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The Entertainment.

The dramatic entertainment given by the Cooperstown Literary society on last evening, was the first of a series to be given during the fall and winter months. Although the night was not most pleasant, yet a well filled house greeted the society. At 8 o'clock the curtain raised on the farce *The Obstinate Family*, with the following cast of characters:

Mr. Harwood..... W. E. Bryant
Mrs. Harwood..... Mrs. Chas. Cooper
HENRY HARWOOD..... H. G. Pickett
JESSY HARWOOD [His wife]..... Mrs. Bryant
JAMES [Servant]..... C. T. Whidden
LUCY [Servant]..... Miss Grace Van Voorhis

Really, too much praise cannot be given to the ladies and gentlemen, who constitute the cast, for the excellent manner in which they acted out their respective parts. If criticisms were in order, we might point out some defects possibly noticeable in "make-up," and in acting, where the effort was too *tragic* for the character assumed, or perhaps a lack—but we are not criticising, —simply giving credit for a talent seldom found outside of cities, where all genius is supposed to come from. After the farce followed readings by Messrs. Ben McCormick and F. H. Adams. As Mr. McCormick's first attempt at reading in public, it was a very creditable effort, and showed a rare gift of delineation of character in that gentleman. Mr. Adams awakened the echos of three thousand years ago by reciting an "Address to a Mummy," in his own polished style. [Editor Adams isn't at home.] Both productions were received with applause. Then followed some music—a duet and quartette.

The feature of the evening was the farce, *Ici on Parle Francais*, supported by the following cast of characters.

MAJOR RATTAW..... Ben. McCormick
MR. SPRIGGINS [Who speaks French before Brakfast]..... W. E. Bryant.

VICTOR DUBOIS..... F. H. Adams
MRS. SPRIGGINS [A Fitz Pentonville] Mrs. Whidden
ANGELINA [The daughter] Miss Grace Van Voorhis
JULIA [Wife of Rattaw]..... Miss Cowen
ANNA MARIA [The Slavey]..... Mrs. Bryant

If, in the first farce, the audience was pleased, this farce raised them clear off their feet. Such perfect acting was unexpected, unlooked for, and for a half-hour there was one "continual round of pleasure."

It was evident, throughout the dramatic entertainment that Cooperstown had been searched for dramatic talent—and successfully, too.

Enjoying Life.

Nels Iverson, who left Cooperstown for Nebraska a few days ago, had a bout with his worst enemy in St. Paul, and got on a terrible bender. While in that condition, it struck him that his brothers-in-law, our popular hardware men, Stevens & Enger, ought to carry a larger stock. Representing himself as Enger, and in the metropolis for the purpose of purchasing goods, he was dined and wined, driven about town, and shown the elephant, by every wholesale house in the city. He was the lion of the hour, and ordered hardware shipped to Cooperstown, regardless of expense,—in the meantime borrowing what money he needed for immediate necessities. Among the items were \$159 worth of whisky, two dozen road scrapers, 100 sacks of shot, and shells enough to kill all the birds in Dakota, together with shelf goods to the amount of hundreds of dollars. The goods came, with the exception of the fire water, and if Steve and Anton had accepted them they would have had road scrapers to throw at the birds.

Nels is a bright young fellow, one of the best accountants and telegraph operators in the Northwest; but a few more tricks like this will render him unpopular with the St. Paul wholesaler, and his brothers-in-law.

Turning Them out to Grass.

Presiding-Elder Hair, of the North Dakota conference of the Methodist church, has received from an Eastern gentleman a deed to a half section of land in Ransom county for the benefit of the superannuated ministers of this conference.—*Argus*.

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