

THOSE "NIGGER" BOYS!



Perhaps in the history of the town there never was so many people gathered together at one time as at the town hall last Saturday night. If there was some of them must have hung themselves on the chandeliers. At any rate on this occasion the hall was packed jam full, aisles and all. People came from far and near to see what our local talent is like when he gets a little burnt cork on his face. We cheerfully say that all went home feeling that Hope supports some "high born" artists.

The afternoon street parade headed by the Silver Cornet Band, was an announcement that a "new coon had come to town" with their high silk hats and a long streamer bearing upon it the words "Minstrel Tonight."

Promptly at 8:30 the curtain slowly arose and revealed a jolly company of black faces with sparkling diamonds and huge white collars and red neck ties. To attempt to tell you how well each one performed his duty would be useless and uncalled for; so we will in very few words say they are all cracker jacks.

The members of the company are:

H. L. Moody,	C. S. Cassell,
Thos. Malone,	C. G. Merriell,
Frank Ward,	H. J. Harness,
W. E. Boice,	Earl Grant,
E. H. Badger,	Bob Gray,
Fred Lang,	L. A. Jacobson,

Assisted by Prof. Moody's banjo class, the Hope orchestra and Miss Mabel Van Dusen. If any member of the company is worthy of special mention it is Miss Mabel, who presided at the piano throughout the entertainment without a flaw.

From beginning to end the large audience was kept in one continual uproar of laughter. Hope need not be ashamed of her home theatrical talent. To be sure mistakes were made; and there is room for improvement; but nothing of a serious nature. All 'round the performance was far superior to many professional troupes scouting the country.

Much credit is due Prof. Moody for his earnest and hard work to make the enterprise a success. You are all aware of course that the proceeds of the entertainment go to swell the school library fund, which it did just \$80. Total receipts \$1.12.