

# AMUSEMENTS

## "The Smart Set."

There is nothing so human as laughter, and in the present production of "The Smart Set" in "The Mayor of New Town" there are no less than one hundred and fifty minutes, each one a laugh, a song or a comedy minute, and which even a judge and jury of grouchers would find guilty of inciting a riot of laughter. Specializing such fun producers as Salem Tutt Whitney, whom able critics pronounce the peer of all negro comedians and J. Homer Tuttle who is an able assistant and Miss Ethel Marshall, a winsome prima donna together with a cast which includes Edward Tolliver, Sam Gardner, Will Dixon, Al Strouder, J. C. Wright, W. Blaine Walters, Nettie Taylor, Mabelle Brown, Helen Christian, Grace Knoff, Babe Brown, Nina Marshall. There will be twenty-one musical numbers and a full scenic and electrical production and usual singing "Smart Set" chorus coming to the Academy of Music Wednesday afternoon and night of this week. Seats are now on sale.



Scene from Charles Klein's Great Play "The Third Degree."

Henrietta Crossman in "The Real Thing." One of the notable attractions to visit this city this season will be Henrietta Crossman in her latest New York comedy success, "The Real Thing," which has recently closed a very successful season at the Maxine Elliott Theatre. Miss Crossman plays a "widow" and the critics have been unanimous in saying it is the best comedy role she has essayed in years. Miss Crossman will be supported by the same company that she had during the New York engagement. "The Real Thing" will be the attraction at the Academy of Music Thursday night Feb. 15th. The advance sale of seats, opens tomorrow morning at the theatre box-office at 10 o'clock sharp.

"The Third Degree." It is barely possible that the American stage can furnish a rival to Charles Klein, the author of "The Lion and the Mouse," in providing a play with sustained interest running from the rise to the fall of the curtain to such an absorbing degree as he can. This particular virtue has been a strong feature in Mr. Klein's contributions to dramatic literature. In his latest effort, "The Third Degree," which comes to the Academy of Music Friday afternoon and night our interest is aroused immediately after the curtain goes up on the first act and is sustained throughout the entire performance.

The subject matter of the play is such that it invokes our attention and arouses our best emotions, leaving an impression that is indelible. The production is of unusual magnitude and displays a scenic as well as dramatic art to the greatest advantage. Among those prominent in the company are Grace Lord, Elizabeth Gillespie, Raymond Wells, Frank Patton, Chas. T. DeVecheio, Edmond Sprague, Wm. Weston, and others.

Navajo Has a Cold. Harry Gilfoil, who plays the chief comedy role of James Greene, the Wall Street broker in "The Wall Street Girl," the musical comedy, in which Blanche Ring will be seen here Saturday at the Academy, can never boast of never having had a cold or a touch of throat trouble in his life. The reason is that he has no nasal, they having been stunted in growth when he was a child. As an imitator of animals and strange noises Mr. Gilfoil has no equal. He was born with the gift and long before he could enunciate a word correctly he could give perfect imitations of sounds that he heard. At the age of five he could bark like a dog, make a cow, and in fact imitate any animal with which he came in contact.

Although of course Mr. Gilfoil has been giving these imitations yet they have not rasped his throat or caused him any unpleasantness. He has endeavored again and again to give them up, but theatre-patrons simply refuse to allow him to do it. In "The Wall Street Girl" he has a legitimate comedy role, but introduces a few imitations into his songs.

Glowing Reports are Preceding the McEntee-Evison Co. Mr. McEntee, like the great number of artists who have graduated from what might be termed the Ben Greet school, is forging to the front with phenomenal strides. It is indeed interesting to note the host



BLANCHE RING, IN "THE WALL STREET GIRL"

of actors who now enjoy national prominence who secured their earlier tutelage from the famous English scholar and producer, Ben Greet. Among the number who spoke their lines under his management may be mentioned Tyrone Powers, H. B. Irving, Lawrence Irving, Margaret Wycherly, Edith Wynne Mathison, Robert Loraine, Edith Tallifero, Mrs. Patrick Campbell, and a host of others too numerous to mention.

He has been to the dramatic stage what Oscar Hammerstein has been to the operatic. The New York Evening Telegram, in a general summary of Mr. Mc-



Henrietta Crossman in "The Real Thing."

Entee's various portrayals at Columbia University, New York City, two years ago took occasion to call him "a rising genius." Such seems to be the consensus of opinion throughout the country. The company includes 15 players, making it one of the largest classic organizations on tour. The McEntee-Evison Company will be seen at the Academy of Music next Monday afternoon and night. "The Merchant of Venice" will be given at the matinee and "Hamlet" at night.

## Charlotte Favored By Blanche Ring

Blanche Ring, on a sumptuous special train, is hitting the high places in her tour of the south this season with "The Wall Street Girl" and Charlotte has to congratulate itself on being one of the high places. Charleston, S. C.; Augusta, Ga.; Charlotte, N. C.; and Danville, Va., are the four consecutive stop-offs in this neck of the land. Charlotte got the call over the other Tar Heel towns because Miss Ring is partial to the dear place. She was here last season in "The

## Jeffries May Come Back Again

By Associated Press. Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 12.—For many weeks a story has been in circulation to the effect that James J. Jeffries intended courting a second "come back" chance and would attempt to force the satisfaction of a return battle with the negro champion, Jack Johnson.

The gossip, rumor, comment, or what ever you want to call it, was to the effect that Jeffries would go under the management of "Cherokee" Tom Jones and after a six months sojourn in the mountains would open a real training camp. Tex Rickard's name was brought into the talk, this picturesque individual being given credit for having induced Jeffries to make another gamble. Jack Jeffries, so the story went, would be Jim's chief sparring partner.

The writer correlated the principals with the following results: Jim Jeffries still believes he was "doped" at his Mona Springs training camp and insists that he scarcely knew what was going on about him when he entered the Reno ring. He insists that he can get into condition and likewise insists that he is Jack Johnson's master. He refuses, however, to acknowledge that he intends returning to the ring, but was likewise dumb on the same subject when asked to deny that he contemplated such a move. "Cherokee" Tom Jones, when backed into a corner, made his talk straight from the shoulder.

"Jim has not asked me to be his manager. He has not told me that he intends boxing again; but it is my personal belief that he is and has been for week considering the step. He was delighted as a boy at Christmas when he put on his ring clothes last Thursday and boxed before the moving picture machine for me. This feels like old times," was his remark as he danced about on the grass. I have no authority to speak for Jeff. He has made no direct statements to me."

Brother Jack said: "Nobody knows what Jim intends to do. He will think that he is a better man than he showed at Reno, and I, for one, believe that he can lick Jack Johnson."

And there the matter rests. If Jim Jeffries does not know the answer to the question why should anybody else presume to open the bag.

## Railways Win In Union Depot Contest

Special to The News. Rutherfordton, Feb. 12.—In the case of the state in re corporation commission vs. the Southern and Seaboard Air Line Railways, for the erection and maintenance of a union passenger station at or near the present site of the Seaboard station, about one mile east of Rutherfordton, tried in the superior court here this week, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the railways.

It will be recalled that the corporation commission ordered that the Southern and Seaboard Air Line railways, jointly build a union passenger station at a point between the stations of the railroads. The Seaboard did not fight the case, while the Southern filed its exception and the case was carried to the superior court with the result as above stated.

## FLYING MEN FALL

victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles just like other people, with like results in loss of appetite, backache, nervousness, headache, and listless, run-down feeling. But did there's no need of feeling like that as T. D. Peables, Henry, Tenn., proves. "Six bottles of Electric Bitters" he writes, "did more to give me new strength and good appetite than all other stomach remedies I used. So they help everybody. Its folly to suffer when this great remedy will help you from the first dose. Try it. Only 50 cents at W. L. Hand & Co.'s."

Slobbs—"I was out skating the other day; hadn't been on the ice for 20 years." Slobbs—"How did it go?" Slobbs—"Oh I fell in with it right away!"

## ELON COLLEGE

Special to The News. Elon College, Feb. 10.—The lumber for the framing of the three story porch, to be built on the north side of the west dormitory is being placed on the ground and the work will begin immediately after the masonry work can be completed. This porch will be 140 feet long 10 feet wide, three stories high, and will make a considerable addition in the way of convenience and architectural beauty to the west dormitory, which is the home of the young ladies of the institution. This dormitory was constructed six years ago but the porch was not completed at that time.

The contract for fire escapes on the east dormitory and administration building has been let to C. W. Tenny Co., of Greensboro and will be installed within the next few days. The lectures of Dr. E. U. Henshel this week were largely attended and thoroughly appreciated. The subject of the first lecture was "Where the Master Trod," and to do with the early pilgrimages of Christ. The facts of the lecture were well known to the audience, but the personality of the speaker tempered with his devout allegiance to Christ and seasoned with personal reminiscences gave to the lecture a flavor all its own. The second lecture was entitled "The Cruise of the Neptune," and was in a sense a continuation of a lecture given a year ago by Dr. Henshel, in which he told of his experiences in the interior of Iceland. The lecture this time told of his visit to the far north, where he reached a north latitude 78 degrees and 12 minutes, and where he saw many wonderful things along the Norwegian coast and in the region of eternal ice and snow. Mr. Henshel went from here to Greenville, S. C., where he was scheduled to lecture and from there he goes to many other points in the Southern states.

Prof. W. P. Lawrence on Monday evening, Feb. 12th, will deliver a second of a series of faculty lectures for this year, his subject being "O'Henry, The Prince of Short Story Writers." Students and villages are anticipating a rich treat in this discourse. Prof. Lawrence is a specialist in the field of the short story and speaks the final word in that regard. His annual courses on that theme and his course given at Wooster University last summer have won him high distinction as an authority in that department of English literature, and his lecture on this occasion is looked forward to with pleasant anticipation.

The annual entertainment of the Clio Literary Society will be given on the evening of Washington's birthday. There will be a debate upon the tariff, the exact question being that the best interest of American industries demands the commission free of duty of all raw materials where he duty of a manufacture. The affirmative will be upheld by Messrs. C. B. Riddle, Bonlee, N. C., and Henry Southard, Kenly, N. C., the negative will be represented by Messrs. K. W. Lofin, Kinston, N. C., and C. C. Ward, Belverdere, N. C. There will be two orations, one by Mr. J. L. Farmer, Newa Ferry, Va., and another by Mr. W. A. Trivette, Harmony, N. C. The humorous selections will be rendered this year by Mr. Orlando M. Barnes of the Hill, Mr. J. A. Dickey, Jr., Burlington, N. C., will deliver the welcome address as president of the entertainment. Interspersing the program of the literary type, will occur choruses, duets, quartettes and solos of a musical nature, both instrumental and vocal. A good time is anticipated.

## OFFICER OF LEGION OF HONOR DIES.

By Associated Press. Paris, Feb. 12.—General Hippolyte Lanfite, senator from the department of Muerthe-et-Moselle and member of the French Academy, died today. He was elected one of the 40 "Immortals" on February 9th, 1911, in succession to Costa de Bureaugard. He was an authority on military strategy and tactics and his works on modern warfare are widely known. He was born in 1839 and was a grand officer of the Legion of Honor.

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## COACH STAGG REMAINS AT PINEHURST, N. C.

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Continued illness is given as the cause of his decision to remain at Pinehurst, N. C., where he has been for several weeks. It is said that he is able to play golf and has not been confined to his bed at any time.

## NOTICE To Contractors

Bids will be received up to 8 o'clock P. M., February 15, 1912, for building residence for Engineer at Catawba River Pumping Station. Plans and specifications on file in office of City Clerk. We reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

## NOTICE To Contractors

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