

## Opera House 1873-1922

Items gleaned from the *Turners Falls Reporter* 1873 to 1922

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This compilation is presented in a chronological order.

All issues of the **Turners Falls Reporter** are not available. The entire year 1876 is missing. In some annual runs, certain months are missing; in various issues, some of the content is lost to faded ink.

I have gleaned all available information and it appears here verbatim. Footnotes and addendums may appear as deemed required.

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### 1873

September 17

-Work has been commenced by M. Sullivan on the foundation of a four story block to be 48 x 50 feet, on the corner of Avenue A and Third street. It is being built for Mr. D. F. of Greenfield.

September 24

-The large building going up here belongs to Mr. F. , not D. F. as some of the papers have it. D. F. is not putting up any house here. We cheerfully correct the error.

October 15

-George O. Peabody has been awarded the contract for the erection of the Block on Avenue A and Third St. Sufficient guarantee in itself of the excellence of what that fine building is to be.

October 22

-John E. Short, with a number of workmen, commenced laying brick for the building this morning.

November 26

-The snow storm has retarded the building of the Block. The walls are above the first story, and front presents a fine appearance.

December 10

-Geo. O. Peabody is doing a good thing for the place in pushing the building of the Block along this winter, while the times are hard.

### 1874

January 7

-Work in the Block has been resumed, and will be pressed with vigor. The happiest man in town Monday morning was Geo. O. Peabody, the contractor, when he found the snow all out of his way and his large force able to resume operations.

January 21

-Fred is billed for a drug store in his father's new block, as soon as it is finished.

March 11

-s and Richardson's buildings are going along toward completion.

March 18

-The building progresses. Plastering will be begun about the first of April. They are now putting the windows in. The hall will be finished first—the floors of which are to be of Georgia Pine, and will be laid double.

March 25

-It wasn't much of a "fall" but considerable of a "scrape" that going through a in the floor of building last Saturday![sic]

April 29

- building is undergoing the process of plastering.

May 27

-Workmen continued the preparation of the sidewalk in front of Block yesterday. Mr. Peabody expects to complete his contract within two weeks.

June 17

-The dedication of Hall next Wednesday is going to be a nice affair.

June 24

- Hall will be dedicated Wednesday evening, June 24, with a ball. The music will be the Greenfield Amateur Orchestra, William Wunsch, Conductor, the best in the County. Tickets one dollar and a half. Seats in the gallery will cost only twenty-five cents.

June 24

-We hear it asserted that there is nothing "going on" here this year. Let us see:—

J.P. Morgan has built a new barn and outbuildings worth \$1,000; Campbell & Hazelton are building a brick block worth \$8,000, the town is erecting a school house worth \$14,000. Thomas Kelly is pushing to completion his building, worth \$7,500. Mr. has nearly completed his block, cost \$26,000. Frank Crouchier has built a house, \$1,500. Frank Gerald is putting in a foundation for a \$2,700 house. Father Quaille has completed his residence, worth \$6,000. T.F. Harrington has added an L and otherwise improved his place \$1,000 worth. C.H. Tyler has moved into his new \$2,500 cottage. A.P. Richardson is finishing a \$2,500 house. Potter & Dibble have just completed their warehouse. Lewis & Barrett are remodeling the old Kidder store and place on Fourth Street, and [Mous.] Bruno has just commenced the erection of a residence.

The German Methodists are preparing to build their church estimated at \$1,000. The town is building new roads and streets, and a county bridge on Prospect Street. Mr. Griswold has completed one of the largest foundations in the county and his brickyard is running to its utmost capacity. All the mills are running full time with full help, and yet we hear it said that nothing is being done here this season. The growth is natural and healthy, and more is in store for us. Be patient.

July 1

-The German Beneficial Society hold their annual party at Hall on Friday evening.

### Building and Hall

The dedication of Hall last Wednesday evening was a very fine affair, and was enjoyed by all who had the good fortune to be present. An extra train from Greenfield brought a large party. The Greenfield Amateur Orchestra, sixteen pieces, William Wunsch, director, furnished excellent music, and the floor of the splendid hall was covered with gay devotees of Terpsichore, while a goodly number of spectators admired the scene from the gallery.

At 12 o'clock supper was announced, and we mistake if it was not a pleasant surprise to all. In the large stores below, just finished and not occupied, the arrangements had been made. Plates

for over 140 couples had been laid, and a bountiful supper provided. Besides this, a private room was prepared, where the band were entertained. Mrs. certainly deserves credit for her management of this portion of the entertainment. Everything was so arranged that no more confusion occurred than if it were a common home tea party.

After supper the dancers resumed their task, and early morning found them struggling with the closing figures of a twenty-four hour order.

### The Building,

which stands on the corner of Avenue A and Third Street, is the finest block in town, the Farren House excepted. It is three stories and basement, with a front elevation of 42 feet, and the ground plan is 48x90 feet.

The building is divided into a hall with ante-rooms, two suites of rooms for offices, two tenements, two ground stores, and two basement stores. The hall is 46x74 feet, with 18 foot standing, lighted by twenty-five large windows, and has a seating capacity of 1000; there are ante rooms on either side landing at the end of the stairs, for ladies and gents' rooms, each room is 16x19 feet, over which is a gallery 16x46 feet.

The large hall is lighted by five large chandeliers—one in the centre and the other four properly disposed at fitting distance from each corner.

On the middle floor are two suites of rooms for offices facing Avenue A, and two tenements, and the water works. These last are quite an item of interest, by the way, and the invention of the builder. A tank capable of holding twenty barrels, supplied by a force pump, fills the space over the wash-closets, which are situated at the extreme end of the building. The arrangement is absolutely complete. The walls on this floor are 12-foot studding. The ground floor is given up to three fine stores, two on Avenue A and one on Third Street.

The stores on Avenue A are 19x65 feet and studs 13 feet; the one on Third Street 26x40, and studs 14 feet. Beneath these are two finished basements. The front one is 19x65 feet, and is occupied by Mr. Phillip Jacobus, who has fitted it up with much taste, and has a metropolitan air about it; the other is 20x46 feet, and is not let.

Around the building is a brick pavement, 12 feet wide in front and 10 feet on the street side. Large cellars for the stores and tenements fill the space under the north store.

The entrance to Hall is from the Avenue Centre of the building, by a splendid broad stairway—6 feet wide—to the landing on the second floor, where it widens to 10 feet, with passage to the stairs where it leads to the hall above. The finish is black walnut, carved.

In the large hall there is to be immediately erected a twenty-four foot extension stage. The walls are handsomely tinted and bordered, and the stucco work of the ceiling is chaste.

We are opposed to fulsome praise, but certainly cannot help saying that Mr. George A. Peabody, the contractor, has reason to be proud of this block. It is a credit to him, he has done it ample justice, and we owe him much for his liberal use of his influence to secure its direction at this time. He contracted for the building, has used care and judgment in submitting his contracts, and faithfully executed his bond as builder.

The wood work was done under Mr. Peabody's immediate supervision; the masonry by Mr. John Short; the painting by Bartlett Brothers; the plastering by Campbell & Hazelton; and the tinning, etc., by D.S. Kidder. G.E. Gardner, Esq., of Springfield, was the architect. The building cost \$22,000, and is a great addition to our town.

July 8

- Hall to-night has a free promenade concert and variety entertainment. Come, you will be welcome.

July 29

-Social hop at Hall next Saturday evening. Greenfield Quadrille Band and John Putnam.

August 12

-C.R. Stoughton & Co. have rented one of the stores in the Block.

September 2

-Mrs. N.B. Hall has rented one of the front rooms in the building, where she will continue the millinery business.

-The "social hop" at Hall, Saturday evening was a pleasant affair. About forty couples were present, everything passed off smoothly.

September 16

-Three new hitching posts were yesterday placed in position before the building by Mr. Philip Jacobus.

-The C.L.A. have a social dance at Hall on Saturday evening.

Washington's Last Sensation," better known as the "Great Moral Show," will put in an appearance on Monday evening next, at Hall.

November 11

-Our enterprising fellow-townsmen, Mr. Maurice O'Donnell, is taking up more commodious quarters in the Block.

November 18]

-A concert and ball will be given by the Montague City Cornet Band, this evening in Hall.

**1875**

February 3

-Donald McKay and his band of Warm Spring Indians, gave the real war whoop at Hall, Thursday evening last.

March 10

-The Emmett Cornet Band intend to give a concert and ball in Hall, on the evening of the 16th of April.

March 17

-A. Robinson has moved into the store in Block, and has now the finest place of business in Franklin County.

March 31

-There is to be a variety show at Hall, Friday evening.

May 5

-Some of the Keith mill boys have engaged Hall for Saturday evening, May 15th, for a social dance.

-The Washburn show attracted as yet the largest audience that has assembled in Hall.

-Prof. Martino, his mystifying tricks and troupe will appear at Hall, Friday evening this week.

May 26

-The library will be opened for the distribution of books next Saturday evening at 6 1-2 o'clock. The room is in the second story of Block. The librarian will be there every Saturday evening from 6 1-2 to 8 1-2 o'clock, hereafter.

June 16

-Mrs. will give a grand ball in her hall on the evening of the 28th—the first anniversary of the dedication. The tickets will be fifty cents.

-If the railroad passes through her place in Greenfield, as expected, Mrs. will probably move to Turners Falls and build another block or a dwelling house.

June 23

-Several young fellows have formed a variety troupe, and after sufficient rehearsal, it is their intention to give a public performance in Hall.

June 30

-Fred had about sixty couples at his anniversary party, Thursday night.

September 29

-There is to be a dance in Hall, next Saturday evening.

October 13

-There is to be a dance at Hall next Saturday evening.

-The Emmett Cornet Band have engaged Hall on Thanksgiving eve.

October 27

-John M. Burke's Tableaux of Erin will be at Hall on Friday evening.

-The Bohemian Glass Blowers will be at Hall, this and to-morrow afternoon.

November 24

-Bishop Haven—Hall—"Mexico"—next Wednesday evening.

December 1

-An omnibus runs from Greenfield to Turners Falls this evening to carry people to hear Bishop Haven's lecture on "Mothers" at Hall.

**1876 - Not available**

## 1877

June 6

-On Monday morning about four o'clock Maurice O'Donnell observed that the upper part of the Block was on fire, and entering the block, burst open the door of one of the ante-rooms to the hall, and found that the flooring of the room had caught fire from the butt of a lighted cigar which had been thrown into a wooden spittoon. He threw the burning spittoon out of the window and poured several pails of water, brought by Night-Policemen Gerald and Morrison, on the flames, quickly extinguishing them. If the fire had gained another half-hour's headway, the block would probably been destroyed. The room was occupied the evening previous by a temperance society.

-The selectmen have granted first-class licenses to the following persons to sell liquor in the Town of Montague: Geo. T.C. Holden, Farren House; Wm. Schuler, basement of block on corner of Avenue A and Second Street; Phillip Jacobus, Sauter's Block, Second Street; John Herre, basement of Block; Jacob Yetter, Third Street; Batthas Schlegenhau, Fourth Street; Gottlieb Pfefferle, Fourth Street; Lawrence Powers, Third Street; Chas. Schneider, K Street. All these are in Turners Falls, and pay \$100 each.

June 13

-Mrs. is building a barn on the lot adjoining her block.

July 4

-The library is to be removed to a larger room in Block, the present accommodations being scant.

July 11

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-In the evening, the great event<sup>1</sup> was the ball given by the Independent base ball club, in Hall, which was attended by 140 couples, the largest number ever cted in the hall to dance.

August 1

On Monday morning last the special bridge commission, created by act of Legislature of 1875, composed of Nelson Burrows of Gill, John M. Smith of Sunderland and Carlos Batchelder of Conway, met in Hall, according to adjournment, and testimony was taken in favor of the proposed bridge . . .

September 12<sup>2</sup>

- Mrs. , a large barn.
- Mrs. , an addition to block.

December 12

-The steam fire engine company have their second annual ball, at Hall on Friday evening, Dec. 28th.

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<sup>1</sup> In regard to a baseball game played on the Fourth of July and festivities that followed. *e.g.*

<sup>2</sup> In regard to new construction projects in Turners Falls.

December 19

-Selectman Bartlett has warned Fred not to open his bar again until he obtains a license.<sup>3</sup>

December 26

-The Independent Social Club dances at Hall the night before New Years.

## 1878

January 23

-The precious bridge commission has come to life again, and advertises that it will inflict another bridge hearing on the county. The whole business has become a silly farce, and the mere announcement of a "hearing" is enough to bring a smile to the sober face of a cast iron man. The commission has already all the evidence obtainable, and had absolute power to proceed in any way its judgment prompts (that is if it has any judgment), "instead of which" as the western judge said, it appoints another hearing, when the old sing song story will be told, and the commission will perhaps decide that in its judgment public necessity and convenience do not require a suspension bridge across the Atlantic! The last decision of that august body gives reason to expect just such conclusion. The meeting will be in Hall, on Tuesday the 10th of February.

January 30

-The young men have appointed committees of arrangement for a series of six assemblies in 's Hall, the first to take place on Friday evening, Feb. 8th.

-A ghost has been disturbing the inmates of Block very much of late. The spirit calls on Randall's boarders and makes known its presence by rapping savagely on the head boards of the bedsteads. This is a well authenticated case of spirit rapping, and a party of watchers has been on duty every night for a week. Some of the men living in the block are afraid that the devil is coming after them, and talk of the matter with a seriousness born of fear. The spiritualists are becoming greatly interested in the manifestations.

February 6

-From Chief State Detective Stephenson's annual report, we learn that the Keith, Russell and Montague mills were inspected during the year, but the authorities found it unnecessary to order any changes, in the way of swinging doors, fire escapes, &c. The churches of the village were pronounced all right, but it was ordered to have the doors to Hall made to swing outwardly.

-The "ghost" in Block has met the fate of all ghosts. After all the talk, an investigation proved that the cause of all the strange noises in the building was an uncommonly large rat which had a habit of performing between the ceilings in a manner unknown to the common rodent. When Mr. succeeded in capturing this mischievous rat, of course the strange noises ceased. And now Randall is happy, and says he never was afraid.

February 13

-The young businessmen of the village have arranged for a masquerade party for the benefit of the Turners Falls library at Hall, on Friday evening, Feb. 22.

February 27

-The Friendly Union Club dance at Hall, Monday evening.

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<sup>3</sup> Fred is selling liquor at his drug store without a liquor license.

March 6

-The New Orleans Minstrels hold forth at Hall, on Saturday evening next. They have the credit of giving a good show.

March 20

-Patrick Laughlin intends opening a grocery store in Mrs. 's block shortly.

-The Turners Falls Cornet Band will give a grand ball at Hall, on Easter Monday, April 2nd.

March 22

-Dr. J.M. Clark, a physician from North Adams, has located in this village, having an office in the Block.

April 10

-Prof. Harrington, the magician holds forth at Hall, Friday night.

May 1

Fred will open a saloon in the basement of his block if licenses are to be had.

May 8

-Dr. Geo. G. Currier has opened a dentist's office in Block.

May 15

-A Northampton man has leased the store in Block lately occupied by M. O'Donnell, and will open with a stock of groceries.

May 29

-M.P. Purrington & Co. have leased the store in Block, recently occupied by M. O'Donnell, and will open Monday with an entirely new stock of fresh groceries, which will be sold for cash.

July 3

### Grand Ball

In the evening, the Independent Social Club will give a Grand Ball, in Hall. At eleven o'clock, a prize will be awarded to the best dancer.

It will be seen from the above programme that no one need to go out of town for amusement to-morrow, while we think the village offers unusual attractions for outsiders, who will, no doubt, come in large numbers to see the elephant and be seen. There is every accommodation at the Farren House, which is now under the care of a new landlord, and no one need be thirsty while forty barrels of beer may be found under the trees at Central Park, not counting the dozen beer saloons that will serve out the foaming lager to thirsty throats.

July 10

-Miss Kate Fennety won the prize for waltzing at the dance in Hall, on the 3td.

July 31

-The Y.M.C.A. of Turners Falls will give their first annual ball in Hall, on Thursday evening, August 15th. It is under good management.

August 21

-The Greenbackers called a meeting at Hall the other night, but as nobody but the president put in an appearance, the bloated bondholders were not denounced to any great extent.

October 2

-Edward Howard is the new proprietor of the Union House, Block.

-Anthony & Parson's Uncle Tom's Cabin company will be at Hall, on Monday evening, the 14th.

November 13

-The Independent Order of Foresters will give their first annual ball, at Hall, on Thanksgiving eve, Nov. 27th.

-John Bowler has moved his stock of dry goods into the store in Block, recently occupied by Charles R. Stoughton. The windows are nicely trimmed, always.

December 11

-W.H.P. Gilmore has his insurance office in the library room, Block.

-The stage of Hall has been enlarged for the better accommodation of dramatic companies.

-The Turners Falls Dramatic Club will appear on the stage of Hall, for the first time, on Friday and Saturday evenings, 20th and 21st.

December 18

-Whitmore & Clark's well-known minstrels, appear at Hall on Monday evening next. They are quite popular here.

## 1879

January 1

-Gordon's Orchestra give a ball in Hall, on the 15th. Supper will be served at Ed Howard's Union House.

-The Turners Falls Dramatic Club are rehearsing "Irish Assurance and Yankee Modesty," and "Shandy Maguire," with the intention of appearing on the stage of hall, on the evenings of the 15th and 16th of February.

January 15

-A local minstrel troupe has been organized, and will appear in hall, shortly.

January 22

-The local variety company appear in public for the first time, in hall, on the 15th. There are fifteen performers, not including a half dozen lady vocalists.

-Joseph E. Coughlin of this village, will attempt to walk 100 miles in 21 hours, in Hall, beginning on Saturday morning at 1 o'clock, and will finish, if successful, at 10 o'clock p.m.

Professor Slocumb of Greenfield will be in attendance, with other volunteers, to enliven the occasion with gymnastic exercises, singing, dancing, etc.. Coughlin walked 50 miles in 10 hours in Greenfield, Friday.

February 5

-Joseph E. Coughlin will again attempt to walk 100 miles in 21 hours, in Hall, on Saturday next, beginning at 1 o'clock a.m. He has engaged the services of a competent trainer, Prof. Slocomb of Greenfield, and feel, confident he is able to do the feat under proper care.

February 12

-The school exhibition at hall, Friday evening, was attended by the largest number of people ever assembled in any hall in the town, probably. We have not time to give a lengthy account.

February 26

-F.W. Amstein's concert, at hall to-morrow evening, should draw a large audience. All of the best singers in the village will take part, and their friends will be anxious to hear them.

March 26

-A masquerade ball for the benefit of the library will be given in Hall on the 18th of April.

April 9

"Wenlock of Wenlock," which they perform at Hall, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week.

April 16

-The Turners Falls Dramatic Club had a fair audience in Hall, last evening, notwithstanding the rain. The play of "Wenlock of Wenlock" was superbly produced, the costumes and stage effects being unexcelled by any previous company in this town. The acting was also worthy of every commendation.

May 7

-W.P. Crocker gave notice that another Town meeting would be petitioned for to see if the town would build a bridge over the canal at Sixth Street so that work could be begun on the new paper mill; and R.B. Campbell made a motion, that, as all the business to come before the proposed Town meeting solely interested in the village of Turners Falls, the selectmen be instructed to call said meeting in Hall, Turners Falls. The motion was carried without a dissenting voice.

July 2

-The Catholics of this village will give a grand ball and strawberry festival in Hall, on the evening of the Fourth.

July 9

Miss M.E. Thurston's singing class are to give a public presentation of the cantata of "Flora's Festival" in Hall, on Tuesday evening next, the 15th.

July 16

-The concert by Miss. M.E. Thurston's singing class at Hall, last evening, was largely attended, the great majority of the audience, however, being ladies.

September 3

-Brennan's Brass Band and Orchestra will give a grand concert and ball, in hall, Tuesday evening, the 16th.

September 10

-Mrs. has had her block thoroughly renovated from hall to basement, and warns all persons not to deface the building in the future, as has been done in the past, under penalty of prosecution.

September 17

-Dashington's minstrels appear at hall, to-morrow evening. Reserved seats may be had at Peter Brennan's music store.

September 24

-The "T.F.C. Club" begin a series of dances at Hall, on Wednesday evening next.

-John Bowler has decided to close out his stock of dry goods in Block, and return to Holyoke, by the 1st of October.

October 1

-The New Orleans minstrels had a \$200 house last evening in Hall. They gave a satisfactory show.

October 8

-John Bowler has closed up his business in Block.

October 22

-J.L. Lewis of Northampton has opened a clothing store in Block.

-The first annual ball of the Independent base ball club on Friday evening was attended by the largest concourse of dancers that has been in Hall for a long time, a hundred odd couples being present.

November 12

-The Turners Falls Dramatic Club will appear at Hall on Friday and Saturday, 21st and 22nd.

November 19

-"Uncle Tom's Cabin" at hall this evening.

November 26

-Complaint id made frequently that Hall is never sufficiently heated for the comfort of patrons of entertainments.

-There would have been a panic in hall last evening, had not Frank Willett and A.A. Taylor had presence of mind to prevent it.

When the alarm of fire was given, the audience got the impression that the building was in flames, probably from the fact that the red fire had just been used on stage, and everybody rushed to the door for escape. The gentlemen named knew that if the crowd was allowed to get on tot the stairs, a serious calamity would certainly follow; consequently the hall doors were kept closed,

while the people were assured that the fire was half a mile away and could be seen from the hall windows. In an instant the excited people were pacified, and resumed their seats, although one woman fainted when the report was given out that the hall was on fire.

December 24

-The German Congregational society will have the most elaborate Christmas tree in town this year. Hall will be appropriately trimmed for the occasion.

**1880** April 14, 1880 through December, 1880, the *Reporter* is not available. *e.g.*

January 7

-The committee on entertainment for the benefit of the Turners Falls library, have decided to give a masquerade in Hall, some evening of the last week of the month.

January 14

-George C. Lougee intends shortly to remove his dry goods business to the north store in Block on the Avenue.

January 21

-The Turners Falls Variety Combination are rehearsing for an entertainment in Hall.

-The fourth annual masquerade party for the benefit of the Turners Falls Library, will come off at Hall, on Thursday evening of next week. The affair will be under the management of Messrs. W.D. Russell, W.H.P. Gilmore and W.S. Dana, and will doubtless be the most successful; masquerade ever given in town.

January 28

-Mrs. Cronin has removed her stock of dry and fancy goods to the store on Fourth Street, recently occupied by G.C. Lougee, Mr. Lougee taking the Block store.

February 18

-The "Streets of New York" at Hall, Friday and Saturday evenings, Feb. 20th and 21.

February 25

-The Turners Falls Dramatic Club presented at Hall, "The Streets of New York" to good audiences on Friday and Saturday evenings last.

March 24

-The Turners Falls Variety Combination are rehearsing for an entertainment in Hall, shortly. They will not have women with them on the stage in the future.

**1881**

January 5

-The "Jollities Combination," a very fine musical troupe ply in Hall, on Wednesday evening next week.

January 12

-The Young Ladies' Guild are preparing for an "Antique Festival and Old Fashioned Supper: at Hall, on Wednesday evening, January 26th.

January 19

-The Ancient Order of Hibernians will hold their annual ball in Hall on the 16th of next month.

January 26

-Gustav Adolph Lodge, D.O.H., announce that they will give a grand masquerade ball in hall, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 22nd. A costumer from the city will display many costumes in their lodge room the day of the dance.

February 23

-The Y.M.C.A. of Turners Falls will hold their third annual ball, in Hall, Monday evening, Feb. 28th.

March 2

-The sensational play, "Under the Gaslight," will be performed in Hall, by a New York company, on the 11th.

March 9

-The St. Mary's Temperance Society have engaged Hall for Easter Monday evening, when they will give a grand ball.

March 16

-The executive committee for the Library Association have decided not to inflict another fair on the people of Turners Falls, this season, but will give a dramatic entertainment and calico dance, in Hall, April 21st, instead

-Knowles & Thompson have leased the store in Block, and have opened a good stock of dry goods, etc. They say they will run their store here entirely independent of Greenfield.

March 23

-Knowles & Thompson have christened their place of business in Block the "Bee-Hive" and they claim to offer the best stock of dress goods ever shown in the village.

April 27

-It will please our readers to know that Baird's, always welcome, New Orleans Minstrels are coming again, and will appear at Hall, Thursday, May 5th.

August 10

-A. Brown has closed the Union House, in Block. Auctioneer Allen will sell at public auction, on Tuesday next, the 16th, all of the household furniture, cooking utensils, etc.

August 31

-Prof. Cadwell, the mesmerist gives an exhibition at Hall, this evening and to-morrow evening.

September 7

-A rear entrance is being made to Hall, which will materially improve the place for shows, etc.

October 19

-On Sunday evening last, a large and enthusiastic meeting of the Land League was held in Hall, which was attended not only by the local members but also those of the Greenfield branch, who came *en masse* to unite with the former by way of demonstrating their zeal and determination in the fulfillment of the principles upon which depend the welfare of the organization. On the platform were Rev. J.T. Madden, curate of St. Mary's church and Rev. E.A. O'Donnell, prior of the Christian Brothers of Drogheda, Ireland.

October 19

-The Fitchburg Band will draw a large crowd at the clerk's dance at Hall this evening.

October 26

-The "original" Uncle Tom's Cabin Co. which exhibited a donkey and a few dogs at Hall, Thursday evening, were not very successful.

November 16

-Dr. C.C. Messer has removed his office to Block, where he has a fine suite of rooms.

November 23

-Bennett & Moulton's juvenile opera company will play the "Magic Slipper," in Hall, on Friday evening, Dec. 2nd.

November 30

-Prof. Green, of Littleton, begins his dancing school at Hall, to-night. There will be twelve lessons, one every Wednesday evening.

December 14

-Col. Robinson's Humpty Dumpty Company will appear at Hall on Friday evening, the 16th. One of the great features of this company is the pantomime specialty company. Free exhibitions, consisting of performances on the tight rope and a display of fireworks along with a solo concert by Robinson's Brass Band.

## 1882

January 4

-The sixth annual ball of the Alvah Crocker Engine Co. at Hall, on Friday evening, was attended by over 125 couples. Landlord E.V. Foster served a very fine supper at the Farren House. Brown's Brigade Band was excellent.

January 11

-Fred is raising up a barn near Hall, and fixing it up with four stalls and accommodations for customers.

-Fred is fixing up ways to Hall upon which to hand up show people's baggage.

January 18

-The Fifth Avenue Comedy Company will appear at Hall on Monday evening, the 26th, in the famous play of "East Lynne."

January 25

-Dan Kelliher, brother of the Mrs. Foley who died a few weeks ago, died of Small-pox, at the pest house on Friday morning last, after a severe illness. He, like his sister, had the disease in its worst form, and the skillful care of the physician was powerless.

There is a peculiar sadness in connection with this death, which is apt to cause men to shudder at the effect of ignorance and willfulness. When his sister lay dying of the loathsome disease, Dan was in attendance as floor manager of a ball at Hall, where he took pains to inform all he came in contact that his sister had not got the Small-pox, and that there was no danger whatever of the disease. While he was thus behaving, his sister died, and he was sent for. He is now dead of that disease of which he was making so light of.

February 7

-Sullivan's Black Diamond Combination play a new version of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at hall, on Saturday evening next.

February 15

-The ladies of the Methodist Society hold their annual fair and festival at Hall, to-morrow evening.

-Mr. S. Green will close his dancing school with a grand concert and ball at Hall, on Monday evening next, the 20th, with music by Green's Orchestra of Fitchburg. Supper will be served by Landlord Foster at the Farren House.

March 8

-Fred has become owner of the block built by his mother, the price of transfer being \$12,000.

-The "Peak Sisters" give the second entertainment for the organ fund for the Congregational church at Hall on Friday evening next, the 10th.

March 22

-Fred Colle is fitting up a drug store in his block on the corner of Avenue A and Third Street. He contemplates making it the finest of its kind in the county, with huge plate glass windows, etc.

-Whitmore & Clark's well-known minstrels appear at Hall, on Friday evening next.

April 12

-The play at Colle Hall, to-morrow evening, "Rooms for Rent," by a company of superior actors, ought to draw a crowded house.

April 19

-"Broom Drill" at Colle Hall next Wednesday evening.

May 10

-Fred Colle will on Saturday next open his new drug store in his block on the corner of Avenue A and Third Street. The store has been thoroughly overhauled, cleansed and painted, and when a new plate glass front is added will be one of the finest in the street.

The fixtures of the store are made of ash and cherry, the show-cases, scales, etc., being in keeping with the whole store. In the rear of the store is a well fitted up laboratory, 19 by 20 feet, with separate rooms, for acids, oils, herbs, etc.

Mr. Colle has engaged the services of a drug clerk with 29 years experience in the leading houses of Boston, and has selected as fine looking a stock of goods as one often sees in a drug store. He says he keeps such of the leading patent medicines as are usually called for, but wants it distinctly understood that he makes no "Injun Bitters". He is putting out his money with the intention of keeping a drug store, pure and simple, and will cater to the better class of trade.

-The "Widow Bedott" will be presented at Colle Hall, on Saturday evening next, the 13th, by a first-class company.

June 14

-The French play at Colle Hall will be quite a novelty for this place, and should attract considerable attention.

-The "Canadian Dramatic Club" of Turners Falls will present the touching French drama, "Vildac," and the comedy, "The Spoiled Dinner Party," at Colle Hall, on Monday evening next, June 19th.

June 21

-Colle Hall was packed on Monday night, when the Canadian Dramatic Club played "Vildac," and "The Spoiled dinner Party." The actors all took their part well, and were frequently applauded.

-Druggist Colle announces that his prescription clerk, Mr. A.E. Bailey, will hereafter sleep in an apartment in the rear of the store, and will promptly answer all necessary calls at any hours of the night.

October 18

-Washburn's Last Sensation appears at Colle Hall to-night.

October 25

-Duprez & Benedict's Minstrels at Colle Hall, Saturday evening next.

-Baird's Mammoth Minstrels, so well known here, appear at Colle hall, on Friday evening, Nov. 3d.

November 22

-Baird's Mammoth Minstrels, so well known here, appear at Colle hall, on Friday evening, Nov. 3d.

-Fred Colle is having two windows made in the north side of his block to better light the Bee-Hive dry goods store.

November 29

- The famous Guy family of opera singers appear at Colle Hall, to-morrow night.
- A first class variety entertainment by the Stanley Bros. Troupe will be given at Colle Hall, on Monday evening, Dec. 4th.

December 13

- Whitmore and Clark's Minstrels at Colle Hall next Friday night.
- The original Atkinson's "Jollities" appear at Colle Hall this evening.
- The gigantic Whitmore & Clark's minstrels, numbers 25 brilliant artists are coming and are to appear at Colle Hall, this week, Friday evening, Dec. 15. The genial, jolly Hank White you will see in all his delight, will introduce his jumbo mouth with all his might, and Geo. M. Clark will return to burnt cork, supported by the largest company they have ever had introducing the Electric Lights of Minstrelsy. Advance sale of seats at Colle's drug store.

December 20

- A roller skating rink has been started in Colle Hall.
- Prof. E.M. Slocomb, and Dooney Harris, the famous boxer, and New Hampshire champion, and other athletes, will give an athletic exhibition in Colle Hall, on the 127th inst.

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January 3

-The athletic entertainment in Colle Hall, Wednesday evening, drew out a big crowd. Besides boxing and club swinging by professionals and amateurs, Prof. Slocomb coupled on the hose pipe three times in 4 seconds, 5 seconds, and 4 seconds. Young McClintock carried off the prize as the champion pie eater.

-The seventh annual concert, ball and supper of Alvah Crocker Engine Co., at Colle Hall and Farren House on Friday evening last was the event of the season. About one hundred and twenty-five couples attended, and it was a very pretty dancing party, well managed and greatly enjoyed. The music of Russell's famous orchestra was very superior, and was the subject of merited praise.

January 31

-The ball by the pupils of Mr. W.W. Green's dancing school at Colle Hall last night was thoroughly enjoyed by about sixty couples. It was one of the pleasantest dancing parties of the season. Landlord Foster served a splendid supper at the Farren House.

February 28

-The St. Mary's Temperance Society with the Ladies' Temperance Aid Society will give a grand ball, in Colle Hall, on Monday evening, March 25th. Music by the Turners Falls Orchestra, with Mr. Hines of Brattleboro, prompter.

March 7

-"Little Corinne and her Merry Makers" will appear at Colle Hall on Tuesday evening next, March 13th, and a rousing big audience will certainly greet this fine company.

March 14

-The St. Mary's Temperance Society are making extensive preparations for their grand concert, drill and ball, at Colle Hall, on the 26th, inst.<sup>4</sup>

-The Heywood Mastadon Minstrels and Specialty Company, will give one of their pleasing performances, in Colle Hall, on Friday evening, March 16th.

April 4

-The Hi Henry Premier Minstrels will appear at Colle Hall on the 9th.

April 11

-The Joseph Proctor combination, "Nick of the Woods," will appear at Colle Hall on May 10, with a band of genuine Indians.

April 18

-The St. Mary's Ladies' Aid Society will hold a calico dress ball at Colle Hall on Friday evening, May 18th.

May 9

-Quite a party came over from the county seat and patronized the My festival at Colle Hall, Friday night.

June 6

-Members of the Young People's Social Club are soliciting advertisements form their programme from the merchants in the village and we hope they will be liberal to the young folks. The proceeds of the entertainment will be used for starting a reading room in connection with the library.

The entertainment will be given at Colle Hall, to-morrow night, under the auspices of the Legion of Honor, by the Ellis Family of Bell Ringers is highly spoken of wherever the performance has been given. Some rare music will be rendered by Miss Romie on the copophone[sic] and by others on tuned sleigh bells, the zither and musical steels.

June 20

-C.A.C. Smith, "the colored champion of the world," will be given a grand complimentary sparring exhibition at Colle Hall, on Saturday evening, the 23rd, when about a dozen celebrated athletes will appear.

-To-night the Young People's Social Club will present at Colle Hall, "The last Loaf," concluding with the farce "Seeing the Elephant." The proceeds go towards starting a reading room in the village, which is much needed.

June 27

-The boxing and sparring entertainment by colored pugilists and others at Colle Hall, Saturday evening was largely attended.

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<sup>4</sup> Abbreviation for "instante mense", meaning a date of the current month, such as "the 5th inst."

July 11

-The A.O.H. ball at Colle Hall, on the evening of the Fourth, was attended by about 100 couples who had a splendid time.

August 1

A riverman named Larkins has challenged Austin Mowry to wrestle for fun or marbles, and a match has been arranged, to take place at Colle Hall, on Saturday evening next. There will also be some sparring by local athletes.

August 8

-James Larkins, one of the river drivers, and a good athlete, challenged A. Mowry or any other man to wrestle for a stake and receipts at the door. Ed Slocomb brought forward one of his men, George Doyle, and on Saturday evening, at Colle Hall, before a large audience, the wrestlers tugged away for the stakes. Each athlete, however, secured a fall, and a draw was decided. More money was put up, and last night they decided which was the better man at Greenfield Opera House, when Doyle threw his man twice and captured the pile. It is said the rivermen put up every dollar he had on the contest, while the other side felt they had a dead sure thing from the start.

September 12

-St. Mary's Temperance Cadets will give a social dance in Colle Hall on Tuesday evening, the 18th, to raise funds to pay for their new suits and defray their expenses to the Springfield parade.

September 19

-Free supper at Colle Hall to-night.

-Dr. Green of Boston gives a medical exhibition at Colle Hall, on the 26th and 27th.

October 3

There will be a grand instrumental and vocal concert by the celebrated Stimpson sisters, and others, for the benefit of the Temple of Honor, at Colle Hall, Oct. 19th.

October 10

-The Wolftone Club will give a social dance at Colle Hall, on Wednesday evening, the 17th.

October 24

-I.W. Baird's famous minstrels appear at Colle Hall to-night.

-The Bells O'Shandon" at Colle Hall on Monday evening next.

October 24

-The concert by the Stimpson sisters, Mr. Cushman and local talent, at Colle Hall, for the benefit of the Temple of Honor, drew out an immense audience, filling every seat in the hall.

December 5

-The far-famed Whitmore & Clark's Minstrels will appear at Colle hall, next Tuesday evening, Dec. 11th, with a company, the crowing climax of their show life, introducing a new programme, replete with music, frivolity and plenty of fun without vulgarity.

December 12

-Alvah Crocker Engine Co., No.1, will give their annual concert and ball at Colle Hall, on Friday evening, Dec. 28th, with music by the Brattleboro Regimental band. Supper will be served at the Farren House, by Landlord Foster.

-Whitmore & Clark's minstrels appeared at Colle Hall last evening, and gave excellent satisfaction. At no time since the organization of this company, a quarter century ago, has it been so good, and is unsurpassed by any minstrel company traveling through New England.

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**Turners Falls Reporter, Wednesday, January 2, 1884 Vol. XIII, No.1**

-Dooney Harris and E.M. Slocomb and other athletes, will give a sparring and other athletic entertainment at Colle Hall, on the 16th inst.

-The eighth annual concert and ball of the Alvah Crocker Engine Co., at Colle Hall, on Friday evening, was quite well attended, but not so numerously as in former years.

January 30

-Manton E. Taft Post, No.162, G.A. will hold their first annual ball in Colle Hall, on Friday evening, Feb. 22nd. Music will be furnished by the Second Regiment Band of Brattleboro, Vt.

February 20

-A female minstrel company will attract the bald-headed portion of the community at Colle Hall, to-night.

February 27

-The selectmen refused the female minstrels a license to show in Colle Hall. If Greenfield was too modest to stand such a racket, Turners Falls couldn't be expected to put up with it. The giddy blondes were "dead broke" and the company disbanded.

March 12

-The adjourned Town Meeting at Colle Hall, Monday, was an extremely quiet affair, few attending. Under the circumstances, it was deemed best to dissolve the meeting and meet again at some future time, under new warrant, and carry out the wishes of the people.

March 19

-The Selectmen will call a town meeting at Colle Hall, on Monday, the 31st, to finish up the town business.

April 2

**Monday's Town Meeting**

Town Meeting at Colle Hall, on Monday, was one of the most orderly held in Montague for several years, albeit it was dubbed Mr. Horrigan's Picnic.

-Three of the prettiest, sweetest and giddiest dudes that ever escaped from New York, are to be seen in "Bubbles" at Colle Hall next Friday evening.

April 16

-The French Dramatic Club play "Vildae" at Colle Hall, to-night, for the benefit of the Catholic congregation of Turners Falls.

April 30

-Fred Colle, agent for the Allen Line of ocean steamers, sells tickets to Ireland for \$17 now. Passage this way costs \$19.

-Fred Colle has decided to convert his fine hall into an opera house surpassing anything of the kind in the country towns of Massachusetts. He will take out the upper floor, and put in a balcony extending from the rear well up into the hall and on the sides clean to stage.

The rear of the building will be extended 10 feet to make additional stage room. The main entrance will be on the north side of the building, by broad stairways, and the other side entrance and the front stairs will be used as exits. The hall for dancing will be somewhat smaller but considerably improved.

Mr. Colle will begin after the Fourth of July to remodel the building, and it will be finished by the first of September.

-The Texas Jubilee Singers will doubtless have full houses at Colle Hall to-morrow and Friday evenings. They sing to the largest audiences in our cities and these concerts will be a rare entertainment. The price of single admission is 25 cents. Reserved seats, 35 cents.

May 14

-Notwithstanding the bad weather, Colle Hall was well filled, in the afternoon by the children, and in the evening by the adults, to join in the festivities of the Unitarian May Festival on Wednesday last.

May 21

#### Memorial Exercises

The G.A.R. Posts of Turners Falls and Montague Centre, and the Montague City schools will assemble at Montague City bridge at 7.30 o'clock and headed by the Greenfield Reed and Cornet Band will march to Montague City cemetery.

Delegates will be sent from there to cemeteries on the plain, the column will proceed to Turners Falls and receive the schools and other orders at Seventh Street at 9 o'clock, and march through Seventh, K, Fifth, L, Fourth, Avenue A, Third, L, Second, Avenue A and First streets to the cemetery at Riverside where there will be a short address by Leonard Barton, Esq. The procession will then return to Colle Hall where will be delivered an address by J.W. Hersey, Senior Vice Commissioner Department Mass. G.A.R. Music by the band and vocal quartette.

The school and all organizations are invited to participate in the exercises of the day. Persons desiring to donate flowers are requested to leave them at G.A.R. hall on the morning of Memorial Day by 8.30 o'clock.

T.W. Burnham, G.P. Holden, L.J. Masters: Committee of Arrangements.

R.L. Atherton: Marshal of the Day.

June 18

-Work will be commenced on Colle's new opera house July 7th. Plans have been secured, and a very pretty play house will be made. There will be a couple of private boxes.

"Pierce's Hall Show" appears at Colle Hall, to-morrow night. They have a panorama of the streets of New York, and a variety entertainment is given. They make an effort to get the children to see the show and let them in for 10 cents.

July 9

-Work was begun on Colle's new opera house Monday morning, under the superintendence of Wm. R. Farnsworth, and a large force of men are at work tearing the partitions down, cutting out the upper floor, building new walls, and generally remodeling the structure. When finished, it will be a magnificent little opera house, with a seating capacity of 800 to 1000, with fine scenery, and will be illuminated with gas.

-Fred Colle offers for sale cheap all the doors in his block which he is taking out in making the changes for his opera house.

-The painting and decorating of Colle's new opera house will be by W.A. Herbert.

July 16

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-Chanfrau in "KIT" the Arkansas Traveler, Oliver Doud Byron, and other first-class artists appear at Colle's new opera house early in the season.

July 23

-Fred Colle has been annoyed greatly since he has began building his opera house by children, droves of them—hordes of them—who destroy everything they can lay their hands on, and a mortar bed cannot be left a moment without being destroyed by the pests.

July 30

-W.B. Clark has the contract to supply the seats of the Harwood Chair Seat Company, for Colle's new opera house. The first row in the balcony will be upholstered chairs, and the balance patent opera folding seats.

August 13

-Druggist Fred Colle supplies the many orders for drugs and medicines called for at Lake Pleasant through C.P. Wise, who is his agent.

August 27

-New scenery is being painted for Colle's opera house by Artist Root.

-Colle's opera house will be entirely remodeled and ready for the play season by the middle of next month. It will be a handsome play house, and worthy of a busy go-ahead town.

September 10

-Colle's opera house will be filled to overflowing on the opening night.

### Colle's Opera House

The work of remodeling Colle's opera house has been finished, and thus the handsomest little theatre in the western part of the state, will be opened to the public on Monday evening next, with the play of "Mugg's Landing," a comic drama of merit.

The opera house has now a seating capacity of 900, about equally divided between balcony and parquet. The seats are the celebrated Harwood Folding Chair, and are attractive as well as comfortable.

The building is the design of Architect W.R. Farnsworth, and is very much like the Bijou, in Boston. The floors are of maple. The walls are tinted chocolate, maroon, and orange, while the ceiling is ornamented in dark shades and gold. The proscenium arch is large and finely proportioned, while the stage, which is 25 feet square, has all modern adjuncts, convenient and ample dressing rooms, etc. The entire building is lighted with gas, and heated by steam.

September 17

-A fair audience turned out at the opening of Colle's opera house, Monday evening. The play, "Mugg's Landing" was a very good one of its kind, and kept the audience in good humor all the evening.

Kit, the Arkansas Traveler," at Colle opera house, Tuesday next, the 23rd.

September 24

-Fred Colle has done a fine thing for the village in constructing a handsome little opera house, to which will be attracted artists in the amusement world such as play in the largest theaters in the cities, furnishing a class of amusements such as the cosmopolitan people of the village have been used to in drifting about the world, and the people should look with favorable eyes on his endeavors to keep the place decent and respectable, and especially in his efforts to stop the filthy habit of tobacco spitting on the floor.

-Colle's opera house was well filled last night to witness Frank Chanfrau's "Kit," and the man who has filled the Boston theatre during his run there, every year for thirteen years, had an appreciative audience, here as might be expected. In Greenfield, about one hundred turned out, which will pass without further comment.

-Fred Colle offers for sale all the lamps and fixtures that were formerly in Colle Hall and his drug store, replaced by gas.

-Fred Colle has resolutely decided to stop the filthy habit flooding the floor of the opera house with tobacco juice, and has instructed officers to eject every person willfully disobeying the notices to that effect. And everybody will uphold him in putting out of the place such as cannot sit in a decent room a couple of hours without destroying everything about them. The other evening a lead pencil would float in the tobacco juice in the polished maple floor. It is a disgusting shame.

October 8

"Kerry Gow" at Colle's opera house Thursday night.

October 29

-The "Crimes of London" at Colle's opera house next Tuesday evening.

November 12

-The Ideal Comedy Company present the play "East Lyme" at Colle's opera house on Friday evening of this week.

December 3

-A. Bell, from Athol, has opened a boot and shoe repairing shop in Colle's Block.

- Thus far the new reading room has been fairly patronized, and it will probably be kept open through the winter.

-Dr. W.J. March, of New Haven, Conn., has opened a dental office in Colle Block.

December 10

-The play "The Last Loaf" by the Social Club at Colle's opera house, on Wednesday evening last, was exceedingly well rendered. The audience was quite large and appreciative.

December 17

-The firm of Carey and Taylor has been dissolved, and A.A. Taylor will continue the saloon at the old stand in Colle Block.

December 24

-The "Sterling Comedy Company" play three nights at Colle's opera house, this week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with matinees on Thursday and Saturday. The admission is only 15 and 25 cents.

December 31

-The Sterling Comedy Company has played in Colle's opera house every night for a week, to fair audiences. Rip Van Winkle will play to-night. They deserve good houses, at the popular prices they charge.

**1885**

**Turners Falls Reporter, Wednesday, January 7, 1885 Vol. XIV, No.1**

-Peck's Bad Boy at Colle's opera house Friday night. It is full of fun and "deviltry" by that awful bad boy.

-The comedy company that has been at Colle's opera house a couple weeks have finally left, with a few unpaid bills.

January 14

-Prof. Taylor, the great magician at Colle's Opera house, three nights, beginning to-morrow night.

January 21

-Prof. Taylor, the wonderful magician, drew fair-sized audiences for four nights at Colle's opera house, beginning last Thursday night. Besides an attractive programme, an additional interest was created by a host of valuable presents given away each evening. Daniel Sullivan and Michael O'Leary each drew a ten dollar gold piece.

January 28

**The Turners Falls Variety Entertainment**

The Turners Falls Variety combination, a company of very excellent amateur performers, will make their first appearance this season in Colle's opera house, on Tuesday evening next, February 3d, assisted by the noted Greenfield quartette. The programme is arranged with a great deal of care, and is varied enough to suit every taste. The meritorious performers, William

Jacobus, the Harrigan brothers, A.A. Reen, Ross Bros., D.J. Casey, and others, have long been favorites here, and the efforts to please are always appreciated. The performance will coincide with the great burlesque sketch, "The Actor and Singer."

February 24

-Frederick Colle Camp, No. 40, Sons of Veterans, was organized last Thursday evening in G.A.R. Hall, by Col. C.F. Sargent of Lawrence, with 35 charter members. The following officers were installed:

Captain - Fred Colle; First Lieut. - R.J. O'Brien; Second Lieut. - William Hebert  
Orderly Sergt. - Otis M. Woodman; Color Sergt. - A.J. Morrison; Chaplain - H.C. Wood  
Quartermaster Sergt. - Joe Farlander; Sergt of the Guard - George Stewart; Capt. Of the  
Guard - Clarence Waite; Trustees- Fred Colle, R. J. O'Brien, H.C. Hood.

This organization is a worthy one; one of their objects is to help the veterans and assist them in taking care of their families.

March 4

-Carrie Swain, the fascinating tom-boy, whose fame is world-wide, will appear in Colle's opera house on Wednesday evening of next week, in her new play, "The little Joker."

March 25

-The Youth's Dramatic Club of this village will present the drama "The Hidden Treasures" and the farce, "The Young Collegian" at Colle's opera house on Friday evening, April 9th, for the benefit of the French Catholic church.

March 25

#### The Wild cat

We would take pleasure to announce to the citizens of Turners Falls, that at considerable expense we have secured the live wild cat captured at Wendell, and will exhibit him at Colle Opera house, for a few nights only. He was captured alive after a desperate struggle. One of his captors now lies badly wounded at his home in Wendell mountains. Admission 10 cents, Saturday afternoon, children 5 cents. Do not fail to come and see him as it is a rare sight.

Fred Colle

April 8

Eddie March is learning the drug business with Fred Colle.

May 13

-The "Old Beats" at Colle's opera house on Tuesday evening next, the 19th.

June 24

-The schools in the village gave an exhibition at Colle's opera house, Friday evening, which drew the largest and most enthusiastic audience ever seen in the opera house. Scholars from all fifteen schools in the village took part in the exercises. The programme consisted of the children's play "Titania or the Butterflies Carnival," together with the recitations, songs, tableaux and other attractions.

July 8

-The young people of the Unitarian society will give an entertainment on Friday evening at the opera house, consisting of "Fan-drill" in costume; pantomimes and singing, the whole to conclude with dancing. Mrs. Parsons has had charge of the training of the children and has exerted herself to make the affair a success. The proceeds of the entertainment are to be the children's contribution toward the new church.

October 21

-The citizens of Turners Falls are to enjoy a rare treat in next Friday and Saturday evening's in Colle's opera house. The appearance of Miss Ray Ashley, the charming protean actress and her superior theatrical company, which will present their specially written and popular play, Friday night, "The Union Hero or True Blue." Saturday night, the great military drama, in three acts, entitled "Our Comrades," abounding with new music, scenes, situations, etc.

Admission are within the reach of all. Children, 15 cents, general admission 25 cents. The best seats in the hall only 35 cents now for sale at Colle's drug store, opera block house.

November 4

-The Lorellas" acrobats and a superb company, appear at Colle's opera house on Saturday evening next.

November 11

-The telephone manager of this district notified F.H. Brown & Co. that the public telephone office was to be removed to Colle's drug store, and gave no reason for the change. As soon as the business men heard of a removal, almost every one signed a petition in post haste, against such a most unpopular move, and the array of names almost scared the wits out of the two previous telephone man. The telephone stays.

November 18

-Dentist J.E. Pendleton's office is in Colle's Block.

December 30

-The Count and Countess Magri (the latter Mrs. Tom Thumb) with their company appear at Colle's opera house on Friday evening of this week. This famous party of midgets has just returned from a bridal tour of Europe.

**1886**

**Turners Falls Reporter, Wednesday, January 6, 1886 Vol. XV, No.1**

-"Kerry Gow" will be played at Colle's opera house by John Murphy on the 21st of this month, and the "Jollities" party comes on the following night.

January 13

-The Claire Scott Dramatic Company began a successful season at Colle's opera house on Monday evening, with the tragedy "Lucretia Borgia". Last evening they presented "Leah the Forsaken" in a very artistic manner. A crowded house greeted this excellent company and were accorded high praise. To-night they play "Camille," and to-morrow night "The Lady of Lyons."

January 20

- "Among the Breakers" by the St. Mary's Temperance dramatic club, at Colle's opera house, Saturday evening.

- Fred Colle offers for sale or to rent his house on High Street. It is a very desirable place.

- Fred Colle desires to rent the store in his block formerly occupied by Steigleider & Co.

January 27

- Prof. Dayton had good audiences at Colle's opera house on Saturday and Monday evenings, to witness the exposure of Spiritualism. He did all the tricks they do at Lake Pleasant, only a hundred times better, and then exposed them. Their simplicity, when shown, tickled the audience almost to death.

February 3

- A large audience greeted the performance of "Among the Breakers" by the St. Mary's Temperance dramatic club at Colle's opera house, Saturday evening.

February 8

- Druggist Fred Colle has moved from his High Street home to rooms in his block, so as to be near his business.

March 3

- The Gilbert Opera Company presented the popular craze, the bewitching comic opera "Mikado," at Colle's opera house, last evening, to a large and critical audience, who were quick to catch "the Mikado Fever" which is more infectious than "Pinafore."

March 17

- "Si Perkins, or The Girl I Left Behind Me," will be on the boards at Colle's opera house on Monday evening, the 22nd.

- The celebrated Daly family will present the ever-popular play, "Vacation, or Harvard vs. Yale" at Colle's opera house, on Wednesday evening of next week. It is simply a delicious comedy.

April 14

- Paddy Ryan, the famous prize fighter, will appear at Colle's opera house to-morrow night, as the leading actor in the Irish play "Terry the Fox," introducing some artistic work with the fists.

April 28

- The St. Anne's' Dramatic Club present the drama "The Emigrant's Daughter," at Colle's opera house this evening, for the benefit of the French Catholic Church.

- The May Cody Dramatic Company will appear at Colle's opera house, to-morrow and Friday evenings. The play to-morrow evening will be "The Dainties."

May 5

- Harrigan's Double Hibernian Company appears at Colle's opera house, to-morrow evening.

June 2

-The Sons of Veterans carried the flag on Memorial Day which Captain Colle solicited funds for some time ago. It is a very pretty one.

June 30

-The entertainment by the St. Anne's dramatic club, at Colle's opera house, on Thursday evening was a source of great pleasure to the audience. The procession of the societies through the streets to the hall was large and imposing, and gave some idea of the extent and influence of the French population of the village.

July 14

-Louis Bitzer, Jr., has rented the north store in Colle Block, and will start in the jewelry business at once.

July 28

-The Julian Comedy Company begin a week's engagement at Colle's opera house on Monday evening next.

September 1

-Abbey's Double Uncle Tom's Cabin Co. will appear at Colle's opera house next Saturday afternoon and evening. Tickets now on sale at Colle's drug store at 50, 35 and 25 cents.

-The well-known Duprez and Benedict's minstrels will appear at Colle's opera house next Wednesday evening, September 8th.

September 15

-Manager Fred Colle has put up several new bill-boards in different parts of the village.

September 29

-The New World Company opens a season of three nights at Colle's opera house to-night. The leading lady in the company is Miss Gomongo Mohawk, an Indian, who is said to be very talented. It will be worth while to see her.

-Good Luck Temple of Honor have engaged Miss Clara L. Thompson, a public reader of merit, and will give an entertainment at Colle's opera house on the 22nd of October.

October 20

-Miss Louise Litta, in "Chispa" at Colle's opera house to-night.

October 27

-"Chispa," the popular drama of the nature of "Miliss" was presented at Colle's opera house, Wednesday evening by Miss Louise Litta's party. The support was good and in several respects worthy of individual mention. Miss Litta, a polished, modest little lady, whose very appearance on the street is at once indicative of talents of a higher order.

November 24

-The Schumann Ladies Quartet, a high-class company from the Chickering Musical Bureau, will appear at Colle's opera house, on Wednesday evening of next week.

-The Social Temple of Honor has engaged Mr. Hannibal Williams, for readings at Colle's opera house, in February.

December 1

-The Madame Frye Concert Company appears at Colle opera house, Friday night.

-Lang's Comedy Company will appear at Colle's opera house three nights next week, commencing Monday, Dec. 6th.

December 8

-The Lang Comedy Company was to have appeared at Colle's opera house to-night, but they slid out of town this morning leaving a lot of promises for unpaid bills.

December 15

-The Kindergarten Company, a fine dramatic organization, will be on the boards at Colle's opera house, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week.

December 29

-Redmund and Barry are booked at Colle's opera house on the 24th, in "Midnight marriage." This company is one of the finest traveling the road.

-The Kindergarten Company only played one night at Colle's opera house, last week, as the audience was too small for them to waste their time upon. Bryton the great actor, was engaged for this week, but he was frozen out by Turners Falls indifference, and cancelled his date.

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-Claire Scott, the celebrated actress and "tragic queen," will be at Colle's opera house, on Tuesday evening, the 11th. She will appear in "Mary Queen of Scots."

January 19

-The young French people will produce a drama "The Adopted Son" and a farce at Colle's opera house on Friday evening of this week. Those who like to see the French act, so expressive are they with their hands, should take in this show.

January 26

-The French Dramatic Company had a large audience at Colle's opera house to witness their play on Friday night. They gave a very clever performance.

February 16

-A female minstrel company held forth sat Colle's opera house, Saturday night, and of course they had a packed house. The audience did not contain a solitary female.

February 23

-Will J. Mack's Comedy Company will appear at Colle's opera house, this evening, in the comic extravaganza, "A Tin Box." It is a play of Irish life.

March 16

-Frederick Briton, the great actor, has secured a date at Colle's opera house, on the 6th of May. As Mr. Bryton is one of the finest actors of the romantic type, no doubt he will have an audience.

-The Flavia Colie Dramatic Company are billed to appear at the Colle opera house all next week.

April 6

-The Dalys will appear at Colle's opera house, on Wednesday evening, in their great comedy, "Vacation, of Harvard vs. Yale," is simply a delicious comedy.

April 27

-A company of five magicians drew a four dollar house at Colle's opera house one night last week.

-Tickets for Frederick Bryton in "Forgiven" will go on sale at Colle's drug store in Saturday. Prices are only 35, 50 and 75 cents. Manager Colle has almost decided to make a change in the seating arrangement of the house which will be a decided improvement.

He proposes fitting up the lower floor in a magnificent manner, with carpets, orchestra chairs, etc., elevating the seat slightly as they recede from the stage, and making the parquet the high priced part of the house, seating the small boy and all others who don't desire the best seats up in the gallery. The change has been suggested by many ladies who fancy they would like good seats in the parquet rather than go up stairs to the balcony.

Of course nothing has yet been permanently decided upon, but the change will be made if Manager Colle is convinced it would suit the public better. All theatre-going people should think it over, and give their ideas to Mr. Colle who is doing his best to please the patrons of his house.

May 11

-A concert by the Boston Opera Company, at Colle's opera house last evening, drew a very poor house.

-Frederick Bryton and his admirable company of the first class actors played "Forgiven" at Colle's opera house last Friday evening, to a fair but not too encouraging audience, probably the smallest they have seen for years.

-"Nevada or the Lost Mine" at Colle's opera house next Tuesday evening. This being presented by the Sons of Veterans of Turners Falls.

May 18

-Prof. Schuster's concert will take place at Colle's opera house on Friday evening.

-The noble band of St. Bernard dogs exhibit at Colle's opera house, on Wednesday afternoon and evening of next week.

-The Sons of Veterans had a large audience at their play in Colle's opera house, last night. The boys did exceedingly well in their parts.

May 25

-The opera "Miss Polly," at Colle's opera house, next Wednesday evening, will close the season.

June 8

-Atkinson's Comedy Company will present the ever pleasing "Peck's Bad Boy" at Colle's opera house, to-morrow evening.

June 29

-There will be a dramatic performance at Colle's opera house, for the benefit of the French Canadian church, on Thursday evening of this week, the 30th. The tickets are 25 cents.

August 3

-An alarm of fire was sounded on Saturday afternoon, and it was found that the roof of the barn between Colle Block and Howard House, occupied by Felix McCabe as a livery stable, was in flames. The fire department was soon on the scene and by the aid of the powerful stream of water connected with the hydrant of the new water works on Second Street, had the fire under control almost immediately, but not until the roof and loft of the barn and contents were a complete loss.

Colle Block received a scorching, breaking the glass in all the windows in the neighborhood of the fire and starting into flames some of the frames. The several horses in the barn were removed uninjured.

August 24

-Pat. Rooney appears at Colle's opera house on Tuesday evening next, the 30th, and will present the play, "Pat's Wardrobe," that serves to introduce Pat Rooney, Miss Katie Rooney and Mrs. Josie Rooney in their contortion specialties.

The Daly's open the season at Colle's opera house to-night in their new play "Upside Down," which is proving a great success.

September 21

-The Flavia Colie Dramatic Company began a week's engagement at Colle's opera house, on Monday evening, with the very fine drama, "Separated".

October 5

be at Colle's opera house, to-morrow evening, when all the bald heads may be expected to stay home from prayer-meeting.

October 12

-Chimes of Normandy at Colle's opera house, to-morrow night.

-Mora, the comedy sunbeam, will commence a week's engagement at Colle opera house, Next Monday evening, opening in the "Little Detective."

October 19

-Druggist Fred Colle was brought into court to answer the complaint that he had made sales of liquor in a manner not contemplated by his license. The two witnesses, however, were positive that they had never got liquor there and the accused was discharged for want of evidence. One of the witnesses, D. Reen, was immediately arrested, on complaint of the selectmen, charged with perjury, and bound over to the Grand Jury under \$5000 bonds, the selectmen claiming to have positive evidence that he told untruths. Mr. Colle was arrested on another complaint and his hearing will be on the 29th.

October 26

-John E. Ince will appear at Colle's opera house for one night only on Tuesday evening, Nov. 1st., and a Jolly Company of Jolly Comedians in the musical comedy conceit, "Fun in a Boarding House." Popular prices, 25, 35 & 50 cents. Secure your seats at Colle's.

-A party from Holyoke has opened a meat market in the Third Street store in Colle Block.

November 9

-Frank Jones, the celebrated comedian, presents "Si Perkins" at Colle's opera house, to-night.

November 16

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November 23

-Stanley Macy, who appears at Colle's opera house to-night in "C.O.D." is the jolliest play on the boards, and the fat boy, who comes too, will help make your sides ache.

-Sunday, a grand sacred concert in Colle's opera house by the colored Jubilee Singers.

November 30

-Hennessy Brothers; Ideal Minstrels will appear at Colle's opera house, Tuesday evening, December 6.

December 7

-The darkies had a good audience at their "sacred" concert at Colle opera house, on Sunday night.

-The Agnes Wallace Villa Company will appear at Colle's opera house Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week. The company will present drama and burlesque each night. Monday night they will present the drama "Jack" and the burlesque "Pocahontas;" Tuesday, "Miss Multon" and "Cinderella;" Wednesday, "Love's Martyr" and "Ann Bow-Lean."

December 21

-The Boston Opera Company (Miss Alice Vars, leading lady) will appear at Colle's opera house on Friday evening the 30th.

**1888**

**Turners Falls Reporter, Wednesday, January 4, 1888 Vol. XVII, No.1**

-Colle's opera house will open the season on Tuesday of next week with "Mugg's Landing" Company, and they will give great satisfaction.

January 18

-Montague-Turner Opera Company at Colle's opera house, next Tuesday evening, the 24th.

January 25

-The Montague Turner Opera Company drew out a large and fashionable audience at Colle's opera house, last evening, and gave universal satisfaction.

February 1

-The Helene Adell Dramatic Company began a season at Colle's opera house on Monday evening, playing "Our Boys," Last evening they produced "A Night In Rome." To-night they give a comedy, "Pink Dominoes."

February 8

-"Human Nature" is the unique and comprehensive title of a strongly constructed Yankee comedy that is announced to appear at Colle's opera house on Thursday evening, February 16th. The eminent character comedian, Richard O'Gorman, will appear in the title role, as "Salem Peabody," a middle aged Yankee Farmer.

March 14

-The Hoop of Gold Company are snowed in on the road and can't get here until the last of next week, and will appear at Colle's opera house Friday and Saturday evenings.

March 21

-Commencing Monday evening, March 26, the Rinehart Sisters, supported by a company culled from high opera and comedy stars, open a week's engagement at the Colle opera house.

April 11

-The French Dramatic Club will give a dramatic entertainment in Colle's opera house on Friday evening the 20th, when they will produce "La Retour De l'exile," and the comedy, "Les Quatra Prunes."

-The Moore and Vivian Comedy Company, which plays "Our Jonathan" at Colle's opera house this evening is spoken of very favorably by the press.

April 25

-The Flavia Colie Company began a successful season at Colle's opera house on Monday evening, with "Pert Wilson," the audience being large and appreciative. Last evening Miss Colie made an admirable presentation of "Galatea." To-night "Separated" will be on the boards. Mr. Dumray of this company is an extremely clever comedian and a very pleasant gentleman.

-The Belle Boysford Concert Company appears at Colle's opera house on Thursday next, with the Amherst College Quartet and Warbler and Swedish pianist, Miss Ellen Berg.

May 2

-Kate Pursell, supported by a good company of specialty artists, will present the western drama, "The Queen of the Plains," at Colle opera house on Friday evening of this week.

May 23

-Chas. Erin Verner plays "Shamus O'Brien" at Colle's opera house to-night.

-This week the N.E. Telephone Co. will complete their work in town, and the exchange will be running smoothly with 20 subscribers, as follows:

N.H. & H. depot, N.E. Fibre Co., Fitchburg depot, Dr. E.G. Best, F.I. Webster, Crocker Bank, J.F. Bartlett, F.H. Brown, Turners Falls Lumber Co., H.O. Smith, R.N. Oakman, J. Russell Cutlery Co., Turners Falls Cotton mill, Manchester & Ward, Fred Colle, Clark Machine Co., I.A. Darling, Dr. E.C. Coy, Keith Paper Co. and Thomas Bros.

May 30

-James Keough has bought the meat market in Colle's Block on Third Street.

June 6

-Druggist Fred Colle has put a fence nine feet high around his Avenue A lot to keep the kids out. Nothing less than nine feet and a row of spikes makes a sufficient fortification.

August 1

-The Colle opera house will open Aug. 20 with "Broken Hearts" by the Hearnes "Hearts of Oak" Company. Mr. Colle has made dates with a number of strong companies. Henry Chanfrau, in the old favorite, "Kit," is booked for Oct. 6, Byrdsall's "That Boy Co." Nov. 14, The Dalys in "Vacation," Sept. 27, and many others.

-Andrew Amstein & Co. of Shelburne Falls have opened a boot and shoe store in Colle's Block, and announce they have come to stay.

August 15

-W.S. Bitzer has opened a jewelry store in Colle Block, Louis Bitzer, Jr. runs it.

September 5

-The Mackintosh Gaiety Theatre Company will open a week's engagement at Colle's opera house next Monday evening in the comedy drama entitled "Our Railroad Men," which will bill nightly.

September 26

-Fred Colle is to put fire escapes on the outside of his opera house. He will also replace his old curtain with a new one, which will be fire proof.

October 3

-The Daly's drew a large and fashionable audience at Colle's opera house to witness their ever new and fresh "Vacation."

October 10

-Druggist Colle came very near losing his life the other day from the careless handling of a gun in the hands of one of the show people. The showman borrowed the gun from Mr. Colle to use on stage, and before he could be told it was loaded he pulled up and fired directly at Mr. Colle's head. The entire charge passed by his ear and went into the wall without further damage. Mr. Colle was made deaf as a beetle for a day or two.

October 17

-Carlton Brothers "Consolidated Show" appear at Colle's opera house to-night and to-morrow night in "Michael Strogoff" and "Nick of the Woods."

October 31

-Mora, the celebrated actress so well known here, supported by an excellent company, are playing all week at Colle's opera house. They played "Mountain Pink" last evening, and to-night they will put on "The Little Detective."

November 21

-The "Miss Fitz" Comedy Company at Colle's opera house to-night.

-An iron fire-escape is being placed on the north side of Colle's opera house.

December 5

-The Daly sisters combination at Colle's opera house, next Monday evening the 10th.

### Colle's Opera House

Manager Fred Colle has complied with the most recent laws and has added a fire escape to the outside of his opera house, and has provided a fire-proof curtain for the stage, which may be dropped in three seconds, shutting off the stage completely from the auditorium.

To show the working of the new fire curtain it will be dropped some time during the play on Tuesday evening, so that the patrons are cautioned against becoming uneasy if the curtain came down with a rush.

December 12

-The selectmen have granted Fred Colle a druggist license again.

December 19

"Only a Farmer's Daughter" at Colle's opera house on Friday evening. Blanche Custisse, the celebrated actress will appear.

## 1889

### Turners Falls Reporter, Wednesday, January 2, 1889 Vol. XVIII, No.1

-The colored minstrel troupe at Colle's opera house, Monday night, was not up to the standard of darky talent.

January 9

-The German Minstrels will appear at Colle's opera house on Friday evening.

January 23

-The celebrated McGibney Family will appear at Colle's opera house, Wednesday evening, Feb. 20th.

February 6

-Druggist Fred Colle has a new clerk, a young man from Great Barrington, named [?] King, a registered pharmacist.

-Friday, Feb. 8, at Colle's opera house, the Jerome E. Stevens Combination will perform the comedy melo-drama "The Dark Side of a City." Tickets at Colle's drug store; prices 25, 25 & 50 cents.

February 13

- Fred Colle has just completed the renovation of his drug store.
- The Montague-Turner opera company had a very small audience Monday night at Colle's opera house, but the entertainment was highly appreciated by those who did attend.

February 27

- The graduating exercises will be held, Friday evening, June 14, at Colle's opera house.
- Kate Pursell appears in the border drama "The Queen of the Plains," at Colle's opera house this evening.

March 6

- Al Field's minstrels at Colle's opera house, on Monday evening of this week.

March 20

- The Seymour Stratton Dramatic Company appear at Colle's opera house all of next week.
- The Bareuther Family, a lot of fair musicians held forth at Colle's opera house, on Friday and Saturday evenings to very small audiences, and they gave a sacred concert of dance music at two society halls on Sunday, at which the hat was passed to help them get to their next billed point.

March 27

- The Seymour Stratton Company are playing at Colle's opera house all of this week, and they are proving a very acceptable company.

April 17

- It will please many to see Flavia Colie and Company at Colle's opera house next week. They are favorites here.

April 24

- The talented artiste, Edith Stanmore with a strong dramatic company, will appear at Colle's opera house on Monday and Tuesday evenings of next week, 29 and 30. They play "Cynthia and the Lady of Lyons."

May 1

- The following druggists have been granted sixth-class licenses:  
I.A. Darling, A.E. Martell, C.A. Peck, and Fred Colle. The law would not allow the granting of a license to H.M. Slate at Millers Falls, because he is not a registered pharmacist.

May 8

- "Lost In London," a fine play at Colle's opera house, on Friday evening.

June 12

- Principal E.B. Hale and the High School graduating exercises will be at Colle's opera house, Friday evening, June 14th. All seats upon the floor of the house are reserved; balcony free to the public.

- At Colle's opera house next Saturday evening will be presented for the first time in Turners Falls the brand new musical farce comedy in three acts, entitled, "An Egyptian Mummy," with a strong cast headed by comedians, H.W. Brown and George F. Hall, for the past two years leading support of the Lillian Kennedy Combination.

September 4

-J.C. Lewis and Dramatic Company will appear at Colle's opera house on Monday evening next.

September 18

-"Thrown Upon the World" at Colle's opera house, on the evening of the 21st.

September 25

"Thrown Upon the World" at the Colle opera house, Saturday evening, pleased a large audience, who were able to appreciate a first class company and a good play.

October 2

-A cosmorama<sup>5</sup> of living pictures, statuary and pantomime will be given for the benefit of the Congregational Society at Colle Opera House, Thursday, Oct 3, 1889, at 8 o'clock p.m., under the direction of Mr. George B. Bartlett of New York, with the assistance of a company of forty.

-Dan Mason, the famous comedian, will appear at Colle's opera house, on Saturday evening, Oct. 5th.

October 9

-Flavia Colie at Colle's opera house three nights this week.

-George Baruch of New York is going to open a clothing store in Colle's Block.

October 23

-Peck & Fursman's "Uncle Toms Cabin" Company, will be at Colle's opera house on Saturday evening next.

October 30

-Mrs. Tom Thumb (the Countess Magri) and company will at Colle's opera house next Saturday afternoon and evening.

November 6

-The Boston Specialty Company, composed mostly of females of the Howard cast, were at Colle's opera house Monday night, and were to have appeared again last night, but the public didn't seem to want that kind of amusement.

-Manager Colle has engaged Katherine Coleman in "Among the Pines" the 11th and Myra Goodwin in "Sis" the 21st for opera house attractions.

November 20

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<sup>5</sup> A cosmorama is an exhibition of perspective pictures of different places in the world, usually world landmarks. Careful illumination and lenses are used to give the images greater realism.

December 4

-Stanley Macy, the great comedian, at Colle's opera house to-night. He has visited this town several times before, and all say his "Kindergarten" and "C.O.D." shows were among the finest ever seen.

December 18

-Colle's opera house was filled last evening to witness the first presentation of "The Two Clay Pipes," by Connor's Colteens. It is a large company carrying twenty people, and each one an artist. Tommy Morrison's barn-door jig dancing made a great hit. The musical; part of the programme was ably attended by the Hibernian Orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Hall.

-Druggist Colle has had the front of his block painted.

December 25

-Colle Opera House on Tuesday evening, Dec. 31 will have the Adams Stock Company will present "The Rag Picker's Child." A thrilling play of New York life. The company includes the charming Soubrette, Miss Lillie Burnham and the popular comedian, Mr. Justin Adams, and a powerful support. Songs, dancing and duets. Prices 25, 35 and 50 cents, on sale at Colle's drug store.

## 1890

January 15

-"The Arabian Nights" a spectacular play, is to be at Colle's opera house this evening.

January 29

-Luciers Novelty Comedy Company, supported by a full company including the famous Hennessey Brothers and Sam Young will appear at Colle's opera house, Saturday, evening, Feb. 1, 1890. 25, 35 and 50 cents.

February 6

-The Lucier Comedy Company did not furnish a very satisfactory entertainment at Colle's opera house last week. They had degenerated greatly since their last appearance in this village.

April 2

-Mr. Kane, formerly in the employ of Fred Colle, talks of opening a drug store in one of the many vacant stores in town.

April 16

-Who's Who," a musical absurdity built up around the misconception of the real characters of two men will be presented at Colle's opera house by the Boston Opera Comique Company.

April 23

-The mythological comedy "Pygmalion and Galatea," will be presented at the Colle opera house, on Friday and Saturday evenings, April 25th and 26th, for the benefit of the high school library fund. Every friend of the schools should make an effort to be present for the sake of a good cause. Village people will play the various roles.

May 7

-Fred Colle, the druggist, who has been adjudged insolvent and the first meeting of whose creditors will be held May 10, at 4 o'clock, has offered to compromise by paying all privileged claims in full, and non-privileged per cents on a dollar within fifteen days. There will be a meeting of creditors to consider matter Tuesday.

May 14

-J.F. Chase, cannonier[sic] of the fifth Maine Battery, will lecture and exhibit a panorama of the battle of Gettysburg at Colle's opera house on Friday evening of this week for the benefit of Manton E. Taft Post, G.A.R. The lecturer is the proud exhibitor of dome forty-eight scars received in that memorable slaughter.

September 10

-A. Bouchard has removed his tailor shop from Fourth Street to the store in Colle's Block on Avenue A.

September 17

-The performance last evening at Colle's opera house was fine and the acting of the charming actress Miss Sidnia Norvelle was highly applauded. She has a sweet voice and the songs rendered by her were encored.

-A new pool room has been opened by George E. Batten in Colle's Block on the Avenue.

November 26

-The greatest of all dramatic successes, J.Z. Little's, "The World, " will appear at Colle's opera house, Friday, Nov. 28.

December 3

"The World," at Colle's opera house played to quite a good sized audience.

December 10

-Tickets for the Tufts College concert at Colle Opera House, 18th, inst, have sold well so far.

December 24

-On Thursday evening, Dec. 18th, the Tufts College Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs gave a concert at in Colle opera house. To say that it was an emphatic success and that a Turners Falls audience was never more delighted with an evening's entertainment is but to add to a long list of press notices that these unequaled clubs have garnered everywhere.

**1891**

January 21

-J.S. Murphy and a strong company, including Lottie Winnett and Dan Nash (Whistling Dan) at Colle's opera house, Jan. 27th.

February 18

-The Luciers Theatrical Company is to occupy Colle's opera house on Feb. 28th.

April 22

-Fred Colle - Sixth Class - Druggist - in a building known as the Colle Block on the easterly side of Avenue A, corner Third Street, in the store now occupied by said Colle as a Drug Store.

June 10

-The Turners Falls high school graduating exercises will be held at Colle opera house Thursday evening. These are the graduates: Miss Maggie Sullivan, (Salutatorian), Miss Elizabeth C. Carey, Hiland Farnsworth, Thomas Fitzgerald, and special student of three years, John Shea.

October 7

-All new features with Hi Henry's 30-Minstrels, who appear at Colle's opera house, Monday, Oct. 14. Prices 25, 35 & 50 cents. Seats on sale at Colle's drug store.

November 18

-The "Wren Comedy Company" will play in Colle's opera house, on Thursday evening, the 26th, under the auspices of the Fire Department, for the benefit of the Village Improvement Society.

November 25

-The opera house billiard hall and bowling alley offers cigars, tobacco, pipes &c. at the Colle Block. George E. Batten, proprietor.

## 1892

February 10

-The silver tea set, now displayed in Allen Bros.' window, will be given away free, May 1, to the person guessing nearest the correct number of beans contained in a glass jar at the Colle opera house billiard hall.

October 12

The exercises at the park will consist of singing by the schools, an address by a pupil of the Turners Falls High school, an ode by a pupil of the Center High school, and an oration by Joseph Griswold, Esq. Should the day prove stormy the line of march will be changed and the exercises will take place in the Colle Opera House.

## 1893

January 4

### Lost in London

The Colle opera house on Friday evening, January 6, offers a strong attraction this week, in Newton Beers' powerful melo-drama "Lost in London." The play is not new to theatre goers, as it has been presented with success for five years. The principal incidents of the play are the great "Coal Mine Scene," "London Streets at Night," and the final beautiful transformation of "Job's Vision." The production is said to be well staged and the supporting company good.

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January 25

-The French Society present the spectacular drama. "Robert Macair," in Colle's opera house to-night. The cast is composed of members of the society.

March 1

-St. Mary's Temperance Drum Corps will present the Irish drama "Elly O'Connor," in Colle's opera house, on the evening of St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17.

April 5

-St. Mary's Temperance Drum Corps will present the Irish drama "Elly O'Connor," in Colle's opera house, on the evening of St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17.

April 26

-The schools of Turners Falls are going to celebrate Arbor Day, this year, with a grand entertainment in the Colle opera house with exercises appropriate to that occasion. The ticket money will be handed over to the Village Improvement Association to aid in its work of beautifying our streets.

-The French Society will give a play in French, at Colle's opera house on Tuesday evening, May 9.

May 24

#### Exercises of Memorial Day

The members of Manton E. Taft Post will assemble at Grand Army Hall in full uniform, at 9.30 a.m., whence they will proceed to Springdale cemetery and decorate graves. They will be joined by those members living in Riverside and Montague City, who will decorate the graves of sailors, and soldiers in the Riverside and Montague City cemeteries, before joining their comrades at Springdale. Returning to the hall, rations will be served at noon.

At 1 o'clock the post will march to Colle opera house, where the usual services will be held. Capt. J.B. Knox of Worcester, will deliver the address, and Powers Male Quartette[sic] will furnish vocal music.

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## January 2, 1901

- "The Prisoner of Zenda" will be the attraction at Colle's opera house, Jan. 12.
- The Culhane, Chace and Weston's Minstrels will appear at Colle's opera house, Tuesday evening, Jan. 8.
- Colle's opera house was packed Thursday night, when "The Village Parson" was presented. This play proved to be one of the best attractions seen here this season.
- The charming comedy-drama "Uncle Josh Spruceby" will be presented at Colle's opera house, Monday evening, Jan. 7. A large company and a carload of special scenery and mechanical effects are necessary and used in the production.

## January 9

- The Crescent Club Minstrels for the benefit of the Village Improvement Association, at Colle's opera house to-night.

## January 16

- One of the finest dramatic events ever given in the history of Turners Falls, will take place on Monday evening, Jan. 21, at the Colle opera house, when Denman Thompson's "The Sunshine of Paradise Alley," which is now in its fifth big year of continuous success, will positively be given here.
- Turners Falls people will soon have the privilege of seeing and hearing an exceptionally pleasing musical entertainment. "Lilliputians in Fairyland" or "The Cruise of the Polar Stare," will be given at Colle's opera house on Feb. 7 and 8, under the auspices of the Village Improvement Association.

## January 30

- The "Rough Rider's Romance" will amuse the crowd at Colle's opera house to-night.

## February 13

- Lyman H. Howes moving pictures at Colle opera house, Feb. 23. Positively all new pictures.
- The Social Dramatic Club will present the four-act comedy-drama, "Joe Ruggles, or The Girl Miner," in Colle's opera house, Monday evening the 18th.
- L. J. Carter's "Down Mobile", at Colle opera house, Feb. 26. One of the season's best.

## March 6

- The great play "Quo Vadis," will be presented at Colle's opera house, April 13, Charles W. Chase's dramatization will be used.
- The next attraction at Colle's opera house will be Edison's latest moving pictures and illustrated songs, on Wednesday and Thursday, March 20 and 21, both afternoon and evening.
- On St. Patrick's night, Sunday, March 17, a lecture for the benefit of St. Mary's church will be given in Colle's opera house, by Rev. W.T. Sherry of Springfield, formerly of Turners falls. St. Mary's choir will render a sacred concert on this occasion.

## March 13

- The All-Star Minstrels of Shelburne Falls will appear at Colle's opera house on Monday evening, March 25.

April 17

-The All-Star Minstrels of Shelburne Falls will appear at Colle's opera house on Monday evening, March 25.

May 1

-The pupils of St. Ann's Parochial school gave their annual entertainment in Colle's opera house, Monday night. There was a large attendance.

-At the concert to be given in Colle's opera house by the Germania Band, the 16th, Mrs. F.E. Briggs, Misses Esther Gilmore, Josephine Coyne and Katherine Pfefferle will sing.

May 8

-Manager Colle has booked "Herman, the Hypnotizer," for May 9, and "McCarthy's Cat," for May 14.

May 22

-The past season has been the most successful one in the history of Colle's opera house. An unusually good class of plays have been presented and Manager Colle deserves all the success he has had.

-The season at Colle's opera house will close next week, when Allan Villair and company will play a week's engagement. The company is a new one, being vastly better than when seen here last fall, and a good class of play is being presented.

May 29

-Druggist Colle is said to be looking for a purchaser for his opera house block and drug business.

June 5

-A hypnotist and mind reader is at Colle's opera house for a week.

July 17

-Fred Colle has decided to light his opera house with electricity, and has made contracts for the installation of a 200 light plant of his own. He will use a motor to drive the dynamo. The opera house will then be exceedingly well lighted, as almost all good companies now use electrical effects, better attractions may in future be seen on the local boards. The season will open in the latter part of August.

August 21

-Alden Benedict's "Fabio Romani" will be the attraction at Colle's opera house, on Friday evening, Sept. 2. It is a dramatization by Charles W. Chase of Marie Correlli's most popular novel, "The Vendetta" and is one of the most popular plays now before the public. Miss Ollie Cooke will appear at each performance in her famous dances.

August 28

-Manager Colle notifies all persons that all who break the rules of the board of health, by spitting in his opera house will be arrested and prosecuted. The authorities in their efforts to

prevent consumption<sup>6</sup> and other diseases, will henceforth keep a sharp eye on spitters in public places.

-Manager Colle insists upon having the date and his name stamped on all tickets presented at the opera house for admission. Some people have juggled with old tickets to his loss.

September 4

-Hall Caine's masterpiece, "The Deemster," will be given for the first time in Turners Falls at Colle's opera house on Thursday, Sept. 5.

-Turners Falls will soon witness the return of Barney Gilmore at Colle's opera house, in his popular comedy-drama, "Kidnapped in New York."

September 18

-The Society St. Jean Baptiste have engaged the Lyman H. Howe Moving Picture Company to appear to Colle's opera house, Sept. 18.

-The next attraction at Colle's opera house will be an entirely new production of the powerful drama, "Ten Nights in a Bar Room." This is the first legitimate drama which has appeared at Colle's opera house in a year or more and will be presented on Tuesday evening, Sept. 24.

October 2

-"The Hottest Coon In Dixie" with mixed people in the company, is the next attraction at Colle's opera house on Tuesday evening, Oct. 8.

-"Down on the Farm" with a brass band and orchestra was the attraction at Colle's opera house Thursday night.

October 9

-"Caught in the Web" will be the attraction at Colle's opera house next Wednesday evening.

October 23

-The ten horse power engine, dynamo and all wiring for lighting Colle's opera house by electricity has been installed and everything is now complete. It is expected that on Oct. 30 the full electrical effects will be used. The introduction of electricity in the opera house is a great improvement and the patrons of the house as well as the actors playing there will fully appreciate it.

-"A Breezy Time," which appears at Colle's opera house, Wednesday evening, the 30th, has one of the very best bands and orchestras its possible for money to obtain, with special arrangements made for this band only.

November 6

-James B. Mackie in "Grimes' Cellar Door" held the boards of Colle's opera house Monday and last night.

November 13

-Manager Colle feels confident that he has secured in the Dot Karroll Co., which will play here three nights, beginning to-morrow night an attraction that is in every respect capable of pleasing his patrons. Her repertoire consists of the greatest of melodramas, "A Night in Chinatown" Dan Scully's "Corner Grocery" and "Peck's Bad Boy" and "Devil's Mine."

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<sup>6</sup> Any condition that causes progressive wasting of the tissues, especially tuberculosis of the lungs.

November 20

-The latest play from the pen of Lincoln J. Carter, "Two Little Waifs," will be seen at Colle's opera house on Tuesday evening, Nov. 26th. The piece is said to abound with thrilling incidents, pathos and passion. The story hinges on the lives of two sisters (twins) who unknown to each other are the temporary cause of many intricate misunderstandings.

December 4

-"Alvin Joslin," the funny rural comedy, will be the attraction at Colle's opera house tomorrow night.

December 11

-"The Volunteer Organist" will be presented at Colle's opera house to-night.

December 18

-William T. Powers' new lunch cart has replaced the old one on the Avenue. The new cart is much larger than the other and another section of Fred Colle's bill board had to be torn down to make room for it. Now a first rate view of the picturesque Third Street alley is again obtainable from the Avenue.

-"The Volunteer Organist" pleased a very full house, Wednesday night, at Colle's opera house. The singing of Master Willie Nelson, the choir boy, was heartily enjoyed.

December 25

-"An American Gentleman" will be presented at Colle's opera house, Tuesday, Dec. 31st. While the play is strictly melodramatic and very sensational in the climaxes, the acting company is one beyond criticism. Mr. William Bonnelly and Miss Rose Stahl will lead the cast.

### **March 12, 1902**

-The "Irish Agent" will be given in Colle's opera house Monday night by the St. Mary's Dramatic club.

April 9

-"Faithful Rastus" is the attraction at Colle's house next Tuesday evening.

### **September 19, 1906**

-"New York Day By Day," a sensational comedy drama, will be the attraction at Colle's opera house to-night.

### **October 23, 1907**

-A minstrel show without good singing is like a building without a foundation. The DeRue Bros, make a special feature of their quintette, making a careful selection of vocalists from all parts of the country, including such soloists as the English tenor, Walter J. Hearn; the eminent baritone, William R. Pattie; the San Francisco basso, Frank Graham, Oscar Taylor, and the phenomenal juvenile soprano, Master John Lambert. They will appear in musical selections during the minstrel first part at Colle's Opera house on Thursday evening, Oct. 21. A grand street parade will be given at noon by the excellent brass band of soloists.

## February 17, 1909

-"The Chimes of Normandy" at Colle's opera house to-night, to-morrow and Friday evenings, for the benefit of the Farren Memorial Hospital.

March 10

-A minstrel show in aid of St. Mary's church is to be given at Colle's opera house next Wednesday evening, St. Patrick's day.

November 24

"East Lynne," will be the attraction at Colle's opera house next Monday evening. It will be given by a competent company with excellent scenery.

## 1910

March 9

-Guy Brothers' minstrels will hold the boards at 's opera house on Saturday evening, March 19.

March 23

-An operatic minstrel entertainment to be given in opera house, April 6th, is now under way and promises to be an interesting performance.

The minstrel show is under the direction of Louis A. LaShier and William Bourdeau, and is for the benefit of St. Anne's church. The entertainment is comprised of southern scenes, acrobatic stunts, plantation dances and sketches. Besides many patriotic features and popular songs, there will be many local jokes (not one of which will be personal).

-One of the best attractions of the season at 's opera house will be William Lawrence in "Uncle Dave Holcomb," a true story of New England life. His play will hold the boards on Friday evening, April 1.

-Friday evening, April 22, has been fixed as the date for the grand vocal and instrumental concert to be given by the Turners Falls Military Band at Opera house. G. Curtis Munson of Springfield is training a chorus of 40 voices for the occasion, and the band will give several selections under the direction of their leader, T.V. Short of Springfield.

March 30

-The Yale Stock Company will close a three night's engagement at 's opera house to-night. The performances have been well attended.

-A minstrel show, under the auspices of the German Methodist church, will be given at 's opera house on Friday evening, April 17. There are to be six end men, and the second part will consist of the laughable farce, "A Little More Cider." Reserve seats will be fifty and thirty-five cents.

-The lantern slide lecture on the topic "My Travels in Venezuela," to be given by Rev. T.A. Bendrat, M.S., at 's opera house, April 13, will be another attraction of the season. The slides are exceptionally good, showing every detail. They involve the newly discovered petroglyphics[sic] (carvings in rock). Everybody interested in geography and the allied sciences will certainly be greatly benefitted by this lecture and therefore ought not to miss it.

April 6

-Don't fail to see the big snake that will be exhibited at 's drug store. It is from the country<sup>7</sup>  
Mr. Bendrat is going to lecture on April the 13th.

-A rousing minstrel show will be given by the Young Men's Dramatic Club, for the benefit of St. Anne's church, at opera house this evening. Louis A. LaShire is the director of the affair. Charles Shulda will be the pianist and John Edson the Violinist. Tickets have sold readily and there will be a big house.

April 13

-"The Farmer's Daughter," a play written by Avis Paige of Montague, will have its initial performance at 's Opera house, on Monday evening, April 18. "Avis Paige" in the *nom de plume* of a lady who is a resident of Montague Centre.

-A minstrel show under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the German M.E. church is to be given at 's Opera house, Friday evening. John A. Partenheimer is interlocutor<sup>8</sup> and will be assisted by a large circle. The second part concludes with the farce, "A Little More Cider." Much time and effort has been put into rehearsals and a large attendance is expected.

-The Father Mathew C.T.A. Society will hold a minstrel show in Opera house, Friday evening, April 29. J. Donovan will be the interlocutor and there will be a chorus of 40 voices.

-The play, "Among The Breakers," to be presented in May at 's opera house under the auspices of Companions of the Forest, is progressing splendidly. There will be specialties between the acts by notable local talent.

April 27

#### "Billy, the Boy Artist"

"Billy, the Boy Artist" the new musical comedy is to be presented at 's Opera house, Monday evening, May 2. The musical support includes a fine chorus of dancing girls and an exceedingly good quartette. The costumes are all beautiful and the scenic investiture is striking and good.

May 4

#### "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at Opera House To-morrow Night

One of the prettiest and truest to-nature stage pictures ever created is the cotton picking scene in the ever-popular production of Stetson's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" which is to be seen at Opera House, Thursday evening, May 5th.

Aug. 3

-Avis Paige in her successful play "The Farmer's Daughter," will be the attraction at Colle's opera house on Saturday evening, Aug. 13. "Avis Paige" is a well known Lake Pleasant lady and her many friends hereabouts will be pleased to see her in this play.

August 24

The opening attraction at Colle's opera house will be on Thursday evening, Sept. 8, when "Quincy Adams Sawyer," that sterling rural play, will open the season. This play will be presented by the Charles Atkinson Company, and that is sufficient guaranty for a first rate performance.

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<sup>7</sup> Venezuela.

<sup>8</sup> A performer in a minstrel show who acted as the master of ceremonies and stood in the middle and bantered with the end men.

September 14

- "A Message From the Skies" was the attraction at Colle's opera house Monday evening.

September 21

- The Jere McAuliffe Stock Company will present "Dens and Palaces" at Colle's opera house to-morrow evening.

September 28

[At Colle's Opera House, Friday Night.](#)

In "The Final Settlement" at Colle Opera House on Friday evening , Sept. 30, theatre goers will see a new social melodrama which differs greatly from ordinary run of stage drama. The play deals with issues particularly vital. There is pathos in the play, also bright comedy and intense humanity.

October 26

- Harold McGrath's comedy, "The Man on the Box," will be the attraction at Colle's opera house Saturday evening.

November 2

- Pictures of the Passion Play at Oberammergau will be given at Colle's opera house this Sunday evening.

November 9

-- Powers, the great hypnotist, will be the attraction at Colle's opera house for three nights, commencing Thursday evening.

November 23

- Charles K. Harris and May Melvin will appear in the comedy success, "The Blockhead," at Colle's opera house on Saturday evening, Nov. 26.

## 1911

January 11

- Pictures of the Passion Play at Oberammergau will be given at Colle's opera house this Sunday evening.

January 18

- So many people wanted to get into Colle's opera house on Sunday evening to see the splendid new pictures of the Passion play which were exhibited that night, that every seat in the house was taken, and about 150 people had to be turned away for lack of seats. A law prevents standing in a theatre and forbidding admission of patrons beyond seating capacity.

The pictures will be shown again in two or three weeks, so that those unable to see them last Sunday might need not despair but may have the opportunity to view them later on, if they get an early start. Children under 14 will not be admitted unless accompanied by their parents.

February 1

-The Father Mathew C.T.A. Society will run their second annual minstrel show in Colle opera house, Tuesday evening, Feb. 21. The circle will be supported by a chorus of 40 male voices.

-The Turners Falls Choral Society are to give a concert at Colle's opera house on Wednesday evening, Feb. 15. The Choral Society will be assisted by professional talent from Springfield and a varied and attractive program is being arranged.

-The play, "Crawford's Claim," to be given for the benefit of the Turners Falls firemen at Colle's opera house, Friday evening, Feb. 24. A first class play full of startling situations. It will be one of the best home talent plays ever produced by local talent.

April 5

-The Turners Falls Military Band are to give their annual vocal and instrumental concert in Colle's opera house, on Friday evening, April 21. The band, will be assisted by 30 voices under the direction of Mark A. Davis, supervisor of music in the public schools. Albert A. Short, cornet soloist of Springfield, will also assist.

April 12

#### [An Amateur Play](#)

"The Pace That Kills," a railroad drama, the play which is to be presented in Colle's Opera House, April 28th, will comprise ten of the best local actors. The intermission between the acts will be supplied with vaudeville and special acts. The proceeds of this play will be given to the chime bell fund which is being started.

May 3

-The attraction at Colle Opera House for three days starting Monday, May 8th, will be the Burke Eldredge Stock Company. For the opening play Monday night the offering will be the popular and successful comedy drama, "The Man Who Made Good."

May 17

#### [Good Repertoire Company at Colle Opera House](#)

The Warnie Ward Stock Company, which opens a three day's engagement at Colle Opera House, on Monday evening, May 22. High class Vaudeville will be introduced between the acts.

June 21

-Druggist Fred Colle has stuck so close to his business that he has not had a vacation in fifteen years which is beginning to tell on his health. He has hired A.A. Cross, a registered pharmacist to take charge of the business while he goes away and seeks a rest long enough to bring back health. Mr. Colle will spend a week at his lake pleasant cottage before starting for the seashore.

June 28

#### [High School Graduation](#)

The graduating exercises of the Turners Falls High school were held in Colle's opera house Thursday evening, and drew a large audience. An orchestra composed of the pupils of the school played.

The members of the Senior class marched into the hall led by two members of the Junior class and as they came to the foot of the stage the lines separated. Miss Maybel Foley gave the salutatory address and Miss Margaret Sazama the valedictory.

Others who had honor essays were John M. Hood on "Conservation" and Miss Helen McCullough on "A Sacrifice." There were also selections by the Union Glee Club and the boys' and girls' glee clubs.

The diplomas were presented to the graduates by Superintendent of Schools F.P. Davison.

August 2

#### Colle Opera House

The greatest event of the present theatrical season is the forth-coming appearance in this village of the New York Lyceum Theatre sensation, "The Thief," that wonderful play by Bernstein which stirred all Europe and held all America in its gripping appeal. "The Thief" touches the deepest wells of human emotion with a story as intense and interesting as it is powerful and overwhelming, as compelling and it is truthful.

September 6

-Druggist Fred Colle, whose health has been impaired for some time, has entered the Franklin County Hospital at Greenfield for treatment.

-Rockwell's "Sunny South" Company held the boards at Colle's opera house last night. A parade was held at noon.

September 13

-A modern play to be presented at Colle opera house on Thursday evening, Sept. 14, is "The Rosary," with the well known young American actor, John Meehan, in the role of Father Kelly." Tickets will be on sale at Colle drug store and seats will be 25 cents to \$1.00.

September 20

-Druggist Fred Colle, who is undergoing treatment at the Greenfield hospital, is much improved in health and is expected home next week.

-The Augusta Perry Company in repertoire is playing a week's engagement at Colle's opera house this week. "East Lynne" will be given to-night. "St. Elmo" to-morrow night. "Under Ten Flags" Friday evening. "Dora Thorne" at the Saturday matinee, and "The Squaw's Love" on Saturday evening.

-"Little Miss Kut-Up," was presented at Colle's opera house last evening.

September 27

- "The Missouri Girl" will hold the boards at Colle's opera house, Friday evening, Sept. 29.

-Druggist Fred Colle has returned home from the hospital with his health much improved.

October 4

- "The Man on the Box" will be the attraction at Colle's opera house on Monday evening, Oct. 9.

October 11

-Lil Kerslake, the well known animal trainer, is to put on a society circus soon for the benefit of the Masonic Club. Mr. Kerslake will have personal charge of all the arrangements and he will be assisted by W.H. Ray, John F. Hood and W.H.P. Gilmore and the directors of the club. It will be given at Colle's opera house. Mr. Kerslake has at present 10 trained pigs, and several ponies which he has been training all summer, and these will be used in the circus.

-A most delightful, novel and instructive tour of the Arctic region is in store the patrons of Colle's opera house on Friday evening, Oct. 13, when Paul J. Rainey's wonderful motion pictures of that land of ice, snow and mystery will be shown. Richard Follett, the naturalist, sportsman and lecturer, will explain every phase of the strange land, and the peculiar people, the Eskimo. A remarkable series of views is given over to the capture of a giant Walrus. Among the numerous other reels to be shown are the dynamiting of a frozen ship in the Arctic ice; dog races among Eskimo drivers and the natives portrayed in their everyday life.

These lectures are a striking illustration of the value of the moving picture machine in a new and entertaining field.

November 1

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" was the attraction at Colle's opera house, Saturday.

November 8

-The Franklyn and Hiatt Company will appear at Colle Opera House, three days, starting Monday, Nov. 13, presenting the southern comedy-drama, "Kentucky Sue," Tuesday night, the beautiful pastoral drama "An Orphan's Prayer," and Wednesday night, the big scenic comedy of western life, "The Girl of Eagle Ranch." Monday is Ladies' Night.

December 13

#### The Society Circus

An enthusiastic, happy, appreciative audience which filled Colle opera house from the first row on the orchestra floor to the last row, witnessed the presentation of "The Society Circus" by the Masonic Club last Friday evening. The performance was a huge success from start to finish. The great success of the affair is mainly due to Lil Kerslake, the self-effacing little Riverside man, who has been traveling with circuses for many years, and who has won fame and fortune by his acts in the tan bark of all the greatest shows on earth exhibiting the pigs and ponies which he has trained to display almost human intelligence.

James D. Coy, was the premiere lady[sic] equestrienne, made a great hit, riding bareback a mettlesome Arabian steed with great skill.

Theophilus Strahan did a slack wire act remarkably well and with all the skill of a professional. His gyrations on the wire were very graceful.

The strong man act by Walter H. Ray, J., and E.H. Atwood was most effective. The two men broke iron bars and chains, muscled ponderous weights and juggled one another with all the arts and tricks associated with such performances.

An exhibition of three monkeys and their trainer was very amusing. Walter Rist impersonated the Italian trainer and the trio of "de monks" were Martin Schneider, James D. Coy and Louis Strahan. Their chattering and antics were life-like.

The entertainment closed with a number of vocal selections by the chorus with solos by J. Louis March and Raymond Jacobus. The local military band orchestra furnished excellent music under the direction of Emil Schlegel. Representative John W. Haigis was ring master, and a corps of well known Masons acted as property and general utility men. The club cleared \$175.

-Daniel Ryan in repertoire closes a three nights engagement at Colle's opera house to-night.

December 27

-"Beverly of Granstack," the popular romantic play, will be the attraction at Colle's opera house this evening.

## 1912

January 31

-Fred Colle of Avenue A had his right foot amputated at Franklin County Hospital in Greenfield Monday morning. He has been in poor health for nearly a year and a few days ago gangrene set in his right foot, making an operation necessary. Mr. Colle survived the operation as could be expected, under the circumstances.

February 21

-At Colle opera house on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, five reels of the best motion pictures, two illustrated songs and a vaudeville act will be seen.

Miss Mary Bell, a clever singing and dancing comedienne and a clever musician, will be on the bill. She plays five different instruments and is sure to please. For next Sunday, three singers, Miss Louise Remington, Sheehan and Fournier, also Mr. Callahan, will be on the program.

The pictures for Saturday afternoon and night will be changed from the two previous nights, making a new bill of pictures and songs for Saturday. The matinee each day starts at three o'clock and the evening performance at 8.15. Matinee prices, ten cents to adults, five cents for children and 10 and 20 cents at night.

February 28

### Moving Pictures Big Success

That it is so when Wesley says so, has already been proven to the patrons of the Colle opera house for everything promised by the new management has been carried out to the letter, and we have yet to hear of an adverse criticism regarding the moving pictures and vaudeville. Every night this week the opera house will be open with matinees on Thursday and Saturday. The vaudeville for the first three days is Tobin, the juggler, whose comedy is very good. A new act will appear on Thursday, Friday and Saturday Miss Louise Remington and Robert Fournier have a novelty to offer in the way of duets.

With five reels of good new pictures, two singers and a vaudeville act, Turners Falls has an amusement program that is hard to beat anywhere.

Candy will be given each child attending the Saturday matinee and Saturday night will be amateur night, when three cash prizes will be awarded according to applause. Any desirous of entering the contest may do so by leaving their names at the box office.

March 6

-Fred Colle of Ave. A, the druggist, who recently had a foot amputated at the Greenfield hospital, returned home last week and is doing well.

March 13

-"The Old Homestead" was the attraction at Colle's opera house last night, and was very well presented.

March 27

-W.A. Wesley has withdrawn from his arrangement to give motion pictures here daily, as he has been doing, for several weeks at Colle's opera house. Manager Fred Colle therefore has arranged with a Springfield manager and there will be moving pictures at the opera house, hereafter, on every Saturday and Sunday evenings, with a Saturday matinee for children at which the admission will be five and 10 cents.

"Nevada," the great western drama which the Turners Falls Dramatic Club has been diligently rehearsing for some time, will be presented in Colle opera house on Thursday evening, April 18, for the benefit of the Turners Falls Military Band.

April 3

-The Passion Play in moving pictures will be given at Colle opera house on Easter Sunday at the matinee a 3 o'clock, and in the evening at 8 o'clock.

April 10

"The Rosary" will be the attraction at Colle's opera house on Tuesday evening, April 16, with John Meehan in the role of Father Kelly.

May 1

-Joseph McKay, a registered drug clerk, has entered the employ of Druggist Fred Colle. Mr. McKay is a graduate of Holy Cross College of Worcester.

"The Moon Girl", a "classy" musical comedy, will be presented at Colle Opera house on Tuesday evening, May 7.

May 29

-There will be a lecture and entertainment in Colle opera house this evening to celebrate the 25th anniversary on Union St. John Baptist of America. Supreme officers will be present.

June 19

-Walter Campbell, formerly a clerk at Fred Colle's pharmacy, has gone to Seattle, Washington where he has taken a similar position.

July 10

-There will be two exhibits of moving pictures in Colle opera house Sunday evening, July 14, for the benefit of St. Mary's Temperance Society. The first show will begin at 7.15 o'clock. Mr. Walsh of Greenfield will be the singer.

August 7

-Manager Fred Colle is having the opera house thoroughly renovated, and the scenery and other inflammable properties fireproofed.

-The season at Colle's opera house opens on Saturday, Aug. 10, with the presentation of "The Millionaire's Wife."

August 21

-Mrs. Fred Colle has arranged with Herbert S. Streeter, manager of the Bijou theater at Greenfield, to manage Colle's opera house for her during the week, the coming season. Mrs. Colle

intends to run the Sunday moving picture show herself but Mr. Streeter will have charge of all other attractions during the week.

August 28

-The Colle opera house has been thoroughly renovated and fireproofed and everything done to guard against fire. The stage has been tinned all over, the stairs have been fireproofed underneath, and independent fire hose has been installed.

-"The County Sheriff," a strong comedy-drama in four acts, will be presented at Colle's opera house, Thursday evening, Aug. 29. The play deals with the efforts of the County Sheriff to break up a gang of active thieves in the Dakotas. A new play, new company, new scenic production and new specialties and many other features.

## 1913

January 15

-"A Girl of the Mountains," a four act society drama, which comes to the Colle opera house on Tuesday evening Jan. 14, has a real story, a real plot, real characterizations and has behind it all an idea and a theme.

January 22

-The Five Durands, a musical show with beautiful stage settings, will be at the Colle opera house on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Admission will be 10 and 20 cents.

January 29

-"The Pullman Tourists," a high class musical comedy company, will be the attraction at Colle opera house on Friday evening, Jan 31. This company comprises 32 high grade people and carries a huge quantity of new and special scenery. There are 15 musical numbers and many pretty girls.

February 5

-Torelli's celebrated dog, pony and monkey circus will appear at Colle's opera house three nights this week. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and also a matinee on Saturday afternoon.

February 19

-"Andrew Jackson," a splendid new photoplay, will be a feature at Colle's opera house, Saturday.

April 9

-The St. Mary's Temperance Society will give a minstrel show in Colle opera house on Tuesday evening, April 15, under the direction of C.M. Bickford of Greenfield.

April 23

-The Turners Falls Military band will give a minstrel show under the direction of Frank G. Bitzer, at Colle opera house on Friday evening, May 2.

April 30

-Some grown men who should have known better, amused themselves and mortified others the past week, by throwing fruit and vegetables at the actors on the stage in Colle's opera house, angering the women players exceedingly. The missiles ranged from over-ripe lemons to passe onions, interspersed with a vegetarian bill of fare.

The manager of the show came before the curtain and delivered a lecture depreciating all such hoodlum exhibitions in play houses, going far beyond the noise, cat-calls, and nuisances to be heard in far too many public halls in country villages, where the hoodlum license to practice devilry is never revoked, because of fear of offending "somebody."

May 14

#### Brief Locals

-Fred Colle, one of the veteran business men of the town, has decided to take things a little easier, and has leased his opera house to W.A. Wesley of Gardner, a well-known theatrical man, who is sure to manage the house in a first class manner and in a way which Turners Falls theatre goers will approve of.

Mr. Colle plans to retire from active business life entirely as soon as he can dispose of his drug business. His health has not been good for some time and he thinks he is entitled to drop business cares. He and his family will occupy their cottage at Lake Pleasant this summer, and Mr. Morrissey, who will be the local manager for Mr. Wesley, will move into the tenement in the Colle Block on the Avenue where Mr. Colle is now living.

Managing an opera house is hard work, and no joke, and as Mr. Colle's health has been poor for several years, the strain of looking after this business has been greater than he cared to continue to endure, and he is very glad to relinquish the management into the hands of a born and bred theatrical man. Mr. Colle has bought a very desirable building lot on the corner of maple and North streets in Greenfield, and will probably build a home there in the near future.

#### "Wesley Says So." Colle Opera House Opens Saturday

Manager W.A. Wesley of the Gardner Theatre has leased the Colle Opera house for the coming season and will present to the patrons of this popular playhouse the latest improved photoplays and vaudeville. He will also feature the best road attractions obtainable at this season of the year.

Mr. Wesley has engaged a corps of painters and decorators who will start immediately to renovate and beautify the interior of the house. Mr. Wesley has established an enviable reputation as a most successful producer of the popular styles of entertainment at popular prices and is known far and wide by his convincing slogan "Wesley Says So."

The house will open under the personal management of Mr. Wesley, Saturday, May 17th, with Miss Blanche McDonald, who needs no introduction to the music lovers of Turners Falls, as pianist.

The opening road attraction will be presented Monday, May 26th, the offering being a drama of New England life, "Quincy Adams Sawyer."

There will be two performances daily starting Saturday, matinee at 3 and evenings at 8.15.

May 21

#### First Play Under New Management at Colle Opera House

A play that will win the sympathy and interest of its audiences and well merits the great success it is having is "Quincy Adams Sawyer," which will be seen there at Colle Opera house, Monday, May 26.

May 28

### Colle Opera House

The patrons of the Colle opera house will enjoy a musical merriment when "The Nashville Troubadors," with Madame Flower, the Bronze Melba, the greatest colored sainger in the country will appear. There will be a matinee every day commencing at 3 o'clock; evening at 7.30.

June 4

-The return of the Burke Eldridge Stock Co. at the Colle Opera house is awaited with great expectancy. The feature vaudevill acts are really a feature including Jack Sullivan, the original Wyoming college cowboy, who cliams the championship of roping, shooting and gives a lecturte on cowboy life.

-The "Variety Girls: come to Colle Opera house for Thursday, presenting "A Night at the Telephone Exchange." Unusually low summer prices prevail for this excellent attraction and a daily change of high class motion pictures will be offered in connection with the regular performance.

June 11

-Joe Kenniston, a local boy, who is known for his ability as a silver voiced tenor, will render a few solos at the Colle opera house this evening. His friends have no doubt but that he is good enough to travel with any of the best companies on the road.

-Through the courtesy of W.E. Wesley of Colle opera house, J. Dal Luther, baritone soloist at that theatre, will render a baritone solo, "Silver Threads Among the Gold," at the weekly open air concert given by the Turners Falls Military Band from the Avenue band stand, on Friday evening of this week.

July 30

-W.A. Wesley was in town to-day, arranging for the re-opening of the Colle Opera on Thursday, July 31st. He promises a big program of special features. Five reels will be shown every afternoon and evening, with an excellent three reel feature with every change.

August 6

-Manager Wesley re-opened the Colle Opera house last Thursday with a splendid line of feature pictures. "The Pent of the Plains" and "The Eye of a God" were on the program during the past week, and they were enjoyed by the lovers of silent drama. To-day and Thursday "Regeneration," a thrilling drama. Friday and Saturday "Tracked by Wireless," a sensational detective story will make up part of the show.

A matinee is given every day at 3 p.m. and the evening performance starts at 8.15. The prices are: Matinees, children, 5c; adults, 10c; evenings, 10c to everybody, any seat in the theatre.

September 3

-Fred Colle has moved his family into the house he recently bought on High Street in Greenfield. He has been making vast improvements in the place, having it painted in the latest

fashionable colors, and every room and closet, and even the cellar, garret, barn and hen house is wired for electricity.

Mr. Colle intends to retire from business when a customer can be found and then pass the remainder of his days in his fine new home. The lot is 100 by 200 feet, which gives him plenty of room to cultivate a garden which he so much enjoys.

September 10

### Colle Opera House

To-night at the Colle Opera house, Freeman, the Great, will give his last exhibition of wonderful escape from hand cuffs and shackles, which he terms prison jewelry. The straight jacket from which he escapes is a regulation one, being the same as used in all asylums for unmanageable patients or maniacs.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Franklin & Marlowe, a double act ,doing a comedy singing, talking and musical act, are booked to appear.

Five reels of the kind of pictures you like, produced by Biograph, Vitagraph, Kalem, Edison and Essanay companies are shown daily at 3.00, 7.30 and 9.00 p.m.

Friday night a new lot of amateurs will make their appearance.

October 22

-The Colle Opera house will re-open under the management of Mr. Barker, who was here before when Mr. Wesley was running the theatre.

-The Colle Opera house will open up again Thursday with the regular picture and vaudeville show. There will be five reels of trust pictures shown every day. This week pictures will change Thursday and Saturday and Sunday. Friday night will be amateur night and that means another night of fun.

November 5

-Philius Brunelle, Michael S. O'Leary and John W. Haigis have leased the Colle Opera house and will conduct it in the future. Mr. Brunelle will act as manager.

December 17

-The opera house will be re-opened on Friday, Dec. 19, under the management of a well known local man, Sigmund Klaiber, who promises to conduct a high class orderly house, and has secured the best picture service there is. The opening attraction will be a children's matinee at 3.30, when will be shown the famous Carl Hagenbeck and Wallace indoor circus, a splendid feature. This circus will also be shown Friday evening and Saturday afternoon and evening.

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January 7

-S. Klaiber, who has been managing the opera house for a few weeks, has retired from a losing game, and the house is once more closed.

January 28

### Colle Opera House

Colle opera house will be opened again Monday evening by the professional showman, W. A. Wesley, who ran the house last summer. Mr. Wesley is better equipped to run this opera house

successfully than almost any man in this region, having many show houses and continuous contracts with performers. The policy will be more acting and fewer pictures, and bosh sandwiched well to suit the public. Mr. Colle himself has been a very successful theatrical manager, and has invariably made money in the business. Few men could give him points on an attraction, and as it has been proved, no one of all that followed him could have anyway near his success. Mr. Colle is a good business man, and a profound philosopher, both needful qualities in a theatrical manager. But Mr. Colle has decided to leave all such cares to others now and enjoy a serene autumn of life, with nothing to annoy.

February 25

#### [New Plays at Colle Opera House](#)

The management of Colle opera house by a lucky stroke, has secured for three days, starting Monday, March 2, the Gladys Klark stock company, which is this week playing to big and well pleased houses at the Victoria, Greenfield.

Miss Klark will be accompanied by the entire company and equipment used at Greenfield, and will present between the acts the four vaudeville acts that Greenfield people say are the best that ever played in that city.

The scenic equipment is complete in every detail and the plays all new here. For the opening, Monday night, Miss Klark will present "A Wife's Secret," a beautiful story in four acts, with plenty of good, wholesome comedy; Tuesday night, Marie Corelli's greatest play, "Thelma, the Norwegian Princess;" and Wednesday night, Eugene Moore's masterpiece, "The Tiger and the Lamb." Popular prices, 10, 20 and 30 cents. Seats now selling at Colle's drug store.

March 4

-The Gladys Klark Company will close a successful three nights' engagement at Colle opera house to-night, with the presentation of "The Tiger and the Lamb."

April 1

#### [Death of Fred Colle](#)

Fred Colle, aged 60 years, for over 30 years a well known and respected druggist, died suddenly at his home on High street, Greenfield, Monday afternoon, of heart failure. He had been attending to business at his drug store on Avenue A until Saturday, when he complained of not feeling well and was taken to his home in Greenfield. He had not been in very good health for the past few years and some time ago had one leg amputated. Mr. Colle had been in the drug business in Turners Falls since 1881, and in addition to that had been manager of the Colle opera house and during his lifetime made the acquaintance of many of the leading theatrical men of the country.

He had a kind heart and did many little acts of kindness that were unknown to even his closest friends. He was born in Greenfield, educated in the public schools there and learned the drug business thoroughly in the Dr. Hovey pharmacy He visited Germany several times and being a very fine pianist he received some musical education there.

About a year ago he decided to give up the care of the opera house on account of his illness and was intending to dispose of his entire business and retire permanently. To this end he purchased a fine home in Greenfield and since then his family had lived there.

Besides his widow, he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Beatrice Riera and Misses Irene and Harriet Colle and one son, Carl Colle, all of Greenfield. The funeral will be held at the home Thursday afternoon and the burial will be in Green River cemetery at Greenfield. He was a member of Gustav Adolph lodge of Harugari and of Court Turner, Foresters of America.

April 8

-As a mark of respect, the local merchants will close their places of business tomorrow afternoon between the hours of two and three o'clock, during the funeral of the late Fred Colle. The druggists of the village will send delegates to attend the funeral.

July 1

#### The Colle Drug Store Sold

Annie J. LaChapelle, a recent graduate of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, and a registered pharmacist, now employed at the Wells & Nash drug store in Greenfield, and Clovis N. B. Fournier, who has been drug clerk at A. E. Mattel's drug store for the past 25 years, have purchased the drug store of the late Fred Colle, who conducted business in his block for the past 34 years. The store will be reopened about July 15, with a new stock of goods and repairs will be made, including new plate glass windows. The many friends of the young men wish them success in their new undertaking.

July 15

-The new Opera house drug store is being renovated, preparatory to opening about July 20.

August 26

-Denis J. Shea, the well known manager of the basket ball team and of dances, has leased the Colle opera house for a term of three years, and will run it, along the same lines followed by Mr. Colle, running moving pictures, vaudeville, and plays. Mr. Shea will have some needed alterations and repairs made at once, and will install modern fixtures before re-opening.

September 2

#### "Million Dollar Mystery"

#### No Longer the Colle Opera House . . . e.g.

The opening of the Opera house under the management of D. J. Shea will occur on Labor day, Monday, September 7th, at 2.30 in the afternoon, with a first class moving picture entertainment, of five reels, including the great feature film picture, two reels of "The Million Dollar Mystery." This is the greatest motion picture ever exhibited. Ten thousand dollars will be paid by the Thanhouser film corporation to the person who will explain in one hundred words or less the best solution of the mystery. You can read the story in the newspapers and see it in real pictures at the Opera house for two days only, Monday and Tuesday, September 7th and 8th; matinee and evening.

November 18

#### Entertainment at Opera House for Benefit of the Red Cross

At the Opera house to-morrow evening, there will take place an extra good show, in addition to the regular five reel picture show, there will be singing by some of our well known local talent, and possibly dancing. The proceeds of this entertainment will be turned over to the Red Cross.

November 25

### Turners Falls Opera House

A feature photo-play of Upton Sinclair's great epoch making novel, "The Jungle," will be shown at the Turners Falls Opera house to-night. It is a five reel pictures presenting George Nash and Gail Kane. On Thanksgiving afternoon and evening, another of these all star masterpieces of famous novels will be shown: Arnold Daly in "The Port of Missing Men.

December 9

-The great photo-play masterpiece "East Lynne," in six parts and 117 scenes, is to be shown at the Opera house tonight and to-morrow afternoon and evening. An extra good show for Friday and Saturday includes a two reel feature, "No Account," "Smith's Baby," "Emperor's Spy." In this picture one of the leading stars of "The Million Dollar Mystery" takes part.

December 23

-Extra good pictures are being shown at the opera house all this week. There will be new pictures Christmas afternoon and evening, also a change of pictures Saturday. The management is giving away boys' and girls' skates every afternoon and a duck every evening as a holiday treat.

## 1915

### Opera House to Show Two Serial Photoplays

Commencing next Friday and Saturday the first two episodes of the much advertised serial, "The Perils of Pauline," will be shown at the Opera house. This serial is full of thrills and adventures, and the leading parts are taken by well known stars.

"Zudora," the greatest serial photoplay ever produced on the screen, follows "The Million Dollar Mystery," and is practically made up of the same cast. Reports from theatres where "Zudora" has been shown already say it even surpasses "The Million Dollar Mystery." Episode No. 1 of this great serial will be shown here on next Monday and Tuesday The early episodes are constructed to lead up to some of the most remarkable pieces of acting in the history of motion pictures.

January 20

-At the Opera house, as a special for to-day and to-morrow, "Sands of Fate," a Majestic drama in two parts, will be shown. Friday and Saturday the fourth episode of "The Perils of Pauline" will be presented in addition to a two reel Kay Bee, "The World of His People," a strong western drama, and a Keystone comedy with the favorite performer, Cha's. Chaplain. Next Monday and Tuesday four reels of "Zudora," fourth and fifth episodes, will be shown.

January 27

-The big all star photoplay, "The Greyhound," will be shown at the Opera house to-night and to-morrow afternoon and evening. "The Greyhound" is produced by the Life Photo Film corporation and is in five reels. On Friday and Saturday the fifth episode of "The Perils of Pauline" will be shown and start Monday and Tuesday, Thanhouser's great serial photoplay of 'Zudora."

February 3

#### Special Attractions at the Opera House

This evening and to-morrow afternoon and evening, the popular photoplay star, Carlyle Blackwell, will be seen in the famous nautical comedy drama, "The Spitfire," in four reels, and a Keystone comedy, entitled "Fatty's Jonah Day" will be shown. Friday and Saturday, the sixth episode of "The Perils of Pauline" and a two reel Broncho, "The Desperado," will be shown. For Sunday evening there will be shown "Sealed Orders" in six reels. This is the greatest photoplay ever shown in town on a Sunday evening.

February 10

#### At the Opera House

To-night and to-morrow afternoon and evening, Daniel Frohman's famous drama of love, duty and the law, "The Scales of Justice," in five reels, will be shown. On Friday and Saturday, the seventh episode of "The Perils of Pauline," and a two reel feature, "The Mills of the Gods", will be presented. Next Monday and Tuesday the ninth episode of "Zudora" will be revealed.

February 24

#### Coming- Attractions at the Opera House

This evening and to-morrow afternoon and evening Thomas Ross in "Checkers," a photoplay taken from the great American play, will be shown.

Friday and Saturday will be produced "The Perils of Pauline," also "The Cross in the Desert," and "Gentlemen of Nerve," a Keystone comedy with Chas. Chaplain.

On Sunday evening, Daniel Frohman presents the distinguished favorite, John Barry more, in "An American Citizen," in four reels. In addition to this, there will be one reel of Pathe news showing the latest war scenes.

March 3

-To-night and to-morrow afternoon and evening, "Paid in Full," a five reel photoplay taken from the play, with members of the original cast including Tully Marshall, will be shown at the Opera house. Amateur night" comes tomorrow evening and some of the belt talent in the county will appear and on Friday and Saturday, "Perils of Pauline" will be the attraction. On Sunday, Charles Hawtrey in "A Message from Mars," will be the feature.

May 5

#### After the Ball

"After the Ball," a modern photo-play in six parts, will be produced at the Opera house next Monday and Tuesday, afternoon and evening, with Herbert Kelcey and Miss Effie Shannon in the leading roles. The Photo Drama Co. had quite a lot to contend with while filming the startling sensational scenes.

When McPhee jumped from High Bridge he was arrested for attempting suicide and taken to court, shivering in a blanket. McPhee tired out half a dozen policemen in a chase to capture him. As he would swim to a landing place a policeman would reach for him McPhee would go under like a fish and rise from the water fifty yards away. Then another policeman in a boat would shoot towards McPhee and he would dive under the boat and appear yards away from the boat. Finally the flotilla of the enemy got so strong that McPhee surrendered. When the magistrate heard McPhee's story he decided that a man brave enough to defy death to help make a motion picture success of "After the Ball," should have his sentence suspended.

May 12

-"The Spoilers," adapted from Rex Beach's famous book, and featuring William Farnum and Kathryn Williams, will be shown at the Opera house next Monday and Tuesday, May 17 and 18, matinee and evening. "The Spoilers" is a virile masterpiece and is called "the most wonderful story ever filmed."

May 26

-Next Monday and Tuesday there is to be shown at the Opera house, the first episode of the most sensational serial ever filmed, "The Diamond from the Sky." The first episode is in three reels. An added feature in connection with this serial will also be shown, "One Wonderful Night," a four reel photoplay featuring Francis X. Bushman, conceded to be the most popular photo-play star in the world.

June 2

-At the Opera house on Friday and Saturday, "The Exploits of Elaine," featuring Sheldon Lewis, Arnold Daly and Pearl White, will be shown. Next Monday and Tuesday, the thrilling five-reel photoplay, "The Gamblers," will be the attraction. In addition to this photoplay, the second episode of "The Diamond from the Sky," featuring Lottie Pickford will be shown.

August 11

-John J. Sullivan, who was formerly employed as assistant manager at the Opera House, has resigned his position to take a position with Wiley & Russell Co. of Greenfield. His many friends wish him success in his new position, and patrons of the Opera House will miss his smiling face.

August 25

#### [Special at the Opera House](#)

This afternoon and evening, William Fox presents the five photoplay, "The Nigger," featuring William Farnum. To-morrow's feature will be "The Beckoning" with Vivian Rich. Friday, "The Quest," a five reel Mutual masterpiece photoplay. Saturday special, Chas. Chaplain in two reels of comedy entitled "Work." Sunday a big special show with a few of the latest war scenes.

October 6

#### [Turners Falls Locals](#)

#### [The Opera House](#)

Friday afternoon and evening the Paramount Pictures Corporation presents "The Typhoon" produced by Thomas H. Ince, in five parts, at the Opera house.

Toko wishes to assume his own crime. "The Typhoon" depicts the unusual story of the love and tragedy of a young Japanese and Helene, a Parisian actress, interwoven with the intrigues of the Japanese government, its spy system and its methods of procedure. The crowning climax is a heroic sacrifice showing the loyalty of the Japanese race to their country, even to the giving of life itself.

October 20

[The Opera House](#)

At the Opera house theatre this afternoon and evening William Fox presents "Dr. Rameau," a beautiful and compelling story pulsingly[sic] unfolded with brilliant dramatic effect. For sheer power, thrill and punch, "Dr. Rameau" is a photoplay that outdoes anything hitherto released.

Friday afternoon and evening a big Paramount feature with Max Figman in "What's His Name" will be shown and on Sunday evening another big Paramount feature, May Irwin in "Mrs. Black is Back" will be the feature. None of the Paramount features should be missed, as Paramount means the best. Coming is one of the biggest and best photoplays: "The Eternal City," in eight parts.

October 27

["The Eternal City" at the Opera House To-morrow](#)

Daniel Frohman presents the superb photo spectacle, "The Eternal City," by Hall Caine with Pauline Frederick, at the Opera house to-morrow afternoon and evening. This photoplay is the revelation of the age and is the immortalization of Hall Caine's masterpiece. It is in eight reels: 8,300 feet of film; 107 different scenes. For the first time in the history of the screen drama, the Vatican gardens, the Coliseum, the castle of St. Angelo, St. Peter's, the Villa D'Est, and many other beautiful and historical spots in Rome have been utilized as settings. This is the first time that this great photoplay has been shown for ten cents. Matinee tomorrow will commence at 2.30 and the first performance in the evening at seven o'clock.

November 3

["Hypocrites" at the Opera House](#)

The photoplay which is setting the country talking, unique in conception and execution, "Hypocrites," discloses hitherto unknown possibilities in the making of motion pictures. Artistic in its minutest detail, overwhelmingly powerful in its relentless analysis of the human character, symbolical of the worst and best in life, it is a film that the attention, stirs the imagination and, impresses indelibly upon the mind facts which we are all too prone to ignore in, our materialistic outlook upon life. The story is great because it does not simply entertain, but makes one think, every man and woman in Christendom can learn something from this masterly production.

Madame Olga Petrova, the stages' most beautiful and talented star, in "The Heart of a Painted Woman," this afternoon and evening at the Opera house.

November 10

[Big Attractions at the Opera House](#)

To-morrow afternoon and evening, Edwin Thanhouser presents "God's Witness," a Mutual masterpiece photoplay, featuring Florence Labadie of "The Millior Dollar Mystery" fame.

Friday another one of the Paramount specials: Gladys Hanson in "Straight Road," will be shown. Saturday there will be three big features deluding a two reel Keystone comedy and an extraordinary program is offered Sunday evening including a big Paramount feature: Macklyn Arbuckle in "It's No Laughing Matter."

November 17

[The Opera House](#)

To-morrow afternoon and evening will be shown a special picture, "The Mating," a Mutual master photoplay, presented by New York Motion Picture corporation, in five acts. Friday, the Paramount feature will be the eminent character actor, Theodore Roberts, in "The Circus Man" from the famous novel, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." Big special concert Sunday evening with a Paramount feature presenting John Emerson in "A Bachelor's Romance."

December 1

["The Christian" at the Opera House](#)

The attraction at the Opera house theater for to-morrow afternoon and evening only, will be the Vitagraph company's production of Hall Caine's superb love story, "The Christian," in eight parts and 500 scenes. An all star cast of Vitagraph players is headed by Miss Edith Storey and Earle Williams. More than 3,000 people are seen in the picture which at once can be considered as the best acting picture ever made. Popular prices will prevail. Matinee at 2.30 p.m. Friday's special Paramount feature will be the recent theatrical success, "The Conspiracy," with John Emerson. Saturday, Chas. Chaplain will be seen in his greatest two reel comedy, entitled "Shanghaied."

December 8

["The Right of Way" at the Opera House](#)

This evening and to-morrow afternoon and evening, the distinguished actor, William Faversham, will be seen at the Opera house, in a five-act screen version of the powerful play and popular novel, "The Right of Way." The special Paramount feature for Friday will be Lois Weber in "False Colours." There will also be a big special Saturday show.

December 22

[Big Special Photoplays at the Opera House Theatre for the Holidays](#)

On to-morrow afternoon and evening the Metro Pictures Corporation presents at the Opera house theatre the charming dramatic actress, Florence Reed, in Clyde Fitch's great romantic story, "Her Own Way." On Friday and Christmas afternoons and evenings the Paramount pictures present "The Girl of the Golden West," taken from the stage play of the same name. This is a wonderful photoplay in five parts.

Geraldine Farrar in "Carmen," will be seen here one day only, Thursday, Dec. 30th.

## 1916

January 5

-The presentation of the great photoplay, "Carmen," at the Opera house last Thursday evening was easily the greatest event in the moving picture world locally for the play was witnessed by two big houses. At the first performance every seat in the house was occupied and at the second performance the assembly was almost equally large. Evidently Geraldine Farrar and the seductive "Carmen" were a puzzle to not a few of the spectators to judge by some of the comments heard. The photoplay is undeniably a masterpiece and on account of the prominence of the famous prima donna everyone was anxious to see it.

January 12

[At the Opera House](#)

At the Opera house this evening and tomorrow afternoon and evening, "Destiny," or "The Soul of a Woman," will be shown. This was recently shown in the Roman Catholic church of the Most Holy Redeemer in New York city, in place of one of the regular services. It is the first time as far as known, that a motion picture has replaced a regular service in any church.

The special Paramount feature for Friday will be "After Five," with Edward Abeles.

February 9

["The Girl and the Game"](#)

Coming to the Opera house full speed is "The Girl and the Game," a stirring railroad film novel in 15 chapters, featuring Helen Holmes. Chapter one in two acts shows Helen's race with death. This will be shown at the Opera house Friday and Saturday, and is one of the most thrilling pictures ever seen.

Next Monday will be seen "Mortmain," a play nobody will ever forget. An accident deprives Mortmain of his hand. A wonderful surgeon grafts another hand to the stump, but it is the hand of a murderer. How does Mortmain escape Tom the web of circumstantial evidence that engulfs him? This is the theme of his weird, fantastic melodrama, vita-graphed under the Blue ribbon banner and featuring Robert Edeson which will be shown on Monday only.

February 16

["The Great Divide"](#)

"The Great Divide," in five big acts, with Ethel Clayton and House Peters, will be the next attraction at the Opera house. Recording the grandeur and splendor of the world-famed Grand Canyon of Arizona and abounding with thrillers of the first water, the latest of the big stage plays to be adapted for the motion picture screen, "The Great Divide," has been completed for presentation and through the preserving efforts of Manager Shea of the Opera house theatre, has been booked for next Monday afternoon and evening, at the regular prices. "The Great Divide" is conceded to be one of the most pretentious offerings to come from the plants of any of the motion picture producing companies.

"The Girl and The Game," chapter two, in three acts, will be shown Friday and Saturday.

March 15

[At the Opera House](#)

To-day and to-morrow afternoon and evening, the brilliant dramatic actress, Ethel Barrymore, will be seen in "The Final Judgment," a five part picturization[sic] of George Scarborough's latest and greatest play. Friday, the Paramount picture will be Dustin Farnum in "Captain Courtesy," and "The Girl and the Game." Coming next Monday is "The Man Trail," featuring Richard Travers and June Keith in an all star cast in Essanay's six act photoplay.

March 22

To-day and to-morrow afternoon and evening Madame Petrova, the noted Russian actress, will be seen in a five part picturization[sic] of "My Madonna."

"The Miracle of Life" with Margarete Fischer, in four acts, will be presented Saturday. This is an intensely gripping, novel, inspiring and powerful plea for motherhood.

April 19

To-day and to-morrow afternoon and evening Metro Picture Corporation presents the celebrated actor, William Faversham in "One Million Dollars." Five vivid acts of romance, mystery and intrigue. Coming direct from the Knickerbocker Theatre, New York city, Triangle photoplays, the greatest produced. Watch for the opening date at the Opera house.

May 10

[Charlie Chaplain's Burlesque on "Carmen" at the Opera House](#)

Never before has Charlie Chaplain crammed so many laughs into a film as he has in his burlesque on "Carmen," just released by Essanay. The whole four acts are brimful of acts, as all motion picture followers know. The fourth reel particularly, is an example of the finest comedy ever constructed. The play is a riot of fun and is destined to become a classic in screen humor, to be seen at the Opera, house next Monday afternoon and evening. Come early.

June 7

["The Mysteries of Myra" at the Opera House](#)

To-night and to-morrow afternoon and evening, the first episode of "The Mysteries of Myra" will be shown at the Opera house featuring Howard Estabrook and Jean Sothern. The story is by Hereward Carrington, scenario by Charles W. Goddard, and the film is running only in the best theatres. The Metro pictures also presents Valli Valli in "The Turmoil" in five acts.

June 21

[Opera House Theatre](#)

A baby Ford auto is to be given away absolutely free at the Opera house theatre. Starting today, the auto contest starts. Any boy or girl fifteen years old or under, is eligible to this contest. Votes will be given away with all paid admissions, and the boy or girl having the most number of votes at the end of the contest receives a real juvenile auto, valued at \$50.

July 19

[Opera House Theatre to be Closed for Repairs](#)

The Opera House theatre will be closed Saturday night for about a month, in order that extensive repairs and improvements may be made. A new ceiling is to be put in, and the theatre is to be newly papered and painted and freshened up generally.

Manager D. J. Shea announces that the junior Ford automobile will be given away on Saturday evening, and all holders of coupons should see that they are in his hands not later than Saturday noon.

September 20

-The Opera theatre is to be opened Monday, Sept. 25, after having been, closed a number of weeks, during which time Manager D.J. Shea has had numerous repairs and improvements made. Mr. Shea expected to be able to open the theatre before, but the non-arrival of the new iron fire escape ordered, to replace the antiquated wooden fire escape now on the building has caused the delay. The new fire escape has arrived at the station and will be set up forthwith.

October 18

[The School Department Arranges for First Educational Films at the Opera House Theatre](#)

The first attempt will be made to put on in Turners Falls a series of educational films of such a character that the Department of the Public Schools can endorse, on Thursday, Oct. 19, 1916.

A motion picture of unusual type has been secured to be presented at the Opera house this week in the presentation of "Old Deerfield, 1675-1704," a subject so familiar to everyone. This feature ranks preeminent in the educational world for its historical value, having been successfully shown abroad as well as in America. Last season Herbert Streeter, who presents the picture with a brief and stirring lecture, presented "Old Deerfield" at Keith's theatre in Boston as well as in many other New England cities. The incidents of early Indian warfare in the days of King Philip and Queen Anne are realistically enacted by an excellent cast from the Edison studio. The scenes were taken on the very grounds in the Deerfield valley. This will be presented as an extra added feature to the regular program and is sure to attract a large audience.

Inasmuch as the department and Mr. Shea have been in touch with each other for some time, with a view to producing some kind of an educational picture, the department feels that it should encourage the children to attend this particular thing.

Should it prove a success, other educational features will follow, presumably on Saturday mornings, or some other time outside of school.

The picture and the lecture begin Thursday afternoon at a quarter of four, and will be supplemented by something of a lighter nature, which will be clean and pure.

November 15

[Opera House Theatre](#)

At the Opera House theatre next Friday and Saturday, "God's Country and the Woman," a drama of the northwest in eight parts, photographed and copyrighted by the Vitagraph company, will be presented. Reserved seats are on sale at the Opera House pharmacy at 25 cents. Seats are reserved for the evening performances only. Matinee at 2.30, evening at 7.30.

November 22

[At The Opera House](#)

A big special production will be shown on Friday and Saturday at the Opera house, "The Law Decides" in seven reels. General admission will be 15 cents and no reserved seats. Matinee at 3 o'clock, evening at 7.15 and 8.45.

December 27

-All performances given at the Opera house to-day are for the benefit of Charles E. Sylvester of South Hadley, formerly principal of the Turners Falls High school, who is in a badly crippled condition as the result of his attack of infantile paralysis. A benefit was given in South Hadley recently for the unfortunate man and several hundred dollars was raised. Mr. Sylvester requires prolonged and expensive hospital treatment, before there can be any hope of much improvement his condition.

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January 17

["Watch for "The Yellow Menace"](#)

In "The Yellow Menace," the first episode of which will be seen at the Opera House Theatre next Saturday afternoon and evening, are starred Edwin Stevens with Florence Malone and Margaret Gale. There are sixteen stupendous episodes, each greater than the last. The first chapter is called "The Dragon's Claws." In addition to this wonderful serial, "The Last Chapter," in five parts featuring Carlyle Blackwell, will be shown. Matinee will be at 2.30 and in the evening the first show at 7.30, with "The Yellow Menace" repeated.

January 24

-Manager D.J. Shea of the Opera House Theatre, who recently assumed the active management of Wilson's orchestra, has started on a several weeks' tour through Vermont and New York state with the organization.

January 31

[Opera House Theatre](#)

"The Great Secret," a new serial featuring the popular stars, Francis Bushman and Beverly Bayne, is the newest, attraction at the Opera House Theatre. The first chapter of this serial will be shown next Monday, Feb. 5. The cost of producing this serial was \$540,000 or about \$36,000 to prepare each chapter, and 600 people are used in the production, including besides the stars, seven other prominent players and half a dozen noted pugilists.

Beside the first chapter of "The Great, Secret," "The Decoy," in five parts and the last chapter of "Gloria's Romance" will be shown, making nine reels in all.

February 7

[Opera House Theatre](#)

There are many interesting attractions at the Opera House theatre this week. The following is the program: To-day, "The Quitter," starring Lionel Barrymore; Thursday, "The Leopard's Spots," in five parts; Friday, "Mister 44," starring Harold Lockwood and May Allison; Saturday, 9 reels, including Episode No. 3 of "The Yellow Menace;" "In the Shadow" in five parts, and a one reel comedy; Sunday, Wilson orchestra of Fitchburg with the regular show. Monday, "The Great Secret," Episode No. 2, "The Man From Manhattan" in five parts; Tuesday, "The Net" starring Marion Swayne and Bert Delaney.

June 20

-At the Opera House Theatre next Monday evening, June 25th, will be seen the great tragedienne<sup>9</sup> Madame Nazimova, in the eight act photo-drama of "War Brides," which, has attracted so much attention in the big cities and which tells the story of what war means to women and the home.

August 1

-The Opera house theatre is closed until early in September.

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<sup>9</sup> A female actor who plays tragic roles.

August 15

#### Opera House Pharmacy Sold

Joseph I. Trudel, a registered pharmacist of Holyoke, has bought the Opera House pharmacy, of the Aime LaChapelle estate, and took possession last week. Mr. Trudel will move his family here as soon as possible. Clovis N.B. Fournier, who has been with the pharmacy ever since it was opened, will continue in Mr. Trudel's employ. George F. Cooley, who has been employed as pharmacist for several months, since Mr. LaChapelle's death, has returned to his former position in Springfield.

September 6

#### Opera House Theatre Opens Sunday Night

The Opera House theatre will re-open next Sunday night, with Ralph Herz America's most popular and versatile comedian in "The Mystery of Number 47," a delightful comedy drama of English life. Wm. A. Brady presents Sara! Bernhardt in "Mothers of France;" this is an attraction that everyone should see Its presentation is a historical event for it presents the greatest actress of the world in the greatest photodrama of the world's greatest war. Opera House Monday only.

October 31

-Patrons of the movies will have to pay a cent war tax on every ten cent admission fee, on and after to-morrow. Moving theatre managers must collect a war tax on each ten cents or fraction thereof paid for admission. This means a one cent tax on each 10 cent admission, two cents on each 15 cent admission, and so on.

## 1918

January 30

-The Lyric Theatre and the Opera House are closed every Tuesday, instead of on Monday holidays which other businesses observe by compulsion. This gives the non-workers who are "all dressed up and nowhere to go" a chance to enjoy a part of their holiday at the place—the movies—which has a universal appeal.

February 13

#### D. J. Shea Buys Lyric Theatre

D. J. Shea, the manager of the Opera House theatre, has bought the Lyric theatre on Third Street from Lawler Brothers of Greenfield "and will conduct it in the future, as well as retain the management of the Opera House theatre. The Lyric is closed this week, while necessary repairs are being made. The Lyric is Turners Falls first and oldest moving picture theatre and has been successfully run by Lawler Bros, for the past six years or so. Mr. Shea has been very successful sa managing the Opera House theatre, and his conduct of his new purchase will doubtless follow the same successful lines.

February 20

-George E. Beland of Berlin, N.H., a registered druggist, has entered the employ of the Opera House pharmacy, succeeding Clovis N.B. Fournier.

April 10

-At the Opera House last Friday evening, Scoutmaster L.E. Vatet presented the following Boy Scouts with medals for their work in selling the second issue of Liberty bonds: Marvin Haigis, William Bellemore, Samuel Blassberg, Edward Stotz and Francis Roumaker. The latter was unable to accept the medal in person, as he further showed his patriotism by recently enlisting in the naval reserves. There was a large attendance at the theatre and the presentation called forth much applause.

May 7

-The window of the Opera House pharmacy is attracting much attention this week, because of the Red Cross workers there.

October 2

-The Opera house is closed until further notice, on account of the influenza epidemic.

October 16

-Joseph I. Trudel, proprietor of the Opera House Pharmacy, has been ill, and in the absence of help, the drug store had to be closed.

## 1919

April 2

-H. Brunlle of Holyoke, a registered pharmacist, has taken a position at the Opera House pharmacy.

July 2

### Turners Falls to Have New Theatre Building

D. J. Shea, the energetic manager of the Opera House Theatre, has bought a lot, 70 x 110 feet, on Avenue A, below the Hotel Vladish, where the school gardens now are, and inside of a month, work will be commenced on the erection there of a new moving picture theatre building. While Mr. Shea's plans are not yet perfected, he expects to erect an up-to-date brick building for a theatre, with two stores, one on either side of the main entrance. The new theatre will have a seating capacity of 1000, and will be constructed with the idea of being as comfortable, pleasant and up-to-date as possible. Mr. Shea expects to occupy the new theatre about the first of the year.

During the summer, the Opera house theatre will be closed, but the Lyric Theatre will be open instead. Mr. Shea controls the Lyric as well as the Opera house theatre, and thinks patrons will find the Lyric more comfortable during the heated term.

The erection of a new theatre will be appreciated by the moving picture patrons. Since Mr. Shea took over the management of the Opera house theatre, business has greatly increased. He shows only the high grade pictures and is ever alert to give the best the morning picture producers provide. The new theatre will have a splendid location and the disappearance of a vacant lot on our main street will be pleasant.

September 3

[The New Theatre to Come Shortly](#)

D. J. Shea is receiving bids on the new theatre building which he is to erect on Avenue A below Fifth Street. The plans and specifications are from the office of McNaughton & Perry, and H.E. Cleverdon, who is associated with them, is to be the engineer in charge. Mr. Cleverdon was formerly with the Turners Falls Power and Electric Company. The plans call for a three-story building 70 by 110, with two stores on the ground floor. The upper part is to be given over entirely to theatrical purposes with a seating capacity of 1000 and will be modern and up to date in every way. Mr. Shea hopes that the work on it will be started soon and that it will be completed by January 1.

-There was a very quiet auction sale of the Colle block on Avenue A one day last week, when it was offered for sale on the premises to the highest bidder. After a few bids it was knocked down to Carl Colle, one of the his offer something like \$18,000.

November 4

-D. J. Shea has bought a modern motor driven Simplex moving picture machine for use at the Opera house, where he is starting a renewal of motion pictures and vaudeville acts at a slight increase in price as an attraction for the public.

December 3

["Birth of a Nation" at the Opera House Theatre](#)

The Griffith masterpiece, "The Birth of a Nation," will be the attraction at the Opera house theatre, on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5th and 6th. "The Birth of a Nation" is a world famous film and should be seen by every American. It shows the reconstruction period after the Civil War, and is the greatest sensational success in stage annals of the world. The film shows tremendous battle scenes, the love and romance of history, and the Lincoln tragedy, blending into the most fascinating story of the Civil war and reconstruction days ever unfolded. Popular prices will prevail.

["The Shepherd of the Hills"](#)

The wonderful and extremely popular photoplay, based on Harold Bell Wright's well known novel, "The Shepherd of the Hills," will be the feature at the Opera house for one matinee and night only, Monday, Dec. 8th. It is in 10 reels, and tells a delightful story of the Ozark Mountains and of the hardy mountaineers. The matinee will begin at 2.30, and the evening shows will be at seven and at nine o'clock. Undoubtedly the house will be packed at every performance, for everyone will wish to see this feature.

**1920**

March 10

-Joseph Descoteaux is working in the Opera House pharmacy.

April 21

["The Miracle Man" at the Opera House Theatre](#)

The great feature production, "The Miracle Man," from the famous play by George M. Cohan, based on the well known story, will be the attraction at the Opera House Theatre for two days, Thursday and Friday of this week. The play abounds in thrilling situations and beside that

illuminates the soul and inner life of men and women. Smiles and tears mingle in this great dramatic story, so full of heart appeal, and everybody should see this production.

Manager Shea is showing the very highest grade pictures by the recognized leading producers and practically every picture shown at the Opera House Theatre is well worth seeing while a feature play like "The Miracle Man" is of even more than ordinary interest.

### **New Theatre to Be Built**

The new moving picture theatre which D. J. Shea expected to build last summer, but which he postponed doing at that time for various good reasons, is expected to materialize this summer. If Mr. Shea's present plans are carried out, ground will be broken very shortly for the new building on the lot he bought for the purpose on the Avenue, between Fifth and Sixth streets, nearly opposite the new Crocker National bank building. The new theatre will be two stories, have a seating capacity of 1000, be the last word in construction and have stores on the lower floor.

May 5

-The great film, "Auction of Souls," picturing conditions in, Armenia, and featuring Aurora Mardiganian, an Armenian refugee who has had harrowing experience among the Turks, will be shown at the Opera House theatre to-day and Thursday.

July 28

### **Opera House Block Bought by D. J. Shea**

Dennis J. Shea, the energetic and popular manager of the Opera House Theatre, and actively identified with a number of other amusement and sport enterprises, has bought the Colle Opera House property of the heirs of the late Fred Colle. He will make extensive improvements and changes in the property, one of the most important being an entirely new and adequate heating system, and such other changes as seen desirable.

Mr. Shea's acquisition of this property is assurance that it will be kept up in first class shape, but probably means that no new theatre will be erected at present.

August 11

-The Opera house theatre is closed while repairs and improvements are being made, and a new heating system installed. New seats will also be an appreciated improvement. While the Opera house theatre is closed, the Lyric theatre will be open instead.

September 29

-Manager D. J. Shea of the Opera theatre with his mother and sister, Miss Margaret Shea, have been on an automobile trip to New York city and elsewhere.

December 8

-Manager D. J. Shea of the Opera house theatre has installed a fine new grand piano in the theatre, which is another improvement which patrons will appreciate.

December 15

-Manager D. J. Shea of the Opera house theatre has bought a new Sedan.

December 22

-The American Legion rooms in the Opera House block are very attractive. Clarence W. Allen Post has installed a new player piano and with the phonograph the post already owned, there will be no dearth of music.

## 1921

January 26, 1921

### "Katcha-Koo" Next Week

The popular opera "Katcha Koo" is to be presented under the auspices of the Turners Falls Woman's club at the Opera House, next Thursday and Friday evenings, Feb. 3 and 4. Rehearsals are now in progress daily and the affair will undoubtedly be a huge success. Some 200 people of all ages will be in the production. As practically all the talent will be local, more than ordinary interest will be taken in the presentation. Miss Irene Martin, the well known and talented soprano, will sing the leading part. "Katcha-Koo" will be taken by Donald Smith and Charles E. Bankwitz will be the Maharajah. Miss Helen Milkey of Montague City has one of the prominent roles, and all the other parts will be in capable hands.

February 16

### Cho-Cho, the Health Fairy

Turners Falls was favored on Monday afternoon by a visit from Cho-Cho the picture man, the health fairy and the jolly jester. Cho-Cho is a clown christened with the initials of the Child Health Organization, by whom he is employed.

An audience of about 500 children gathered with their teachers in the Opera house and gave undivided attention for about forty minutes to his charming nonsense and droll antics with which he teaches the simple facts of health and hygiene.

With the various vegetables he tries to impress on children's minds the kind that the most benefit is derived from, and also those that should be discarded from their bill of fare. As an incentive to this right living and eating he showed a number of medals and a \$500 diamond ring that he had won in various athletic contests. The talk was concluded with various slight of hand stunts.

It was through the courtesy of the Board of Trade and Woman's Club that the children of the town were able to see and hear Cho-Cho.

-George Beland, clerk at the Opera House pharmacy, has resigned and re turns to his home in Berlin, N. H.

April 13

-The cast for "The Yokohama Maid," a Japanese operetta which will be produced by the high school glee clubs at the Opera House on Friday evening, April 22, includes: Chenery Salmon, Elliot Stoughton, Gordon Templar, Douglas Donovan, Joseph Briggs, Warren White, Misses Elizabeth Bassett, Gertrude Bardwell, Anna Crean, Helen Milkey and Helen Jillson, beside a mixed chorus.

June 29

-The Third Street side of the Opera House block has been given a very citified appearance by a huge advertisement painted thereon in rainbow hues. One of the shade trees nearby has also been given a yellow jacket of wood, on which the sign painter has also exercised his art.

October 5

-Jerome E. Shea and William H. Sauter are to open an insurance office soon in the Opera House block. Mr. Shea has been in the insurance business for some time and Mr. Sauter graduated from the Bay Path Institute in Springfield and attended the agricultural college at Amherst.

October 19

#### White Face Minstrels

The White Face Minstrel show recently so successfully given in Millers Falls and Montague, will be repeated at the Turners Falls Opera house on Friday evening, Oct. 21, and is sure to make a hit and be largely attended. Members of Mechanics Lodge of Masons and Millers Falls and Montague members of Bay State Lodge will be in the cast, and a highly laughable and diverting entertainment is assured. The show will abound in local hits and is said to be quite out of the ordinary.

December 21

It is desired to have a chorus to sing familiar Christmas carols at the Community Christmas tree exercises Friday night. All singers are earnestly requested to attend the rehearsal this evening at 9.15 at the Opera house to form a large mixed chorus.

### 1922

January 25

The American Legion post play, "The Fortune Hunter", will be presented on Thursday and Friday evenings, Feb. 16 and 17, at the Opera house.

February 8

#### Opera House. WILL CARLETON'S POEM BASIS of GREAT PICTURE

"Over the Hill," the William Fox film presentation of the famous Will Carleton poem, not only met with universal favor at its first showing on Broadway in New York City last September, but was pronounced by many Gotham critics as one of the most wonderful and beautiful pictures that have graced the screen. Their verdict was endorsed by the fact that it has been on Broadway ever since.

The famous poem first appeared in the 80's, and was at once accepted as one of the most beautiful and touching contributions by the author of "Farm Ballads."

Carleton wrote verses for several years before he turned his pen to "Over the Hill." "I waited these few years," he explained, "to be sure that I was in the correct mood and until I had satisfied myself that I could do justice to the subject."

"Over the Hill," presented by William Fox, will be the attraction at the Opera House for three days starting Monday, Feb. 13, two shows daily at 2.30 and 7.30 p.m.

February 15

- "The Fortune Hunter" which the local American Legion Post will give at the Opera house on Thursday and Friday evenings, will be largely attended.

- "Over the Hill," a feature, has been a great attraction at the Opera house for the past three days.

April 19

**Rod Shop Five Win Amateur Title**

The Montague City Rod shop basketball team, Champions of the Industrial League, decisively defeated the Opera House five, at Hibernian Hall, last Wednesday evening, by the score of 20 to 4, thus adding to their honors the amateur title of Turners Falls. The rodmakers had things all their own way from the begin nine.

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