

8 p. m. You can't afford to miss it.

### PEARL BUSINESS BOOMING.

#### Black Rock and Powhatan Are Going Wild Over it Again.

The pearl business at Black Rock and Powhatan reached a white heat the past week. Nothing ever like it before in Lawrence county. The past week breaks all former records in rich finds. One reason of this is that more people are engaged in pearl hunting than ever before. Lawyers, bankers, blacksmiths, barbers, people of high and low estate, all desert their professions to splash around in the waters of Black river hunting for valuable pearls. The pearl business is a great lottery. Some men and women will work faithfully two or three weeks and find nothing very valuable, while others in a half-day's time will rake in a pearl that will sell from \$50 to \$100. Like the lottery there are sure-enough prizes, some one gets them, but it is generally the other fellow, but this stimulates the crowd to redouble their efforts to tread deeper water than ever before. The waters in Black river are at a very low stage, hence it helps matters very materially by its shallowness; the mussels are found on the sandbars, and many of the best pearls have been found buried in the sand of these bars. Hay forks, potato forks and all manner of implements are brought into use to dig up its priceless pearls. M. A. Crowley, of Smithville, Tenn., and Dr. J. H. Myers and W. D. Burd, of Black Rock, have been the principal buyers the past week.—Black Rock Blade.