

OPERA HOUSE MATTERS.

Aired At a Meeting of the City Hall Committee Last Night.

To Ask For Electricity Through a Meter Hereafter.

Schedule Rates for Renting Discussed And an Amendment Adopted.

A meeting of the City Hall Committee was held last evening in the City Clerk's office at the City Hall. The members of the Committee present were Mayor Palmer, Ald. Maxwell, chairman, Stockford and Dr. Barbour. City Clerk Beckwith and Ald. Ross were also present.

Ald. Barbour asked as to whether the report made by a special committee of last year's Council would apply to this year's board.

City Clerk Beckwith gave a negative answer. He said that their powers ceased on March 31st, except in the case of a contract with some private parties.

The Mayor said that with all due deference to the City Clerk he didn't agree with him. However the committee were disposed to stand by the legal advice of the veteran City Clerk.

It was pointed out that the schedule of rates governing the Opera House have not been strictly adhered to in the past, excepting in the case of Mr. Reedy, who has always paid strictly according to the schedule, some others paying only half rates and some not paying at all.

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DEATH CAME SUDDENLY.

One of This City's Oldest and Most Respected Citizens Dead.

Hugh O'Neill, Senior, Was Sick Only a Few Hours.

Spent Yesterday Working in Garden and Passed Away this Morning.

This city lost one of its most highly respected and best citizens this morning in the death of Hugh O'Neill, sr.

Yesterday Mr. O'Neill was in the best of health, and although he celebrated his 80th birthday last December, he spent the day in his garden at his home on King street.

During the evening his son, Charles, called in to see the old gentleman and when he left him at 8 o'clock his father was not complaining of feeling unwell.

About an hour later Mr. O'Neill said that he did not feel as well as he ought to and Dr. Atherton was summoned and remained at the house until midnight.

At that time the old gentleman was much better and he slept until four o'clock this morning. His two sons, who reside here, were with their father when he awakened at that time, as he was seen to be most seriously ill one of them started for the doctor. When he got back the death messenger had already arrived. Death was caused by heart failure.

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Not growl—that's the brute's business.

FESTIVAL CHORUS CONCERT.

Pleased a Good Sized Audience at the Opera House Last Night.

The Numbers Were Well Applauded and Encores Plentiful.

Both Soloists and the Chorus Added to a Most Enjoyable Programme.

A well filled house greeted the Festival Chorus concert in the opera house last evening. Had the excellence of the entertainment been properly anticipated a packed house would have greeted the performers. It was a good concert, though hardly up to former festival concerts.

Mr. H. Ruthven McDonald was all that could be desired—a baritone who ranks favorably with Miles and Campanari. His is the true baritone voice. In all of his selections he showed perfect control of the singing muscles and perfect blending of the registers. His medium register is sweet and sympathetic, his chest tones round and full. One could hear every word he said so clearly does he enunciate. His singing was artistic in the word.

He was on the programme for six numbers, one of them a duet with Miss Harrison. Of these numbers "King of the Elves" probably showed his voice to best advantage though "Honor and Arms" from Handel's "Samson" showed the flexibility of his voice best. His help was ready and sympathetic. He received and responded to an encore for each number.

Miss J. Stratton Harrison appeared in the double role of vocalist and violinist. In her violin numbers she showed to good advantage, getting nice tonal colorings, phrasing well and showing a good technique. Of the violin numbers the Scene de Ballet was perhaps her best number, though a couple of encores in which the mite was used were very sympathetically received. Her playing was a duet with Mr. McDonald and solo with violin obligato played by her herself.

The latter number—Schubert's Serenade—demanded the singer's attention without the additional thought of a violin obligato. Her encore was much more effective, being lighter in character. Tone quality must suffer where so much is attempted, yet she performed with great ease. Her voice is not full enough to sing in duet with Mr. McDonald, but in the piano passages she sang very nicely. She responded to generous encores.

Between the chorus and conductor there seemed to be considerable lack of sympathy. The best effects of light and shade were not made, yet the attacks were often indecisive and the endings ragged. In the "Miller's Wooing" the best effects of light and shade were obtained, while in the "Song without piano accompaniment" the best tone coloring. The attacks and endings in the former were, however, miserable in places. The effect of the first chorus number, Pinetti's Spring Song, was entirely lost through singing it too legato. It should be sung lightly with a crisp staccato.

While perhaps better balanced and larger, this year's Chorus is hardly equal in efficiency to last year's Chorus. Is lack of interest responsible? We hope that last evening's receipts will put the Chorus on a better financial basis, so that it may continue the good work.

Claim Him to Be a Sleuth. Game Warden Robinson, of Newcastle, is earning the title of Sherlock Holmes of the game country. He got a hint of moose killing in York County, proceeded to investigate, and found two hanted tracks on which the carcasses had apparently been hauled out of the woods. In following the track he came to a place where one of the sleds had evidently broken down and been repaired. A piece of the broken crossbar was found in the snow, and a small maple from which a piece had been cut to repair the sled, was close by. Mr. Robinson took the piece of broken wood and went on a tour of investigation, looking carefully at all the handsleds while taking to the farmers of other sleds so many were lost. The owner of the sled collapsed on being shown how he had been trapped, and gave the whole thing away.—Chatham World.

A Raged Hero. The successful play, A Raged Hero, in which the favorite comedian, Geo. F. Hall, will have a new role, and which is announced at the Opera House on Monday evening next, is claimed to be doubly pleasing in that it contains elements both of rural comedy and exciting melodrama. The characters, with a few exceptions, are country folk, and their amusing characteristics are pleasingly portrayed. The means for a startling climax are found in the door yard of the old homestead. A little girl is sleeping in an upper room of the building and her profligate half-brother, in order to benefit by her death, sets the place on fire. The ragged hero, who has retired for the night in an adjoining barn, hears the child's cries for help, seizes a swing which hangs in the centre of the yard, clambers upon a nearby shed, sweeps across the yard and up to the window, when the child springs toward him and is borne to safety.

April Showers. The rainy day goods are in demand today at Edgecombe's and they are certainly showing very stylish goods along that line. There is no reason why one should not be well dressed on a wet day just as well as a fine day.

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