

Scene From Act II—"The Squaw Man." One at a Time, Gentlemen, Please—Sheriff Hardy. Academy of Music, Thursday Night, February 14th.

Amusements

An event of interest to the playgoing world is "The Squaw Man," which will make its appearance with Henry Jewett in the principal role at the Academy of Music next Thursday. The play is described as a "estern romance written by Edwin Milton Royle, and it gets its title from the status which public opinion on the Indian reservations, or among the more civilized tribes, gives a white man who marries an Indian woman. The Indian woman herself may be white, save to a taint of aboriginal blood, which gives her a "headright;" she may be cultured; the product of an Eastern university, and all the rest of it, but her husband is a 'squaw man' just the same, and not independence fame. infrequently his white neighbors, and full-blooded fellow citizens are prope to look down upon him not a little. Mr. Royle has taken this idea, and from it has constructed what from all accounts has proved to be one of the most enormously successful and most intensely interesting plays of modern times.

"COLLEGE WIDOW."

Notwithstanding that there are quite numerous good things that have become staple favorites in the amusement menu with the last year, there is one that stands pre-eminently George Ade's delightful "College Widow," which is announced for the Academy of Music soon. The demand for this typical American comedy this season is so great, that some cities have been necessarily slighted in the itinerary arranged by Manager Henry W. Savage, so that this city is fortunate in being located on the line of travel chosen for Mr. Savage's fine organization—a company which, by the way, is said to have been selected with greater care than any Mr. Savage has yet sent us.

Among the pretentious dramatic offerings of the season the coming preentation of "The Merry Wives Windsor," by Louis James, will be one of the most conspicuous, for it is said that Mr. James has not only given a magnificent scenic embellishment to this delightful comedy, but has surrounded himself with a coterie of cenfreres worthy of his association and best consideration. Nellie Mc-Henry, who has been identified with some of the most important productions of the last decade, has been specially engaged to play Mistress Quickly, a character that is said to fit her like the proverbial glove.

Norman Hackett, a sterling young actor, who has been identified with nearly all of Mr. James' productions for the past ten years, will be Master Ford. Aphie James, remember-ed for her splendid service with Mr. James last season is the Mistress Ford and harlotte Lambert, an actress of excellent reputation the Mistress Page.

Other players worthy of more than passing note are: J. Arthur Young, Lillian Lancaster, Nathan Aronson, William Chrystie Miller, C. D. Burt, H. D. Brown, G. W. Ward, R. F. Maurice, etc.

Mr. James will, of course, be the "Falstaff" and there are few char-acters in which this splendid actor excels with happier results that as the inimitable knight of Windsor, "Happy Jack Falstaff,"

Another welcome production of the con will be "The Marriage of the bearing of the last time by Jules Murry, of New

Miss Florence Gear, as the captivating Kitty, will head the cast. The comedy, will be seen here within the month.

THE YANKEE CONSUL." Announcement is made that "The Yankee Consul," a delightful musical satire, by Henry M. Blossom and Al-fred G. Robyn, will be the coming at-traction at the Academy of Music

"The Yankee Consul" is one of the most pretentious comic opera offer-ings and comes widely heralded as one of the greatest successes of the sea-son. The company numbers sixty-eight people, headed by Harry Short, who plays the leading comedy char-acter, while a real American beauty

chorus of forty pretty girls, will prove an attractive feature. Sixteen song hits are contained in the musical portion of the programme and the production will be the original as seen during the memorable engagements in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and San Francisco.

CHARLOTTE IS "GOOD."

Local Correspondent of The Industrial News Tells His Paper of the Queen

The following interesting special from Charlotte to The Industrial News of Greensboro appeared in the issue of yesterday:

"Charlotte has been called a good town so often that their connection implies a paucity of the gift of ex-For all that, no better pression. word can be found to describe this city of cotton mill and declaration of

of enterprise, of thrift and success. It is a good city, too, as its numerous abundantly testify.

others walk in their way.

"Forty thousand seems to be a old, had enough dirt about him to favorite sum with Charlotteans. They be a freeholder." have been trying for some days to purpose of building a new house for the Y. M. C. A.

"At this writing the money is about all raised. It was interesting to note were subscribed .All classes of citizens contributed, sums varying from a few cents up to the thousands of association had a building which has been sold to a growing banking in-stitution here for \$50,000, and this sum with the \$40,000 secured will suffice to erect a building which will be in keeping with the growing city. "Mayor McNinch is an interesting

citizen of Charotte. He is an enterprising and successful man of affairs, who finds time to study the various municipal problems of his city with as keen an interest as if they were his own private concerns and who brings to the solution of those problems the judgment of a man well versed in financial matters.

"The Hotel Selwyn is making a brave start. Two hundred guests recorded their names on the register on the opening day, and the house has been well filled ever since. The management is entitled to much praise for the smooth way in which they launched this big enterprise.

are published here.
"Beeldes a number of trade and

religious papers and weeklies, there are three excellent daily papers. The Charlotte Observer. The Evening ly: money was scarce, but the people had but little to buy; nearly all the

Squire Bailes Hard at Work. 'Squire Batles, the noted matrimonial artist, who resides just across the line, was called upon to officiate the line, was called upon to include at two weddings yesterday. The first was that of Mr. David K nley and Miss Zeima Lawing and the second that of Mr. C. W. Love and Miss Virgie McCall, al of the Paw Creek neighborhood. The young people drove down yesterday moraling, returned via Charlotte in the afternoon.

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the turns up its nose at the hog, and the grounding recipro-

ANTE-BELLUM ELECTIONS ers just like it without mark or name; DR. ALEXANDER REMINISCENT

The Days Before Ballot Box Stuffing, Cheating and Fraud Became Common-Great Interest Taken in Elections and It Was to no Man's Credit When He Remained Away From the Polls-Money Was Scarce But Treating Was Expected-This a Wonderfully Knowing Age-Appendicitis a Fashionable Aliment.

Vritten for The Observer. This was long ago, before ante-bellum times before ballot-box stuffing was thought of, cheating or fraud became common, or the desire to hold office was co-extensive with the coun-I can remember when it was nothing to a man's credit to stay away from the polls and not to cast his vote. It was considered unpatriotic, and a man of any education would be ashamed to be counted with those "It is a goodly city, a city of fac-bries and shops and ho is, a city interest was taken in elections sixty interest was taken in elections sixty years ago, I will cite what I witnessed on one occasion. I remember being churches, schools and hospitals present at an election held in the loft of Long Creek Mill, and an old man "A man may not buy a cigar or a W. B. Alexander, who was no longer glass of soda water on a Sunday in able to get in and out of his carriage Charlotte. There may be a difference without difficulty; the election boxes of opinion as to the wisdom or jus-tice of this law, but there can be none his carriage for his ballot, and no one as to the motive which prompted its objected; but both parties were eager enactment. The people are a to assist in providing a way for the righteous people and they would have old man to exercise his right of franchise. At this time no one was al-"Charlotte is taking a new census lowed to vote for State Senator, unnow and she wants the Legislature to less he was a free-holder-fifty acres enlarge her bounds. She feels now in the county, or three hundred dollike a lusty boy who has outgrown lars worth of real estate in the town. his cothes and wants his dad to buy And formerly all jurors were composhim a new suit. And what a fine ed of land owners. A story is told of young man Charlotte will be in the a man who was called for a juror, but new suit. The other boy will take a stated to the judge that he was not back seat when Charlotte goes a a free-holder; the judge asked if he courting. \$40,000 is the figure fixed was a married man; he said not. He on for the new census. If their esti- was stold "to take his seat in the jury mate is correct, Charlotte will be far box, that any man who remained a in the lead of al North Caroina cities. bachelor till he looked to be 30 years

I remember one man, at the polling raise that amount of money for the place, who took such lively interest in his friend's election that he sent his four-horse wagon through Ferreltown, to persuade the citizens that it was their duty to vote, and that he would the enthusiasm with which the funds haul them to and from the election. besides paying their taves. This was not considered buying a vote but helping the poor. In fact, I doubt very dollars were cheerfully given. The much if there was any law in force against buying votes. People would have considered it beneath their notice to stoop so low, as to offer money

for a vote. But when a candidate has certain friends, he expects them to support him and see to it that all indifferent persons are persuaded to be-present on this all-important occasion. And if I am not woefully mistaken, I have seen this good charitable practice of nelping the poor to the polls in rubber tire carriages, kept up in vari-

ous places by all parties. Treating was expected in all parties; and as a general rule whoever treated most liberally, got the most votes; but a man's popularity with his neighbors, had a great deal to do with his elec-

was not uncommon the early years of the last century, for men who were strong partisans, the kind who would "Among the various enterprises any one to knock it off, or speak diswhich are building up Charlotte, respectfully of the game cock's chamthere are none contributing in a plon. These were times when pistols greater degree than the papers which and knives did not indicate bravery. carry a chip on their shoulder, dare but so long as they fought fair they were let alone till one or the other hallooed "enough," These old times were enjoyed huge-

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That was the time every one rode horse-back, the time every one rode horse-back.

the time every one rode horse-back, and there was no hifalutin society. This is a wonderful knowing age; some persons affect to know it all. I have been lead into this train of thought by the recent removal of what is claimed to be the remains of Commodore Paul Jones, the great seafighter of the eighteenth century. How did they know they secured the body of Paul Jones? No living person could point out the spot where he was burried in the great city of Paris. Suppose he had been put away in a lead coffin, there seems to have been oth-

the parties who were searching for Paul Jones must be successful, or lose credit of being experts in that ine. Success is the great incentive in life, and it doesn't matter much how that success is attained, so the point is gained. Many people do not consider the means used, so that they accomplish what they undertake. Success is the aim striven for, the manner of obtaining it is seldom inquired

Gen. W. L. Davidson was killed March 1, 1781, at the battle of Cowan's Ford 17 miles northwest of Charlotte, N. C. He was buried at Hopewell church graveyard, there is bench of brick over his grave; and his son, W. L. Davidson's wife, is buried beside the general, and is marked by a marble slab. But the United States government after waiting one hundred and twenty-five years ordered \$5,000 donated to build a monument to his memory; we supposed in our innocency that the monuuld be erected in yard, where the body was bureid. But somebody wanted the Guilford Battleground ornamented with the General Davidson monument; and the proper persons were applied to to work the ropes in favor of Guilford, and the matter is settled. But I wishto say that if a century or two hence a craze should seize upon the country to gather up in some great national crypt the dust of our illustrious officers of the American revolutionary war, the experts of that period would hardly think of traveling to the western part of Mecklen-burg county to find the dust of General Davidson, when the monument erected to his memory by the United States government stands near 100 miles from the place of his sepulcher. Some one will say, what is all this talk about any way? I was only thinking how history should be preserved, and keep the wrong body from being substituted for the one we might wish to honor. However, if time does not cease to set up its mile posts for the next thousand years it will make but little difference to those of us who are living in the twentieth century.

Many new things have come into view within the last 25 years, of more interest to the generality of people than what is fashionbale in ladies' dress goods. I allude to that popu-When it was first differentiated and named, it soon became quite a fad to have cases among the doctors. It appeared suddenly in all parts of the country. Many of the knowing doctors said it was not a new disease, but what we formerly called bilious colic! mirable dictue. Forty or fifty years ago there was more than a dozen physicians in Mecklenburg county who knew the difference between a hawk and a hand-saw." Aye, and they cured many cases too, when the disease first appeared; from some they removed the appendix, other disease first appeared; they removed the the some pendix, other cases were treatthe symptoms indicated. All surgical cases are now led more successfully than formerly, antisentic treatment now followed in every case, which was

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