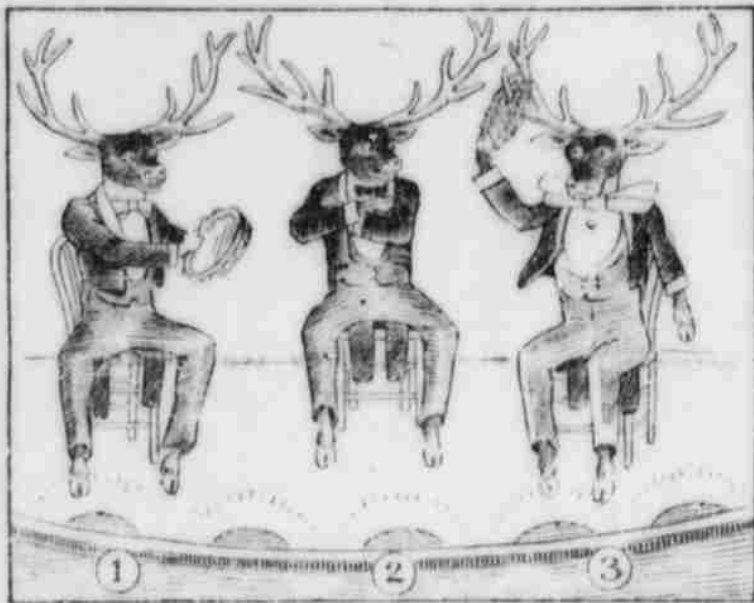


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1. Col. George Primrose Sellers. 2. Judge George Dockstader Craig. 3. Ernest Honey Boy Lamborn. They will shine in the Elk Minstrel Troupe tonight.

READY FOR OPENING OF THE BIG ELK SHOW TONIGHT

Record-Breaking House Expected to Witness the Most Gorgeous Minstrel Spectacle Ever Presented Here.

Promptly at 8:30 tonight, at the Elk Theater, the curtain will rise on the initial performance of the Elk Minstrel Troupe, and the audience, which is expected to fill almost every seat in the house, will witness one of the most dazzling spectacles ever presented on an Albuquerque stage. The scenic setting, which was used for the first time here at last night's stage rehearsal, is beautiful. It represents a rose covered pergola, with the black face comedians and

the ballad singers sitting in a circle on the rocky ledge leading up to the vine bedecked enclosure.

Behind the orchestra is the orchestra. Tonight Prof. Fuchsmeyer's orchestra will be the accompanists, with Joe Iren at the piano, thus assuring musical perfection during the entire show.

The brilliant satin full dress costumes which the entire company wears, makes the first scene a thing of beauty and a joy forever. That first part won't run very long before the audience will start laughing at the contortions Senator Isaac Barth goes through in his effort to show that he is "just as nimble as a gazelle," and from then on, the show will keep things humming for two solid hours without a single break, until, in the black face burlesque hotel act, the aforementioned senator, in the character of "Malinda White, a wash lady," chases Colonel Sellers across the stage in an effort to collect "wash dollars" seventy-five cents for "washing."

As much has been said about the Elk show of late that there is not much to add, but judging from last night's stage rehearsal, the theatre-loving public of Albuquerque has a treat in store tonight and tomorrow night, the like of which they have never had before and possibly may not have again for some time to come.

To miss tonight's show will be worse than going without meals for an entire week, so if you haven't purchased your tickets for tonight's performance, get ready at once to be at the box office early while there is still a chance to get some good seats. According to late reports this afternoon, there are still plenty of good seats left.

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French Humor.

"French humor is a little too broad for us—and, when it isn't broad it is apt to be disgusting."

The speaker was a playwright who has adapted so many French plays. She continued:

"A Frenchman told me a joke the other day. He said two rustic sweethearts were walking out together. The girl remarked:

"I like you very well, Gaston; all except those letters, G. S., tattooed on your hand."

"But," said Gaston hotly, "don't you know, my dear, that it's the latest style to have your initials on your handkerchief?"

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GOOD ROADS PROVE BENEFIT

Improved Highways Increase Attendance at Rural Schools—States Making Greatest Progress.

While it is true that various factors contribute to increase or decrease the attendance at schools in given sections of the country, it is worthy of comment that in the states having a high percentage of improved roads a much larger percentage of the students enrolled regularly attend the schools than in the states having a small percentage of improved roads. In five eastern and western states, which have a large mileage of improved roads, the average attendance of enrolled pupils in 1908-9 was 80 per cent, while in four southern states and one northwestern state, which are noted for bad roads, the average attendance for the same year was 54 per cent—80 per cent in the good roads states as against 54 per cent in the bad roads states. In the states first named 25 per cent of the roads have been



A Good Road in New England.

Improved, while in the latter group of states there are only 1 1/2 per cent of the roads improved.

That improved roads would benefit our country school system there would seem to be no doubt. Improved roads make it possible to consolidate or centralize the schools and to establish graded schools in the rural districts. Such schools centrally located will accommodate all of the children within a radius of from four to five miles. In many communities having the advantage of improved roads commodious buildings have been provided, more competent teachers have been employed, and modern facilities for teaching have been supplied at a minimum cost. For instance, since the improvement of the main highways in Durham county, North Carolina, the number of school houses has been reduced from 65 to 42, of which 17 are graded and have two or more rooms and employ two or more teachers.

There are at the present time about two thousand consolidated rural schools in the United States. It appears that Massachusetts, Ohio and Indiana have made the greatest progress along these lines, and it is rather significant to note that in those states about one-third of the roads have been improved. According to statistics of the agricultural department there was expended in 1909, \$22,116 in Massachusetts for the conveyance of pupils to consolidated schools, but in 1908 the expenditure for this purpose amounted to \$29,213. In Indiana the expenditure for this purpose in 1904 amounted to \$66,000, while in 1908, \$290,000 was expended. This expenditure for transportation reflects, in a general way, the extent and progress of this new educational movement. It must not be understood that this is an additional burden, as the expenditure thus made is saved in other directions.

BENEFIT OF IMPROVED ROAD

Among Many Other Things It Attracts Investors Looking for Advantageous Locations.

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The advantages which such stretches of main roads cause to accrue are advantages which affect the entire state, as well as the localities themselves. It should, therefore, be assumed as a principle that such main roads should be built in whole or in part, by the state; that their management and maintenance should be in the hands of the state authorities.

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