

Women's Drawers, plain white or pink flannelette gathered at the knee and finished with embroidery frill; all sizes in either style; per pair ... 50c

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Every item is a special price for Thursday.

Japanned Bread Boxes, large size, heavy tin, regularly \$1.00, on Thursday ... 85c
Coal Hods, japanned, large size, regular 30c, Thursday ... 25c
Fire Shovels, long handles, large size, regular 10c, on Thursday ... 8c
Granite Tea Kettles, large size, pit or flat bottom, regular 85c, on sale Thursday ... 65c
Butter Scrapers ... 50c
Jelly Bag on stand ... \$3.50
Eight Armed Kitchen Clothes Drying Racks, to screw on wall, regular 30c, on Thursday special ... 25c
Victor Flour Sifter, one quart size, regular 15c, on sale Thursday ... 10c
Self Turning Mops, complete with knotted cloth, regular 40c, for ... 35c
Pastry Cutters, 3 for ... 25c
Grape Fruit Knife ... 35c
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Jersey Sweet Potatoes, 7 lbs. ... 25c
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Mount Robson.

In a letter received by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway from the Rev. George Kinney, of Keremeos, B.C., who made successful ascent of Mount Robson, the highest peak on the Canadian Rockies, and which fact was chronicled some days ago, he says: "You are already aware of the value of this wonderful mountain to your road. The last three summers have been spent by me in this work and my discoveries are quite important. I have no hesitation in emphatically stating that from the scenic standpoint, Mt. Robson and vicinity is without a peer. Nothing in the Rockies or Selkirk can touch this one beauty spot; forest fringed emerald lakes, Berg Lake with its icebergs floating at all times on its surface, countless glaciers and towering crags and its 'Valley of 1,000 Falls' are but a few of the interesting features of this superb mountain."

Hoax—Old Bjones is rheumatic, isn't he? Joxy—Yes, you know he lives in an attic room, and an attic room is apt to be rheumatic.

A plain duty is like a plain person. It is always the least attractive.

He Spoke Too Soon. A well known business man attended the daughter's commencement exercises at an eastern college recently. He had been greatly pleased with the beauty and dignity of the exercises and was discoursing to his wife upon the refining influence of college life. Suddenly his impressive monologue was cut short. A girl, in cap and gown, came dashing down the steps of the main hall, waving her diploma and shouting, "Educated, by gosh!"—Ladies Home Journal.

WAS COOK AT THE POLE?

Commander Peary Declares That He Was Not.

Impossible For Cook to Do What He Claimed to Do.

Statement—Made by Two Esquimaux Boys With Cook.

New York, Oct. 12.—The following statement of Commander Robert E. Peary, which he submitted to the Peary Arctic Club in support of his contention that Dr. Cook did not reach the north pole, is now made public for the first time.

The two Esquimaux boys, I-took-a-shoo and Ah-pe-lah, who accompanied Dr. Cook while he was away from Anorok in 1908 and 1909, were questioned separately and independently, and were corroborated by Panikpah, the father of one of them (I-took-a-shoo), who was personally familiar with the first trip and the last third of their journey, and who said that the route for the remaining third, as shown by them, was as described to him by his son after his return with Dr. Cook.

Notes of their statements were taken by several of us, and no one of us has any doubt that they told the truth. Their testimony was unshaken by cross-examination, and was elicited neither by threats nor promises, the two boys and their father talking of their journey and their experiences in the same way that they would talk of any hunting trip.

To go more into details: One of the boys was called in, and, with a chart on the table before him, was asked to show where he had gone with Dr. Cook. This he did, pointing out with his finger on the map, but not making any marks upon it.

As he went out, the other boy came in and was asked to show where he had gone with Dr. Cook. This he did, also, without making any marks, and indicated the same route and the same details as did the first boy.

When he was through, Panikpah, the father of I-took-a-shoo, a very intelligent man, who was in the party of Esquimaux that came back from Dr. Cook from the northern end of Nansen's Strait, who is familiar as a hunter with the Jones Sound region, and who has been in Commander Peary's various expeditions for some fifteen years, came in and indicated the same localities and details as the two boys.

Then the first boy was brought in again, and with a pencil he traced on the map their route, members of our party writing upon the chart where, according to the boy's statement, they had killed deer, bear, some of their dogs, seal, walrus and musk-oxen.

The second boy was then called in and the two went over the chart together, the second boy suggesting some changes as noted hereafter.

Finally, Panikpah, the father, was again called in to verify details of the portions of the route with which he was personally familiar.

The bulk of the boys' testimony was not taken by Commander Peary, nor in his presence, a fact that obviates any possible claim that they were awed by him.

Certain questions on independent lines from the direct narrative of the Esquimaux boys were suggested by Commander Peary to some of us, and were put by us to the Esquimaux boys.

Still later, Commander Peary asked the Esquimaux boys two or three casual questions on minor points that had occurred to him.

the boys stated Dr. Cook had threatened them if they should tell anything.

The narrative of these Esquimaux is as follows: They, with Dr. Cook, Franke and nine other Esquimaux, left Anorok, crossed Smith's Sound to Cape Sabine, slept in Commander Peary's old house in Payer Harbor, then went through Rice Strait to Buchanan Bay. After a few marches Franke and three Esquimaux returned to Anorok.

Dr. Cook, with the others, then proceeded up Flagler Bay, a branch of Buchanan Bay, and crossed Ellesmere Land through the valley pass at the head of Flagler Bay, indicated by Commander Peary in 1898, and utilized by Sverdrup's "Bay Fiord" on the west side of Ellesmere Land.

Their route then lay out through this fiord, thence north through Sverdrup's "Heiterka Sound" and Nansen Strait. On their way they killed musk-oxen and bear, and made caches, arriving eventually at a point on the west side of Nansen Strait (shore of Axel Heiberg Land of Sverdrup), south of Cape Thomas Hubbard.

A cache was formed here and the four Esquimaux did not go beyond this point. Two others, Kooloolingwah and Ingo, went on one more march with Dr. Cook and the two boys, helped to build the snow igloo, then returned without sleeping.

After sleeping at the camp where the last two Esquimaux turned back, Dr. Cook and the two boys went in a northerly or northwesterly direction with two sledges and twenty odd dogs, one more march, when they encountered rough ice and a bed of open water. They did not enter this rough ice, nor cross the lead, but turned westward or southwestward a short distance and returned to Heiberg Land at a point west of where he had left the cache and where the four men had turned back.

Here they remained four or five sleeps, and during that time I-took-a-shoo went back to the cache and got his gun which he had left there, and a few items of supplies.

When asked why only a few supplies were taken from the cache, the boys replied that only a small amount of provisions had been used in the few days since they left the cache, and that their sledges still had all they could carry, so that they could not take more.

After being informed of the boys' narrative, thus far, Commander Peary suggested a series of questions to be put to the boys in regard to this trip from the land out and back to it.

These questions and answers were as follows: Did they make any caches out on the ice? Ans.—No.

Did they kill any bear or seal while out on the ice north of Cape Thomas Hubbard? Ans.—No.

Did they kill or lose any of their dogs while out on the ice? Ans.—No.

With how many sledges did they start? Ans.—Two.

How many dogs did they have? Ans.—Did not remember exactly, but something over twenty.

How many sledges did they have when they got back to land? Ans.—Two.

Did they have any provisions left on their sledges when they came back to land? Ans.—Yes; the sledges still had about all they could carry, so they were able to take but a few things from the cache.

From here they then went southwest along the northwest coast of Heiberg Land to a point indicated on the map (Sverdrup's Cape Northwest).

From here they went west across the ice, which was level and covered with snow, offering good going, to a low island which they had seen from the shore of Heiberg Land at Cape Northwest. On this island they camped for one sleep.

The size and position of this island, as drawn by the first boy, was criticised by the second boy as being too large and too far to the west, the second boy calling the attention of the first to the fact that the position of the island was more nearly in line with the point where they had left Heiberg Land (Cape Northwest) and the channel between Amund Ringnes Land and Ellef Ringnes Land.

This criticism and correction was accepted by the first boy, who started

to change the position of the island, but was stopped, as Commander Peary had given instructions that no changes or erasures were to be made in the route as drawn by the Esquimaux on the chart.

From this island they could see two lands beyond (Sverdrup's Ellef Ringnes and Amund Ringnes Lands). From the island they journeyed toward the left-hand one of these two lands (Amund Ringnes Land), passing a small island which they did not visit.

Arriving at the shore of Amund Ringnes Land, the Esquimaux killed a deer, as indicated on the chart.

The above emphasized portion of the statement of the Esquimaux boys covers the period of time in which Dr. Cook claims to have gone to the pole and back, and the entire time during which he could possibly have made any attempt to go to it.

The answers of the Esquimaux boys to Commander Peary's series of independent questions, showing that they knew no game, made no caches, lost no dogs, and returned to the land with loaded sledges, makes their attainment of the pole on the trip north of Cape Thomas Hubbard a physical and mathematical impossibility, as it would demand the subsistence of three men and over twenty dogs during a journey of 1,040 geographical miles on less than two sledge loads of supplies.

COOK TALKS.

Says His Proof Will Be Submitted in Due Time.

Cleveland, O., Oct. 12.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook lectured here to-night. He was shown the charges that Commander Peary makes, but refused to make a direct reply. He said:

"I have already replied to Peary's charges, so far as it is necessary at this time. I do not think at the moment I shall say anything relative to this latest controversy. At least, I shall not do so to-night. I have not decided that I shall reply at all. I have sought to avoid a controversy and let my records speak for themselves."

"It is the same old story. I have replied to the points raised a dozen times. The map published by Commander Peary in itself indicates that the Esquimaux have respected their promise made to me, that they would not give any information to Peary or his men."

"Mr. Whitney has said that, during the cross-examination conducted by Commander Peary and others after the expedition, the Esquimaux did not understand the questions put to them or the map which was laid before them."

"I will not enter into any argument about the matter, but will bring the Esquimaux to New York at my own expense, and they will prove, as did Mr. Whitney, all that I have claimed."

"I shall never try again for the Pole. Once is sufficient."

"So soon as navigation permits next year a ship will be fitted out, probably in June, to bring down the Esquimaux and my instruments. The instruments I feel are safe. The natives know they are cached and will respect the cache."

"My records will be submitted in detail to the University of Copenhagen, probably within 60 days. From that university copies of the records will be sent at the same time to all the geographical societies of the world. From the University of Copenhagen will come the first decision."

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