

7TH BAND GETS THE BIG END OF GRANT

To Receive \$400 of the \$550 Set Apart for the Band Concerts.

The finance committee of the city council met yesterday afternoon. Chairman Beattie, Ald. Stevens, Ald. Stenerson, Mayor Judd and Secretary Pope being present.

The division of the amount set aside for band concerts this summer caused a discussion which lasted half an hour.

A letter was read from Bandmaster Pooche, of the Twenty-sixth Battalion Band, asking that the sum of \$500 be equally divided between the Seventh Regiment and Twenty-sixth Battalion Bands.

Capt. Arthur Little, president of the band committee of the Seventh Regiment, waiting on the city fathers and asked that the Seventh be treated as liberally as possible, giving many reasons why the city council should support the Seventh in preference to any other band.

On motion of Mayor Judd, it was agreed to recommend that the sum of \$500 be taken from the incidentals and added to the band account, and that the Seventh Regiment Band be given \$400 and the Twenty-sixth Battalion Band \$100.

Last year each band received the sum of \$150.

The Annexation Scheme.

The proposed annexation of that part of the Township of London lying to the east of the city came up for discussion through a communication which was received from the city solicitor, and which stated that unless the people of the district petitioned for annexation, the city could not annex the section.

The matter was looked upon as pretty serious, as several firms now crowded for room are seeking to locate in the territory named, but they find it impossible to secure sewer accommodation and fire protection, owing to the fact that the city cannot do anything for them unless the annexation is effected.

Ald. Stevens said he could not see that the city would lose very much by firms going outside the city, provided they were near enough to allow the employees to spend their money in London.

"I'm afraid it will be pretty hard to get the people to sign a petition to come into the city," he concluded. "It would like to see something done to help the manufacturers."

"If the people are not willing to come into the city they cannot get sewer connection or any of the other privileges of the city," said the mayor. "They may get gas, but that's all."

"Under the circumstances, I suppose we may as well drop the annexation proposal," Chairman Beattie remarked.

It was decided, however, that a consultation with Assessment Commissioner Grant shall be held to see if some way cannot be found to induce a petition among the ratepayers interested, so as to bring about the annexation desired.

The committee also recommended that a sewer rental of \$20 charged by the City of London, be refunded, as a sewer is now being laid past his property.

ANNA MAY WED AGAIN

Another Frenchman May Dip Into the Gould Millions.

Paris, May 16. — Anna Gould is the subject of society gossip of the moment. A romance, it is said, of some years standing, is to be consummated shortly by marriage. The former Countess de Castellane (Boni) has for a long time had two steadfast admirers, or at least two great friends whom she admired. One is a Frenchman, the other an Englishman.

The moment there seemed to be a possibility that she could wed again there was much gay gossip as to the chances of the two men. The betting was on the Englishman, for it was thought a petite Americaine had had a sufficiency of the French husband. But now I am informed that the Frenchman is the favorite, and that in the course of the near future Anna Gould will once more change her name. It is the general opinion among men who know her that while Anna Gould is a sweet little woman, she is not attractive either in face or form. But she dresses magnificently, and is charmingly piquant and manners, and still possesses quite a hoard of good American dollars.

And when a man is as poor as a church mouse, and a rich woman falls in love with him, what in heaven's name can he do?

Anna Gould has quite recovered her position in society largely due to Henry White, the ambassador to France. The other week a reception was held at Holy Trinity Lodge by the American colony here in honor of the new ambassador. There were some hundreds of the smartest Americans and Parisians present. Mr. White shook hands cordially with Anna Gould and held her in a long conversation. His cue was immediately followed and the former countess was warmly taken to the bosom of all present.

BIG FIRE AT ST. JOHN.

St. John, N. B., May 17.—Fire broke out about noon in the basement of McCaulay Bros. & Co.'s large drygoods store on King street, the second largest establishment of its kind in this city.

Cotton and other heavy goods were stored in the basement, and from these immense columns of smoke poured through the building, nearly suffocating the employees.

Girls on the second, third and fourth floors had to be taken out with ladders.

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"The Mikado" Is Presented for Sweet Charity's Sake

Capable Cast Composed of Local Talent Give Splendid Interpretation.

The Cast.

The Mikado of Japan... Mr. Fred Reed Nanki-Poo (his son, disguised as a wandering minstrel, and in love with Yum Yum)... Mr. B. O. Clement Ko-Ko (Lord High Executioner)... Mr. Kenneth Finlay Pooch-Bah (Lord High Everything Else)... Mr. Gordon Hunt Pish-Tush (a Noble Lord)... Mr. W. B. Pope Yum-Yum... Miss Mary Love Pettie-Sing... Miss Helen Ivey Peep-Bo... Miss Nena Sanborne Three Sisters, Wards of Ko-Ko, Katisha (an elderly lady, in love with Nanki Poo)... Miss Elsie Greene

Ladies of Japan.

Misses H. Ashbury, W. Bignell, L. Chatto, L. Chatto, E. Colquhoun, N. Comfort, Essery, P. Fitzgerald, M. Hardingham, L. Hodgins, N. Jennings, R. Kaiser, F. Kaiser, E. Leggett, F. Leggett, A. MacDonald, E. McNell, F. Mallory, N. Moule, S. E. McKay, B. Oliver, F. Peacock, H. Peine, J. Rose, D. Reynolds, L. Strong, K. Sine, J. Strong, E. Scott.

Gentlemen of Japan.

Messrs. C. Atkins, R. Fitzgerald, C. Hodgins, H. McKean, A. Milligan, G. Murray, W. Nixon, A. Peine, F. Phelps, F. Pope, S. Sutherland, E. Simpson, H. Ward, W. Whitehead, R. Whitton, Dr. Wilson.

A Capable Cast.

Gilbert and Sullivan's famous Japanese comic opera, "The Mikado," was presented by local talent at Bennett's Theatre last night, and the company, which is playing for sweet charity, scored an instantaneous hit. The production is a very clever and well-acted play, and the people of London showed that they are heart and soul behind the scheme, for the theater was packed to the doors.

Those who were present got their money's worth, for the production was given with a finish which surprised even seasoned theatergoers. Those who had come prepared to make a great deal of allowance for the players, were away feeling that sympathy on such a cast would be wasted, because each individual was able to take care of him or her self.

The plot of "The Mikado" is as well known as the plot of Hamlet, hence there is no need of dwelling on it. Twenty years ago the piece was in its heyday. It was regarded then as a musical and a comedy, and today it stands out above 99 per cent of the so-called light opera and musical comedies which hold the boards.

The local talent found itself some-

what handicapped in the way of providing an oriental background for the production, but the costumes were excellent. And all in all, the opera was rendered in a manner worthy of the patronage of critical Londoners, even if there was no charity incentive to cause one to patronize it.

Company of Artists.

In the early part of the evening, the principals and the chorus appeared as the backward, but their confidence grew as they proceeded, and toward the close of the opera, they were acquitting themselves like professionals. The role of Yum-Yum, with whom Nanki-Poo is in love, was taken by Miss Mary Love. She played the part with an ease and grace which astonished her friends, and she sang her solos in a sweet, tuneful soprano which reached all parts of the house. Miss Love's work drew forth repeated applause, to which she was well entitled.

Miss Helen Ivey, as Pettie-Sing, and Miss Nena Sanborne, as Peep-Bo, proved themselves real artists of no mean ability. With Miss Love, they shared the repeated expression of goodwill from the audience.

Miss Elsie Greene as Katisha was not alone a brilliant vocalist, but a clever actress as well. Her work was especially praiseworthy.

The male portion of the cast gave a strong and intelligent interpretation of the different roles.

A Real Comedian.

Mr. Kenneth Finlay, as Ko-Ko, the lord high executioner, was extremely funny. He gave to the audience the choice pieces of humor of the part in a very clever manner, and he sang several numbers in excellent voice. The stage is an old game with him, and he was always at his ease. His rendition of the well-known old-time lyric, "Willow, Willow," won him rounds of applause.

Mr. Frank Reid, as the Mikado, carried out the part in a commendable manner. He is the possessor of a full, rich baritone, and he delighted the audience with a couple of brilliant numbers.

Mr. Gordon Hunt, as the Pooch-Bah, is deserving of much credit. His singing was, as usual, very good.

The part of Pish-Tush, a Japanese noble, was taken satisfactorily by Mr. W. B. Pope, and Mr. W. O. Clement appeared as Nanki-Poo. Both possess excellent voices.

To Mr. F. Linforth Willgoose, the conductor and musical director, belongs great credit for the magnificent manner, in which the production was carried out from the musical standpoint, while to Mr. Kenneth Finlay belongs equal credit, for it was he who, as stage director, schooled the principals and chorus in their stage pictures, entries, exits, etc.

This afternoon and evening "The Mikado" will be repeated. All who have not seen it should not fail to be at Bennett's this afternoon or tonight. To miss it is to miss a rare treat.

SPENDS LONELY LIFE ON YACHT

Mr. Bayard Brown, Millionaire, Lives on Anchored Craft in English Port.

London, May 17.—In a large and handsome ocean-going steam yacht, moored off Brightlingsea, Essex, in one of the snug and safe havens on the east coast of England, lives a man who in the course of the twenty years that he has occupied his floating home, has acquired the reputation of being the most eccentric individual in the British Isles. Bayard Brown is his name and he is an American. Despite all the efforts that have been made to penetrate the veil of mystery that surrounds him, that is all that has been learned about his origin and antecedents.

He is intimate with no one. He is a millionaire and gives away money lavishly and indiscriminately. Those who have come in contact with him say that his manners and conversation at times are those of a polished, well-educated man of the world. On other occasions he is just as apt to be rude and insulting, and without any provocation whatever gives way to ungovernable fits of temper. Sometimes he throws gold among the people who swarm about his yacht in small boats; at other times he pelts them with eggs, cabbages and potatoes.

On one of the rare occasions when he came ashore, he chanced to see a homely visaged woman standing at the gate of the little garden in front of her cottage.

"I'll give you five pounds to get out of my sight," said Mr. Brown.

And the woman pocketed both the money and the insult and vanished.

His yacht, the Valfraya, is fully manned, and has under way of her own, ready to get under way at a moment's notice, but only once has he left his moorings since she dropped anchor.

And last night, with all the opportunities for seeing the bird and enjoying what great wealth can command, to cast anchor at such an out-of-the-way place as Brightlingsea, and stick there for a score of years, would doubtless make an interesting story if one could get at it. But it is all left to surmise and conjecture. The commonly accepted view in Brightlingsea is that he has expatriated himself because he fears that if he were to return to America he would be adjudged a lunatic and deprived of the control of his property. Color is lent to this by the strong aversion he shows for Americans. He will hold no communication with them under any circumstances. It was his desire to get away from them that led him to get to sea in the Valfraya, on the one occasion referred to when it weighed anchor.

Cyril Scott may accept an offer made him to play in the title role of a production of "The Prince Chap," to be made in Paris this spring.

SENSATION IN HAYWOOD TRIAL

Defense Say the Orchard Interview Was a Trick to Influence Jury.

Boise, Idaho, May 17.—District Judge Wood, before the Haywood jury was brought into court today, drew attention to the interviews with Harry Orchard, published in the morning newspapers, which he said, undoubtedly was calculated to influence the jury.

Judge Wood directed the country prosecutor to make an investigation of the facts connected with the Orchard interview, and to take such action as he found to be warranted.

Judge Wood declared the publications were highly improper, coming as they did during the empaneling of the jury.

"While they appear to the court as not precisely in contempt," continued Judge Wood, "they are nevertheless calculated to influence the jury in the case. Something must be done to prevent a recurrence of this if we are ever to get a jury. The court is much surprised at this publication at this time, and will be glad to hear from counsel on the subject."

Mr. Hawley, senior counsel for the state, arose. "We are now and always were opposed to the publication of anything at any time tending to prejudice possible jurors," he said. "Just now the court can prevent a recurrence, except by a public request to the newspapers. I do not see how."

Judge Wood replied: "If the purpose of these publications was to influence the jury there is a way to reach it," he said significantly.

"If the court's request does not prove sufficient," said Mr. Hawley, "its power might be well exerted to prevent any recurrence in the future. We of the prosecution will heartily assent to any method the court may adopt."

Mr. Richardson, of counsel for Haywood, said: "I want to exonerate counsel for the prosecution for what has occurred. This man Orchard, after being secluded for 15 months, is suddenly made accessible at this time, while we are in the midst of selecting a jury. It occurred in the examination of one of the jurors the other day that there were some prejudices, perhaps, against this man Orchard, and his testimony. Thereupon the governor of this state organized a party, and takes the newspaper fraternity—not all, but the representatives of the Associated Press, and that portion of the press, which is representing the trial, down to the penitentiary of which he is the supreme official, and has them interview this man."

"It was done, your honor, for the express purpose of influencing these jurors to give credence to this witness. It was a dastardly outrage on this defendant. Anything that the court

can do to protect itself and to protect this defendant and insure to him the fair trial to which he is entitled will be heartily seconded by us.

"We do not believe the attorneys for the prosecution are responsible. We have been watching them closely, and if they think they have done anything that we do not know they are much mistaken."

DIAMOND FIELDS NOT AN ELDORADO

Fortunes Hard to Win and Money Scarce in South Africa. Says Chas. Beers.

Windsor, May 15.—South Africa is not the Eldorado men expected to find it after the war, in the opinion of Charles Beers, who is home in Windsor, after spending four years in the Transvaal, which he was drawn shortly after his return from serving with the Canadian contingent against the Boers.

Conditions have undergone a decided change since the war, Mr. Beers says. When the struggle was over, and even while it was in progress, there was no lack of money in the country and positions went begging. Now money is scarce and numbers of the unemployed are walking the streets of the principal cities.

The result is that the tendency of emigration is away from, instead of toward the country. Many English people who went out during more prosperous times are returning home with the wealth they have accumulated and others who have not succeeded in accumulating any wealth are only waiting for the opportunity to get away.

Australia Pays Fare Home.

Arrangements are being made by the Australian Government to furnish transportation to emigrants from Australia who wish to return to their own country and there has been no lack of applications for passage with the first shipload which is to sail shortly.

It was his preference for the free, independent life of the country, his desire to do things "on his own account," that drew the Windsor boy back to the Transvaal after his return from the war. During the four years of his absence he has been in most of the cities of South Africa, but most of his time was spent in Johannesburg, in the center of the mining district.

Just a few hours from Johannesburg—people in South Africa never think of reckoning distances by miles—is the rich Premier diamond mine, and during his stay Beers had an opportunity of going through it—an opportunity not accorded to everyone. The big companies do not omit any precautions to prevent the theft of uncut stones, and the precautions are extended not only to the negroes, who are kept holed in the compound and jealously searched from time to time, but to would-be visitors, who are subjected to an amount of red tape that would make the administration of an office of the British Government seem simple by comparison.

Weird Laws Enforced.

There are even special laws designed to prevent the theft of diamonds from the mines, and some of them are decidedly weird. One of the regulations is that no man is allowed to carry an uncut stone without a license. Every sale is registered with the authorities, and the buyer is required to take out his papers in due form. If he fails to do so, and is caught with an uncut stone in his possession he is likely to have to do time in prison.

The advantage of such a law to anyone with a spite against his neighbor is manifest. Instead of beating his enemy and incurring the risk of imprisonment all a man needs do is to hand him a lemon in the shape of an uncut diamond, and then notify the authorities of his suspicion that the man has broken the law. Cases of this very kind are suspected to have occurred at times.

Travel in Primitive Style.

Johannesburg is a city of about 70,000 with a mixed population. Mining is the principal occupation of the surrounding country. There is very little farming done. Aime, the traveling is still done in the old-fashioned way, and journeys of two days in lumbering coaches drawn by strings of hardy donkeys are not uncommon.

Horses would be of little use as they have to be guarded with the utmost care.

There are horses in the country of course, but they are used for a different purpose largely. The miners form a large part of the population and a sporting tendency. Running races are held with surprising frequency and people take a great interest in them as well as in sporting events generally.

One of the principal events of interest during Mr. Beers' residence in Johannesburg was the tour of the South African football team through England, Ireland and Scotland. A large part of the population used to turn out night after night to await news of the games. The almost unbroken string of victories brought elation to the enthusiasts, except in one or two cases when the sympathies of part of the crowd were with the other fellows.

Celebrate Distant Victories.

When the news came that the team had gone down to defeat before the Scotch team the Scotchmen in the city immediately went out for a jollification and when on receipt of the news that the South Africans had defeated Ireland a few who celebrated not wisely but too well were arrested by some good Irish policemen. The papers were full of the occurrences.

The election of the new Government under Premier Botha is said to be satisfactory to most of the people in the country. Many of the people blame the English for the present depression following the partial closing of some of the diamond mines. As this is the first opportunity of self-government better things are looked for.

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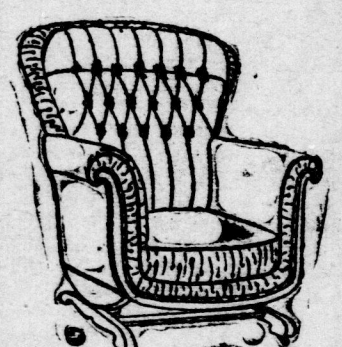
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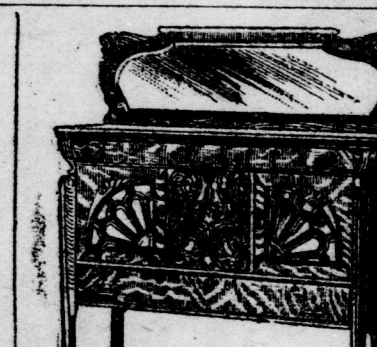
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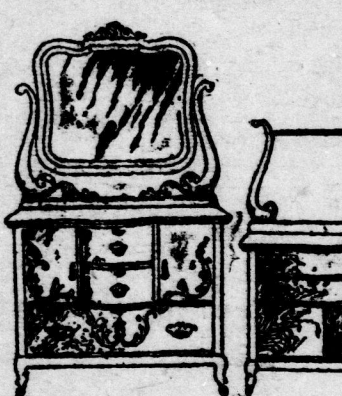
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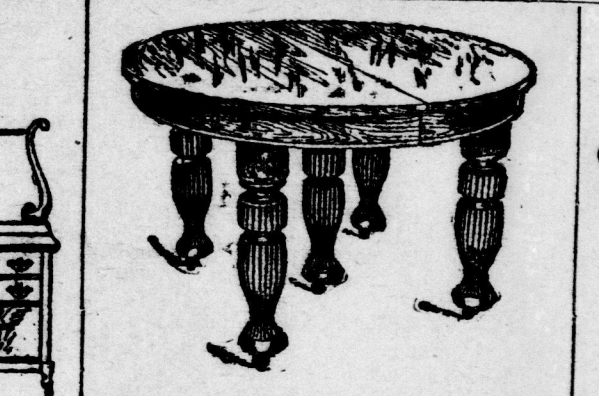
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At a recent meeting of the Botanical Society of America, specimens of a new oil-producing plant from Venezuela were exhibited. The oil resembles that of almond, and is already known in commerce, but the plant has hitherto remained undescribed. It proves to be a new genus of the true family, to which the common prickly ash belongs, and it has been named Schimelia, after German botanist, who first distilled the aromatic oil from its wood.