

# "ALIAS JIMMY VALENTINE" WINS AGAIN

## Acacazar Audience Gives Tribute for Thrills

Richard Bennett and Mabel Morrison, stars in "Alias Jimmy Valentine" at the Alcazar.

### BENNETT HOLDS COMBINATION OF PARTS WITH AN AIR

### Four Curtain Calls Are Demanded at Close of Strongly Stellar Performance

By WALTER ANTHONY

The last show in "Alias Jimmy Valentine" at the Alcazar theater made a big hit with the audience last night. It was so particularly "hot," reassuring and so professedly "hot," that Richard Bennett, holding his stock starting season, says: "This is what it is: 'I'll make good, I'll make good.'"

The audience remained to pay the curtain calls. I have not seen that happen at the Alcazar for many months. The theater was nearly full, and I haven't seen that for many months. The audience was so attentive, sympathetic and impressed. "Alias Jimmy Valentine" struck a gait and will make a big hit for the next two weeks of business at the pretty Belasco playhouse, and that hasn't happened for many months.

### SERIES OF SUCCESSSES

The performance was a series of personal and individual successes. The success of the Alcazar theater is due to the fact that Richard Bennett, as the wizard of combinatorics, has struck a new woman, Miss Mabel Morrison, as Rose Lane, a pretty name prettily sustained. E. L. Bension and Charles Ruggles, a pair of reformers, "hooked" and "hooked" the audience, especially A. Burt Wessner, the sleuth of the play.

Even with the memory of H. B. Warner's "SHEK" criminal turned straight still in the memory, a trip to the Alcazar will be amply repaid in the entertainment that it will yield. For Bennett's Jimmy is the creature of a vivid feeling and keen intelligence, and he is a character, with in a week of rehearsals has brought the character to a point of consistency and fascination.

### INTERPRETATION BENNETT'S OWN

Bennett has no copyist. It does not appear that he ever saw Warner play the part. He has worked out Jimmy Valentine in his own mind and it is a very superior work. In some episodes, as that with the woman, he has a sort of more genuine and authentic touch. The romantic scenes were likewise played with a masculine but feminine feeling that has never been done. However, the differences between the two interpretations are those of the difference in personality and temperament of the two great actors. The difference which these years of refining a role makes as compared to a week's preparation. Bennett's performance was smooth, intelligent and convincing. "Alias Jimmy Valentine" is the work of the struggle that ensues when he fights the death for his very life and his love, would add poignancy to an episode, and that is the very heart of his appeal for sympathy.

### OF SINGULAR EFFECT WAS BENNETT'S AND MISS MORRISON'S LOVE SCENE IN SECOND ACT

Of singular effect was Bennett's and Miss Morrison's love scene in the second act, where Miss Rose returns to Jimmy's side, anxious to prolong a conversation in which nothing at all has been said, and remarks naively, "Springing me, you mean?" and Jimmy answers, starting at Springfield's fairest rose, "It must be." In such episodes as these, where finish might not be expected, the actor's preparation, there is a falling polish and suavely as though the company had been playing the piece for months instead of being only in the second performance.

### DOYLE IS CLEARLY ACTED

A. Burt Wessner gave a solid, movable, lifelike characterization of Doyle, the inevitable. Wessner has done nothing better. It stood out clearly with the story, and it was a leading role, and it won a splendid approval from the attentive audience, which groaned with horror when Doyle was discovered by the detective. Jimmy consent to open the safe for the straightened crowd had just persuaded him (Doyle) of his inability to do such things. He observed a woman in front of me, with a look of difficulty her impulse to strike a warning to Jimmy that his Nemesis was peering.

### BENNINGSON, AS BILL BERRY, WAS A PLEASURE TO WATCH

Benningson, as Bill Berry, was a pleasure to watch. He has a fine sense of the part, so like that if he ventures forth in the makeup he'll be pinched as sure as there is a "popper" winked in town, and Charles Ruggles' "Red" was a very good character of the tribe of "Reds." Two more names on the roll of high honor, though the entire cast does itself credit. Walter Belasco in his "Red" was a very good German inventor, and, last but not least, Adele Bergada, in a wonderful creation which caused gasps of delight and who with the grace dame to the tips of her slippers—were they shoes?

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### HARRIMAN SYSTEM TO INVADEN VANCOUVER, B. C.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 21.—The Harriman system has secured options on between 250 and 300 acres of land in north Burraby just north of the main line of the Great Northern railway and the Burraby branch of the British Columbia electric railway. This land will be used for yardage. Union Pacific engineers have arranged a preliminary line between New Westminster and the head of False creek for the proposed line from New Westminster to this city, and parallel with the Great Northern tracks.

### CAMP WORK HELPS CAVALRY OFFICERS

National Guardsmen Enthusiastic Over Course of Instruction at Presidio

The course of instruction for national guard officers of cavalry will terminate today. The dozen officers of the First Squadron, California cavalry, who have been studying under Captain W. C. Short and Captain W. M. Connel, First United States cavalry, are enthusiastic over the benefits derived from this opportunity to acquire a knowledge of troop administration and practice. They are returning to their commands determined to impart their experiences to their men.

### OCEAN VIEW CLUB PLEADS FOR PARK

Improvers Protest Against Elimination of District From Budget Benefits

The members of the Ocean View Improvement club are up in arms over the action of the finance committee of the supervisors in eliminating their section of the city from any appropriation benefits in the budget estimate for the fiscal year, 1912-13.

### FEAST TO BRING CHILDREN TO FAITH

Many Will Be Confirmed in the Jewish Churches Today

Impressive ceremonies and the confirmation of many children in the Jewish faith will mark the celebration of Shebuoth or the feast of the weeks in the Jewish church of the city today. The celebration of the feast of the weeks, which began at sundown last night, is one of the most ancient rites of the Jewish church and dates from the arrival of the Children of Israel at Mount Sinai after the seven weeks' journey from Egypt.

### EQUITABLE SOCIETY STATE DRUGGISTS HEAD VISITS CITY

On a tour of inspection, the first he has made of the Pacific coast since his selection as head of the Equitable Life Assurance society a year ago, William A. Day arrived last evening to examine the opportunities for further investment.

This trip began a month ago and has included most of the large eastern cities, the southwest and southern California. From what he has seen Judge Day was able to preach a gospel of optimism, and he said that the country was fundamentally prosperous.

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