

OPERA NIGHT IN DAWSON

Also Tonight and Tomorrow Night

The Ambitious Attempt to Produce Grand Opera Very Successful.

When Conductor Scarella climbed to the high position in the orchestra at the Auditorium last night, he turned his back on as good a house as has ever been seen there. It was "opera night." There were many ladies on the floor of the house, and in the boxes were many ladies and gentlemen in full evening dress. It was a gay and inspiring scene. There needed something to remind one that this was actually Dawson.

Mr. Scarella raised his baton. What was behind him he knew of, what was before him he was not of. The curtain rose and disclosed the Dawson Amateur Opera society garbed in the glittering costumes of "The Bohemian Girl." They were undoubtedly amateurs, and there was a slight stiffness in the beginning. But Charles Macpherson, as Count Arnheim, relieved the tension as soon as he began his solo, "A Soldier's Life." The conductor's face relaxed. In the second verse he was seen to smile. After that all went well.

It was a brilliant performance in spite of the limitations to be met in Dawson in connection with such an ambitious production. A reproduction of this opera in the cities means the selection of voices and capable actors from two continents, and to go back into the depths of one's memory and compare the performance of last night with those would be manifestly unfair. But by the time the curtain fell on the last scene everyone had to admit that it was certainly a capital performance, as good, perhaps better, than an old established community such as Victoria could have produced.

The staging and the dresses were fine, and the chorus girls who were first Bohemians and then gipsies were "lightning-change artists" in the way they switched from the garb of the one into that of the other. The blonde curls, eyeglass and general makeup of Rudyard Kipling's Wilson as Florentine, including the delicious drawl and accent, was a feature of the first scene, but the makeup and personality of the chief of the gipsies dominated every scene. Captain Hulme was great in the part. His acting was free and expressive and yet always within the lines of his part and to what may be termed its traditions. His singing was also good.

Little Miss Ruth Wood as Arline in the first act was a most winsome and charming little figure, her costume of pink satin being particularly tasteful and attractive. Dick Cowan was Thaddeus, the proscribed Pole, and he interpreted the part in an exceedingly pleasing manner. His first song showed some slight nervousness, but in the succeeding duet he did much better, and in the old time favorite songs he was encouraged by prolonged applause.

The first encore came near the close of the first act when six of the chorus give a gipsy dance. It was a pretty scene, and the dresses were splendid.

The Queen of the Gipsies was a regal figure (Mrs. T. D. Macfarlane), and her acting and singing showed finish and purpose. It was Mrs. Macfarlane's first appearance before a Dawson audience and her efforts were rewarded with generous and well deserved applause.

In the title role Mrs. Boyes took the palm for freedom and grace of movement, and for that necessary quality of confidence and absence of self-consciousness in all public performers. She sang at the audience instead of the conductor, and in her song, "I dreamt that I dwelt," she was enthusiastically encircled.

In the overtures to this act, and also in the following one in which the motive of the music is "The heart bowed down," there is some of the prettiest music ever written for the first violin and the flute, and this was executed thoroughly well, and the orchestra came in for its share of the applause. At other points the orchestra was not so good

owing, it is said by one of them, to the fact that the scores they played from have been used so often and been changed backwards and forwards so many times. But this is a defect that will be remedied at the two next performances.

There are other minor defects which the performance last night will remedy. Tonight and tomorrow night the amateurs will have had more practice. Even Mr. Cowan showed the difference in his singing between the first solo he essayed and the song coming near the end, "Fair Land of Poland." In this he had recovered his confidence, and so good was the rendition that the audience applauded in the middle of it.

Taken all in all it was a capital production. The stage grouping was splendid and the great choruses were well sung and the quartettes as well. And, as on all such occasions, the performance will improve with each presentation.

See Mr. R. L. Cowan as "Thaddeus" in the opera "Bohemian Girl," at the Auditorium on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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THE DAY IS FIXED

For the Yukon Council Election

Will be on January Thirtieth—Nomination Day is December Thirtieth.

Acting Commissioner Wood received a telegram from Whitehorse last night that the writ of the election had arrived there and he thereupon immediately fixed the date for nomination for the Yukon council and the day of election. The date could not be fixed because of the uncertainty as to the particular day upon which the writ would reach Whitehorse, the provision of the law being that at least fourteen days must elapse between the issuance of the writ and the day of nomination. The writ is as follows:

To the electors of the Yukon Territory.

Whereas the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory has seen fit under and by virtue of the provisions of the Territory Elections Ordinance to order the issue of a writ of election for the said electoral district of.....

addressed to you, whom he has been pleased to select to perform the duties of returning officer.

You are therefore commanded that you do cause election to be made, according to law, of a member to serve in the Council of the Yukon Territory for the said electoral district of..... that you do cause the nomination of candidates at such election to be held at..... in the said electoral district on the 30th day of December next; and that you do cause the name of such member, when so elected, to be certified to me.

Given under my hand at Dawson in the said Yukon Territory this 4th day of December, 1902.

J. N. E. BROWN,

Clerk of Territorial Council.

WHITEHORSE FIRE

Purser Hall Has His Rainier Hotel Destroyed.

Frank Hall, the purser of the Thistle, has received a telegram from Whitehorse that his hotel property there, the Rainier, was entirely destroyed by fire on Wednesday afternoon. His housekeeper sends the telegram and says in it that she narrowly escaped with her life, and that "Foggie" was burned to death in the conflagration. Foggie is a bull dog which has followed the fortunes of Mr. Hall for nineteen years, and was probably the only dog of that breed to live to such an advanced age. Mr. Hall would not have taken the news so much to heart but for the loss of his pet companion. The hotel property cost him about \$4000, and he had no insurance on it. He has wired for further details.

Chorus of fifty voices in the opera "Bohemian Girl," at the Auditorium on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

RUTLEDGE IN DULUTH

Talks of the Klondike's Future

Praises the Country From Mining and Agricultural Standpoint.

"Dawson is the greatest mining camp in the world. New discoveries are being made constantly, and the gold deposits have not yet even been scratched."

So said J. J. Rutledge, of Dawson, who, with Mrs. Rutledge and Mrs. T. D. Green, were at the Spalding today. They have just come down from the Yukon, and left this afternoon for Ottawa.

"The district has a steady mining population of 20,000 souls, and is in better shape than it was in 1898, when it had 40,000 people who were mostly new and green prospectors who knew little about mining and hoped to find gold hanging on the bushes. Many have left, but those who stayed and gained the experience necessary to succeed in the mining business have done well. The trip from Dawson down is pleasant, and the voyage from Alaska to Seattle is going to be the great pleasure trip of the world. There are no hardships now, and the Klondike was never a hard country to get into. Of course where men make pack mules out of themselves by trying to get in a lot of supplies on their backs, it was hard. We made the first part of the voyage, 400 miles, by steamers with as good accommodations as there are anywhere, and then we took the White Pass and Yukon Railroad, 110 miles to Skagway, at tidewater. Then an ocean steamer to Puget Sound, 1,000 miles, is the finest trip in any part of the globe. I returned last fall from a tour of the world, lasting nine months, and I did not see its equal anywhere. It is the coming tourist trip of the world."

"New discoveries are being made every day, and Dawson is the greatest placer mining camp the world has ever known. In the rush of 1898 many men were disappointed because they came inadequately equipped with knowledge of what they were after and how to get it, and the stories they told on coming out have given the outside world the idea that the camp is defunct. It is not defunct by any means. This year we will turn out \$15,000,000 in gold, which is pretty big for a camp of 16,000, 20,000 inhabitants. One beauty of the country is that it has not cost the government a cent for development, though many roads have been necessary."

"The bug bear of cold weather, which has alarmed many people, is played out. During winter before last the thermometer went to 63 degrees below, and my men kept right on working. It is calm in such weather, and while it is cold wind nobody could live in it, we do not feel it any more at 70 below zero, with still weather, than you do here at 10 below with wind. We have no sickness whatever. All we have had was due to defective drainage, and that difficulty has been remedied."

"It may surprise some to hear that we are growing all the vegetables we need. They are the finest in the world, too. We get perfect, sound and mealy potatoes. Cabbage is large, and cauliflower heads grow to the weight of 5 or 6 pounds. We grow the best celery, crisp and sweet and not a string in it. Somebody is now taking an exhibit of Klondike vegetables through the states, and I understand he is having hard work to make people believe they come from that country. Our growing season is as long as it is elsewhere, if not longer. We get three months of summer, and an advantage in our favor is that the sun shines night and day through the Arctic summer so there is no cessation of light and warmth, and therefore our growing season is much longer than you have it here. The country is all covered with moss, and the soil beneath remains frozen. All that is necessary for cultivation is to remove the moss for a season and let the ground thaw out. Berries, small fruits, wheat, hay and oats grow to perfection."

"The latest thing in the Klondike is the discovery of big quartz de-

posits. Within the past four months a quartz deposit has been found that you could put a thousand Alaska Treadwells into. It is four miles long and 250 feet wide, and the quartz stands in cliffs like the side of a house, 500 feet high. This produces on a mill test, which is a surer one than an assay, from \$8 to \$12 a ton, and the famous Treadwell, which has paid more dividends than any other gold mine, averages \$2.90 per ton.

"We are also finding very rich stringers underlying the placer deposits. Gold is also found on the sandbars in the river that pays well, and there is the greatest opportunity for dredging and steam shovel work any one could imagine."

"It's a great country. I have been there nine years, and I expect to be there nine more."

Mr. Rutledge has with him some wonderful specimens of Klondike quartz from one of the stringers he speaks about as having been located under the placer deposits. Great lumps of free gold from bits large as a pea to lumps as big as a walnut, are scattered through the white quartz like plums in a pudding.

Duluth Herald, Oct. 24.

JUDICIAL CLEMENCY

Two Drunks With Overloaded Stomachs

Both Given Another Chance to Leave Off Dallying With the Cup.

Two lonely drunks appeared before his honor in the police court this morning and both were the objects of judicial clemency. His honor was suffering from a severe cold, a condition that makes the average man in dictive against all mankind rather than overflowing with the milk of human kindness, and the offenders against the bylaw which declares it unlawful to get loaded to the muzzle and then lie down on the sidewalk in peaceful slumber may congratulate themselves upon finding the magistrate so amiable when the reverse might have been expected.

Ed Wood was picked up on Queen street at 7 o'clock this morning. He was not disagreeable, but was noisy, having evidently partaken of the happy brand. The only excuse he had to offer was that "he guessed he had met too many friends." He consisted of the affair quite a joke, a horse on himself, as it were, and laughed good naturedly at his confession of too much conviviality. His honor considering that it was Wood's first offense dismissed him with a warning.

J. S. Drummond was also drunk and disorderly on Queen street. He pleaded guilty to the charge of carrying too large a load and had little to offer in extenuation of the offense. When found by the constable making the arrest he was laid out on a beautiful bed of speltious moisture of the congealed variety, his head poked into a bank of the same character of nature's tears. The description of his position reminded one of the classic Arkansas aphorism, "Rooted in the dirt." He was also given a chance to make good in his promise of reformation and was dismissed with a warning.

Editors Not Happy

Suppressed emotion, which is sometimes considered very effective on the stage, is very necessary in the daily life of the German editor. If this individual has any emotion at all outside of reverence for the constituted order and a permissible hatred for foreigners, suppression must be the first and most important rule of his life.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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MARKET REPORTS

Rolled Oats Take a Sudden Advance

Butter, Lard, Dried Fruit and Tinned Meats Are Among the Articles Short.

The event of the past week in the market has been the advance of another 2½ cents in the price of beef which went into effect on Monday. Thirty cents is now asked by the carcass of the side and many have expressed the fear that it may be boosted up another notch or two before the top figure is reached. A gentleman today who is in close touch with the combine ventured the opinion that no further advance would be made, but whether or not he spoke with authority can not be said. The recent raise in the price of meat from 20 to 30 cents a pound has worked a hardship on the retailers as well as the consumers, affecting the former possibly more than the latter for the reason that the advance has been made step by step and not all at once. With the price raised 2½ cents by the carcass the retailer does not feel like adding that seemingly small advance to the consumer, consequently stands the loss himself rather than chance losing his patronage by so doing.

Rolled oats are becoming scarce and have advanced \$2.50 on the hundred. Choice dried fruit is also in very limited quantity. Last year the market was overstocked with hold-over shipments from the year previous. The quality was poor and the price was put down almost below cost with the result that orders sent out this year were extremely light. The old stock has now been worked off and there is but little left of this season's importations. The same is true to a large extent with many of the canned meat products such as roast beef, mutton and sausage meat. Last year these commodities sold below cost in consequence of an over supply and orders for this season were light. The advance in the price of fresh beef has also caused an increased demand for the tinned article, the consumption of which is now greater than it has been in a couple of years.

A careful investigation of the potatoes on hand coupled with the weekly consumption shows that the amount of spuds left on hand at the opening of navigation will be infinitesimal. They will undoubtedly reach 15 cents by March, but it is not thought they will go any higher. Lard will be very scarce in a few more weeks and good butter is another article that will command a fancy figure before the season is over. Hay and oats remain firm at the price quoted last week, but they, too are bound to advance not a little within the next few weeks.

In the meat and game line the only shortage reported is grouse, which are very scarce. Plenty of partridge and rabbits are offered, but for some reason the more toothsome grouse is shy of the hunters. Caribou is also scarce, but the markets are well stocked with moose. General quotations for the week are as follows:

STAPLES.		
Flour, per 100	\$ 3.25	\$ 3.50
Sugar, per 100	6.50	7.00
Beans, per 100	5.00	7.00
Peas, Lima	9.00	10.00
Rolled Oats, per 100	12.50	15.00

MEATS.		
Beef, pound	30	30¢65
Veal, pound	35	35¢75
Pork, pound	35	35¢80
Ham, pound	30	50
Bacon, fancy	32	50
Mutton, pound	35	35¢60
Moose	35	25¢50
Caribou	25	25¢50

BUTTER, EGGS, CHEESE.		
Agan's butter, 60-lb.	\$30.00	\$ 1.00can
Elgin butter, 60-lb.	25.00	1.00can
S. & W., 48-lb.	30.00	1.50can
Hills Bros.	26.50	1.25can
Victor	26.50	1.25can
Eggs, fresh	25.00	1.00doz

MILK AND CREAM.		
Eagle, case	\$12.50	
Highland, case	9.25	6.50
Carnation Cream	9.75	10.00
St. Charles	8.00	9.00

CHICKENS, FISH AND GAME.		
Broilers, pound	45	60
Chickens	40	60
Turkeys	50	60
Ducks	40	50
Game	40	50
Partridge	35	50
Grouse	35	50
Rabbits	35	50
Halibut	40	60
Salmon	27½	40

CANNED GOODS.		
Roast beef	6.00	2 for 1.00
Mutton	6.00	2 for 1.00
Ox tongue	12.00@15.00	1 for 1.25
Sausage meat	4.50	2 for 1.00
Lunch tongue, case	9.00@11.00	1 for .50
Sliced bacon	5.00	2 for 1.00
Roast turkey	10.00	1 for .50
Corried beef	2.50	2 for 1.00
Sliced ham	5.00	2 for 1.00
Salmon, case	11.00	3 for 1.00
Clams, case	9.00	3 for 1.00

Tomatoes	5.00	4 for 1.00
Corn	4.00	4 for 1.00
String beans	4.50	4 for 1.00
Green peas	4.50	4 for 1.00
Cabbage	7.00	3 for 1.00
S. & W. fruits	14.00	2 for 1.50
Simcoe fruit	6.00	4 for 1.00
Choice California Mission		
Fruits	7.50@10.00	1 for .50
Silver Seal	11.50	2 for 1.25
Succotash	7.00	3 for 1.00
Lubeck's potatoes per tin	9.00	
Beets	5.50	4 for 1.00
Asparagus	9.50	1 for .50
Asparagus tips	7.50	3 for 1.00

MISCELLANEOUS.		
Potatoes	9	10
Onions	10	12½
Turnips	6	7
Lemons, case	12.00	15.00
Oranges, case	12.00	15.00
Apples	7.00	9.00
Oats	5½	5½
Hay	4½	5
Tobacco, Star	1.10	

See the beautiful dances in the opera "Bohemian Girl," at the Auditorium on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

BIG ORDER FOR RAILS

Government Makes Extensive Purchases

Sault Ste. Marie Will be Kept Busy Supplying the Demand.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The Canadian government has given large orders for steel rails, sufficient to keep the Sault Ste. Marie works in continuous operation for some time.

People on this side of the line may talk of annexation sentiment in Canada, but no such talk is heard in Canada itself. The truth is that the Canadian brother hates us and all our works, his only leniency being shown to American emigrants who take shelter in the Dominion with enough money to pay their footing. There is no more prospect of annexing Canada, than there is of annexing England itself.—Chicago Chronicle.

Emergency Cash

There are many men outside of the bankers who would like an emergency currency; but, unlike the bankers, they do not know how to get it. Cash is generally hardest to get when it is most needed.

ALL GOING OUT.

Every Seat on Today's Stage Was Occupied.

The White Pass stage left at one o'clock today with seven sacks of mail and the following passengers: D. A. McRae, who goes to Mackays

to work on the road; A. W. Brainer, who is returning to his road home at Stewart Crossing; and for Whitehorse Max Krause; J. E. Lyle; H. E. McCarty; W. D. Gross; J. Ross; T. H. Heath and M. J. Leslie. The Merchants' line sends out a stage tomorrow.

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