

AMUSEMENTS.

Some of the Attractions Soon to Appear Here at the Academy.

The Washington (D. C.) Post recently said of Harry B. Smith's musical comedy: "It is too bad that the Willie-boys could not have taken a peep behind the scenes at the Columbia Theatre during a rehearsal of 'The Liberty Bells' just to see how pretty the Bells really are in the garish light of day. Washington should be pleased that it has contributed so well to this aggregation of feminine loveliness. Among the Washingtonians are Nona Foxworth, better known as Miss Silver Throat, Bessie Williams, Mabel Kipp, Marguerite Masi and Marie Ann Fields. 'The Liberty Bells' will be seen at the Academy to-morrow night. Prices, \$1.50, \$1 and 75, 50 and 25 cents.

In "The Fatal Wedding," which comes to the Academy of Music Saturday night, the theatregoers of this city will get something out of the ordinary run of comedy dramas. The piece, which has just finished a successful run in New York city, proved its drawing powers by playing to crowded houses during its engagement in the metropolis. The scenic effects are truly wonderful and marvelous, depicting reproductions of some of the most famous scenes in and around Gotham. Notably among these are shown a counterfeit-er's den, located on the banks of the Hudson river. Another scene shows the famous Palisades at night. In connection with this, a great storm effect is produced, making one of the most realistic scenes ever attempted in the famous Grace church, New York city, is reproduced, as well as several other well known New York landmarks. A strong cast has been secured to present the play.

One of the most important offerings of the present theatrical season in W. H. West's Big Minstrel Jubilee, announced at the Academy for next Tuesday, October 11th. The company, equipment and all details necessary to insure absolutely perfect performances are promised and there is every indication of record-breaking business.

Bettina Gerard's transformation of herself from an attractive looking woman into a fright, somewhat of the Sla Hopkins variety, made in full view of the audience, requires a considerable amount of courage on the part of an actress, but Miss Gerard seems to enjoy revealing scenes of this nature to the toilet, and, as she says, "the average woman finds it much harder to make herself beautiful than to make herself ugly." This transformation is effected in that brilliant semi-musical comedy, "The Marriage of Kitty," which will be offered at the Academy of Music on next Wednesday, October 12th. That admirable comedian, Max Fignman, has the opposite part to Miss Gerard. The piece is said, on the best authority, to be intensely funny without a trace of coarseness or vulgarity. Miss Gerard is required to sing to her own accompaniment, and she is renewing the triumphs of her comic opera days. The scenery, which includes views of Lake Geneva is unusually beautiful, and is exactly similar to that used in New York. "The Marriage of Kitty," is the drollest play seen in New York in years.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED.

For Eastern Life Insurance Company Here—Capt. T. S. Franklin, President; Directors All of This City With Two Exceptions. At a meeting yesterday of the board of directors of the Eastern Life Insurance Company, with headquarters in this city, the following officers were elected: Capt. T. S. Franklin, president; J. N. McCausland, vice president; Chase Brenizer, secretary; E. M. McCausland, treasurer, and H. Suman, general manager. The Eastern is a regular old line company, chartered by the North Carolina State Legislature, with a paid capital stock of \$20,000, and its policies are rates computed by the international actuary, Mr. Miles M. Dawson, of New York city. The company has done business in Washington, N. C., for two years, when it moved its headquarters to Charlotte a few weeks ago. Mr. Suman, the general manager, was largely instrumental in organizing the institution. He is vice president of the Southern Furniture Company, at Washington, and also of the Washington Horse Exchange and is connected with other industries in the State.

SUPERIOR COURT.

In the White Case, Plaintiff Awarded \$300—Carolina Heating & Plumbing Company vs. Miss Sally Hall. The case of John S. White vs. the Southern Railway was given to the jury at 1:30 p. m., yesterday. This makes the fourth time that this case has been tried and the railway has fought it hard. White's friend, McGraw, by name, about a year ago purchased tickets here to go up the road. They were at a nearby store when the train pulled out. They ran for the train and caught it at the first place they could get on. They claimed that the conductor came up and forcibly put them off, regardless of the tickets they had in their possession. White was given judgment for \$300 and McGraw received \$100. The case has cost the railroad \$400.

The case of Curtis Heffer by his next friend vs. the Highland Park Company was continued. The case of the Carolina Plumbing and Heating Company vs. Miss Sally Hall was then taken up. The plaintiff claims that \$307 is due them as balance for work done at the home of Miss Hall in Lincoln county. Miss Hall's defense is that the work was not done in a satisfactory manner. She is represented by Messrs. C. W. Tillett and W. F. Harding, Maxwell & Keenan appearing for the plaintiffs.

Funeral of the Late Eugene Asbury. The funeral services of the late Eugene Asbury were held at the home, No. 819 North Church street, yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The services were conducted by the Rev. Harris Melnick, pastor of St. Peter's Episcopal church, of which Mr. Asbury was a member. The interment was in Elmwood Cemetery, the body being escorted to the grave by an escort of boys from the Mecklenburg Camp of O. O. S. Soldiers.

BRIEFS.

Minor Happenings in and About the City—Events of a Day.

Registration books for the November election will be opened to-day.

Solicitor J. L. Webb is scheduled to speak at Pineville on the 14th.

Miss Maud Watkins' Bible class will meet at the Presbyterian College at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Mrs. H. M. Wilder has been confined to her room for several days. Her friends will be glad to learn that her illness is not serious, however.

The board of managers of the Y. W. C. A. will hold a call meeting at the Carnegie Library this morning, immediately after the meeting of the Women's Club.

The contract for the official programme of the Mecklenburg Fair is in the capable hands of Secretary W. G. Orr, of the fair association, and Mr. Banks Cates, of the Observer Printing House.

The meeting at the Fritchard Memorial Baptist church is progressing nicely and the attendance increasing. Dr. A. C. Barrow is preaching, and the music of Mr. Harrell, the gospel singer, is proving a helpful feature. Services are held every evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The travelling men of the Charlotte division of the International Harvester Machinery Company, comprising the territory of central North Carolina and South Carolina, are spending a day or two in the city in conference prior to starting out for fall business.

The entertainment at Trinity Methodist church to-night will commence with a 9 o'clock, attractive musical and recitation programme will be rendered by some of the best local talent in the city. The admission will be 15 cents. Friends are cordially invited to be present.

There will be a joint meeting of Park Dilworth and Queen City councils of the J. O. U. M. this evening at 8 o'clock at the Queen City council's hall. Several candidates will be initiated. All members are invited to be present. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. The notice is sent out by C. E. Eiam, it. s. and D. T. Ritch, councillor.

Before Squire Maxwell yesterday morning Clara Simms, a colored dame was brought to trial on a warrant sworn out by Mary Goebel, likewise colored, who charged Clara with slandering her and otherwise impeaching her character. The defendant retracted and apologized, whereupon a nol prosequi was issued, and the costs were paid by the defendant.

William Howard, a young white man, was tried for obtaining board and lodging without paying, from E. B. Richardson, who conducts a boarding-house below the Southern depot. Howard was too drunk for trial and was committed to jail in default of a \$50 bond. Howard resisted strenuously, and Constable Gribble had to summon aid.

PERSONALS.

The Movements of a Number of People, Visitors and Others.

Mrs. C. C. Phillips, of Stateville, was in the city yesterday, a guest of the Central.

Mr. L. W. Hazard, of High Point, was a Charlotte visitor yesterday.

Mr. J. J. Buford, of Lowell, spent yesterday in town.

Mr. W. S. Orr, secretary, spent yesterday in Winston, in the interests of the Mecklenburg Fair.

Mr. Pegram H. Bryant, of the Stateville Landmark, a brother of Mr. H. E. C. of the Observer, spent yesterday in the city.

Mr. H. E. Wells, of the North Carolina Cotton Oil Company, with headquarters at Columbia, S. C., was in town yesterday.

Mr. Caldwell Woodruff left last night for St. Louis, where he will spend a week on business with the Southern Railway.

Mr. Frank Hutchison returned yesterday morning to Chapel Hill, after attending the Watkins-Hutchison wedding.

Mr. R. L. Vernon, of the Southern Railway, spent yesterday in Winston-Salem on business.

Mr. J. W. Woodcock, of Asheville, spent yesterday in Charlotte.

Mr. Osmond L. Barringer left for Winston-Salem yesterday morning, to take in the Forsyth county fair and look after the exhibit of Oldsmobiles his company is showing.

Mr. L. C. Barwell, of Raleigh, was registered at the Central yesterday.

Mr. John C. Dye, of Fayetteville, spent yesterday in the city.

Mrs. S. B. Bundy and child were visitors in the city yesterday, staying at the Hotel.

Mr. W. S. Lee, of the Catawba Power Company, has returned from a business trip to Rock Hill, S. C.

Representative E. Y. Webb, of Shelby, spent last night in the city.

Mr. B. E. Stone, of Greensboro, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. J. A. Patterson, of Uxterburn, was a Charlotte visitor yesterday, staying at the Buford.

Mr. F. E. Allen, of Wadesboro, spent yesterday in Charlotte.

A ROARING FARCE.

"Happy Hooligan" at the Academy Last Night Placed a Large Audience.—The Whole Company Worked Hard and Put Lots of Life Into the Piece. "Happy Hooligan," at the Academy last night, was nothing more nor less than a roaring farce, but as nobody expected that a gentle spirit would pervade the piece, there was no disappointment about it. On the contrary, folks were pleased with the ribald jests and the hullabaloo of it all. The company deserves great credit for its thorough hard work; they did not let the tin lag for a single instant. There was always something doing, and the chorus, while it would win no blue ribbon in a beauty contest, was on the average young and sang almost always in tune. There was a good-sized audience out to view the scenic adventures of the much-famed tramp character. But there was a whole lot to the show out of "Happy Hooligan"; in fact, he was not even the biggest part of it. The chorus were always in evidence, and some of the members doubled up in parts with remarkable celerity. There were quite a number of costumed ballet acts and the dresses and general stage effects were good. The plot of course didn't exist and nobody wanted it to. Just so long as the comedians, both male and female, kept doing burlesque or prancing or dancing, the folks were satisfied. In fact, they got so good-natured that they applauded a number of dead ones just for politeness, and out of sheer jollity of the occasion. It's a pity Miss Ruby Raymond hasn't got a singing voice, for with it, she would be a head-liner one of these days. As it is she has a vivacious personality, a good deal of grace and perfect stage business. Frank E. McNish, as the tramp hero, did all that could be expected of him. Miss Eva Thatcher did the part of a strenuous foreign-born female with a dare-devil light in her eyes, and sang in a stentorian voice. She didn't fall to bring in the old stunt of gagging the orchestra, but her remarks were enjoyed. On the whole, "Happy Hooligan" pleased a large audience and was worth the money.

Sudden Stop in Adjusting Insurance. Insurance adjusters have been in the city for some time adjusting the losses in the recent Durham building fire. The Piedmont Clothing Company last Saturday received \$4,300 for damages done to its machinery on the third floor. And now, things have come to a sudden stop. There is some disagreement as to the quality of goods burned on the third floor and as to the value in the stock room. There are 12 insurance companies concerned in the settlement.

MILLINERY DISPLAYS.

Three Prominent Firms Showed Attractive Fall Styles Yesterday and the End is Not Yet—The Exhibits complimented.

Three millinery displays in the city yesterday made it a red letter day for the ladies. Belk Brothers, the Little-Long Company and the Bee Hive had large crowds of women flocking in and out of their handsome places all day long. There was a gorgeous lot of styles presented and, as a rule, pleasure was expressed at them. The prevailing colors were hard to epitomize for when the milliners began talking about them, one fancied he heard every variation known to the human imagination. The styles, however, are generally said to be the high variety and broad brims, to put it from the standpoint of the shapes.

The Charlotte merchants are to be congratulated upon their splendid array of the fall fashions. Compliments were constantly passed on the samples of the latest headgear. And still the display goes on.

Attention Veterans. Mecklenburg Camp, No. 382, U. C. V. will hold the regular monthly meeting to-night at the armory in the Wilkinson Building at 8 o'clock sharp. All members and old soldiers are requested to be present. By order L. LEON, Commander. H. D. DUCKWORTH, Adjutant.

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