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PROGRAMME.  
Overture.

Minor Drama - - *The Obstinate Family*  
Mendelssohn Waltzes.

Reading.  
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Reading.  
Quartette, (Vocal).  
Gallop.

Farce - - - *Ice on Parle Francais*  
Admission, 25 cents. Reserved seats, 35 cents. Children, half price. Doors open at 7:30. Curtain rises at 8 o'clock, sharp.

The attention of the public is called to the fact that great pains have been taken to furnish an evening's entertainment that will warrant enough patronage to pay for the stage now used in the hall.

#### At the Drug Store.

"Well," said the Doctor, "I'll tell you about mesmerism. There is such a thing as dum humbug. When I commenced to practice medicine down in Wisconsin, forty years ago, a quack doctor, named Nicodemus, came along. He could cure consumption—he could, and heart disease. In fact he could do anything but raise the dead. Old Squar Jones' wife had a genuine case of consumption—one lung entirely gone and the other with about as much action as a piece of dried codfish. He told her he had a powerful medicine he would give her—something he discovered in Africa himself. He went to the drug store, bought a pint bottle of stomach bitters, poured half of it into a plain bottle, colored it up with logwood, and fed her with that six weeks, till he got all of Squar Jones' money and the other lung was gone, and then, very naturally, the poor thing died. Then he went to giving mesmerism lectures. He got a subject named January, a long haired, worthless tramp, and gave an exhibition, and invited the audience to select a committee of three to see that it was genuine all-wool-and-a-yard-wide mesmerism. They made me chairman. He made some passes over January; January went to sleep, and cut up a lot of monkey shins. 'Do you mean to say,' said I, 'that he doesn't hear, nor see, nor feel?' 'Yes,' said Mr. Nicodemus, 'his sensibilities are totally dormant; you might cut his leg off and he wouldn't know it' When Nicodemus didn't see me, I whipped out my pen-knife, and jabbed the little blade into January's leg, up to the handle. He jumped more than ten feet, and run around the stage yelling like a pig—'I'm stuck! I'm stuck! That long nosed pelican has stabbed me to the heart.' Everybody laughed—even old Nicodemus. We made him give back our money, and the next day he and the stuck January left town."

#### Chic-anery.

Geo. Lenham, on his recent visit, ate up the breakfast chicken broil of Messrs. Luce and Merrell, of Hope. (He had been shooting the evening before, himself.)

"Where are our chickens?" said Luce to the girl, in a voice of thunder.

"There are your chickens," said she sweetly, pointing to the wreck left by Geo. L.

"Great Scott!" said Luce, staring at his partner. "Did you hear that desperate villain ask me if I would have some of my own chickens? A horse! A horse! My chickens for a horse!"

#### The Philosophy.

"No," said the old man, as he proceeded to light the pipe kept for visitors. "The hail harvested my crap, and I haven't nothin' to fret about."

"How do you manage to busy yourself, Mr. Jimsonweed?"

"Busy myself!—h—well! It takes about all my time to prevent the other fellows what didn't loose their craps from hirin' me. I can't afford to loose my crap and labor, too."

Dakota will have a territorial fair at Huron, beginning Sept. 27th. Ten thousand dollars of premiums.

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