

RAVINIA SHOW BOAT STOPS RIVER TRAFFIC

Old Man River Crazy About Minstrels; See Them Here on March 28-29

(By F. V. Degenhardt)

On board S.S. "Gen. Jackson" en route for Ravinia March 28 and 29: All de way up to Paducah dey is plum minstrel crazy just fum listening to

de big Ravinia Showboat company practicing dem songs fo' de Ravinia Minstrels on March 28-29! Ginhead Sadler en oi' Barbecue Bede done wrote a song whut dey calls "When de Cuckoo Birds Am Singin' in de Amalula Tree" en man, dish yere song am got sex appeal dat's all dey is to hit. Every high yaller wench long ol' Mississippi am shuffling around jes lak she all done got St. Vitus dance—jes cair'. keep still. Ah reckon when dey hears dat song.



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Bent the Steak

Well folks, Ah sure come near bustin' in two up in Bullhead Bayou las' night. "Sloughfoot" Stokes done orders him a beefsteak at de Magnolia lunchroom, but dog gone, he jes couldn't cut it—man, hit wuz dat tough. De waiter comes out directly, en' "Sloughfoot" sez, "Jes' take yo' ol' steak back, Ah cain't cut it!" "Mister waiter he pick up de steak en looks at it all aroun',—holds it up to his eye,—jes' lak he wuz measuring it to see if eny wuz missin', den he sez, "Ah'm sorry, but Ah cain't take dat steak back,—you have bent it!"

"Say man, whut kind of a cigar is dat you is smokin'," asked Chitlins Leonard. "Oh dat am a Robinson Crusoe," replied "Sloughfoot." "Sho, Sho," said Chitlins, "Ah know, its' a castaway." But all joking asid we done had a accident de other night. "Porkchop" Fox done dislocate his neck. It seems dat he had de lumbago, en Doctor Voodoo Black rub "Porkchop's" back with alcohol, en when "Porkchop" get a whiff of de alcohol he dislocated his neck tryin' to lick it off. Whoa Bill, here we jes gits a telegram fum Mister Nichols, de walkin' 'cyclopedia of Sweetland's famous pharmacy. Hit sez, "Don't worry I'll be out in front the night you show in Ravinia with a basket-full of ripe tomatoes and I'm sure goin' to sock Professors Black and Blue on the nut with a couple of 'em." Now folks, we ain't insult. This Nichols is jes' jealous 'cause we is givin' the bum's rush to his mail-order nerve- tonic bizness. When we gets to a town down here all de ailin' folks comes down to de boat and we

laffs dere livers back in shape agin'!

In the Catfish News

"Lissen here," chimed in Chitlins Leonard, who wuz readin' his paper, "it sez in de Catfish News,—"House fo' sale, six rooms partly furnished, including fo' lady boarders'." Big airplane been flying over us all day,—bet dey is newspaper reporters fum de Associated Press. M-m-m man, dey jes' done a loop de loop and a nose dive." "Dat man is sho doin' dan'gus doin's. Ah ruthah it wuz him 'an me," said Ginhead, An' Ah sho would," replied Barbecue, "but lemme tell yo' somepin, blackman, Ah suttinly wouldn't want to be up dar without him." "Oh dat am old stuff," said Porkchop Fox, "Ah heerd de pastor say in church las' Sunday dat Esau done sold his heirship to Jacob!" Oh boys, dere goes de old whistle,— "Whooo-o-o-o! Whooo-o-o-o!" Dat means big rehearsal! Oh man look at dem cullud gals rush fum de state-rooms,—all dem high-falutin' gals, jes' quivering fo' to dance! Oh oh, dere's "Slapfoot" Nelson, king of de bigfoot buck and wings!

March 28 and 29

Oh man, oh man, dese yere Ravinia Minstrels is gettin' too good,—an' dey's no use writin' no mo,— "Um-pah-pah,—um-pahpah!"—dat's it,— "When de Cuckoo Birds Am Singin' in de Amfalula Tree." Hot dog! Ah'm comin'! Good bye folks, an' see you on March 28-29 in Ravinia!

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