

DAWSON AMATEUR OPERA CO

Meets and Elects Its Permanent Officers

Will Give Series of Entertainments for the Benefit of Local Charitable Institutions.

The Dawson Amateur Operatic Society is now a permanent organization, well officered and ready to go ahead with the preparations for its first production.

Owing to the fact that a number of those who are expected to become members of the society were taking part in the concert given at the Pioneer hall, the attendance was not as large as it otherwise would have been, but what was lacking in numbers was made up in enthusiasm, and the society was given an impetus which will make it an assured success.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Hon. Pres., Commissioner J. H. Ross; Vice Pres., Mr. Chas. McDonald; Sec'y-Treas., Mr. Wm. Thornburn; executive committee—the vice president, secretary-treasurer, Mr. Wm. Sheridan and Messdames Congdon and Starnes.

The object of the society as set forth in the constitution is to give a series of operatic productions during the winter months and all monies realized on the productions, over and above expenses, after setting aside a certain sum for incidental expenses for the next performance, is to be distributed by the executive committee to charitable purposes.

Membership in the society is complimentary to the ladies but a fee of \$5 was set for the gentlemen. It will be necessary to have some money on hand to meet certain incidental expenses for the first production and it was considered that this would be a more satisfactory way to raise the sum than by levying an assessment and was voted unanimously.

The direction of the productions will be in the hands of the executive committee, who will be called together at once and active preparations will be commenced for the first performance which will be Gilbert & Sullivan's famous comic opera "Pinafore."

The next meeting of the society will be held a week from Monday, the 30th inst., when all members and those wishing to join are requested to be present.

The police and N. C. Company hockey teams will play a matched hockey game tomorrow evening. Good play is anticipated.

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PRECOCIOUS YOUNGSTERS

Closing Exercises of the Little Tots in the Kindergarten.

Fond mamas and not a few doting papas gathered at the Kindergarten this morning at 11 o'clock to see the closing exercises of the children, today being the last day of school prior to the holiday vacation. There are 29 pupils enrolled in the Kindergarten class though but 27 of the little tots were present this morning. The opening exercises consisted of prayers, followed by several songs. Miss Edwards accompanying her diminutive charges on the piano, the pupils each sitting in a chair in a circle. After an extensive repertoire had been sung, and the children showed remarkable precocity in remembering so many, they arose to their feet and with their little chairs upturned on their heads marched around the circle and to the tables where the serious work began. This consisted of making chains of multi-colored paper, making rug patterns from different colored geometrical blocks, etc. When the ladies allotted had been completed the class again marched to the circle painted on the floor and indulged in youthful games, many of them being accompanied by songs. At the conclusion of the exercises the guests present were given the accumulated samples of the children's work, while each child was presented with a box of candy, the compliments of Mr. Chas. Milne.

Owing to the great demand for tickets for the performance at the Pioneer hall tonight in aid of St. Paul's church organ fund, the directors have arranged to give a grand matinee tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, when the whole program will be given. Every child in town should see this beautiful production, to which they will be admitted for half the price, viz., 50 cts.

Hot and cold lunch at the Bank Saloon.

AID OF THE ORGAN FUND

Brilliant Performance Was Given Last Night

Songs, Scene From Shakespeare, Tableaux Vivant and Farce by Howell Make Good Program.

The amusement loving public who so generously patronized the entertainment given at Pioneer hall last night in aid of the St. Paul church organ fund was amply repaid and the reputation of the performance to be given this evening will doubtless be greeted with an audience limited only to the capacity of the hall. The program arranged by Mr. Arthur Boyle and Mr. C. W. Hines was replete with sweet songs and pretty tableaux cunningly attired children and beautiful women. The tableaux vivant were arranged by Mrs. F. T. Congdon, the first being a representation of Britannia, Columbia and Canada, the characters impersonated by Mrs. Hines, Mrs. Shindler and Miss McParlane. Two of the pictures were given wholly by children, "Over the Garden Wall" and "The Maypole." Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Macdonald and children portrayed "The First Dancing Lesson," the children-looking so quaintly, by demure one could almost imagine the picture was the reanimated original stepped down from its frame on the wall instead of a pretty counterfeit. Messdames—Davis-Colley, Davey, Green, Macaulay, Hines, Ward-Smith, Renouf and White-Fraser appeared in a classic setting as Grecian ladies and in their simple costumes of white with numerous golden bands about their hair, their prototype of old, the beautiful Helen of Troy, was not more fair than they. Vocal numbers were rendered by Mrs. Macfarlane, Mr. Clayton, Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Torry, and Mr. Wilson and Mr. Brown gave the quartet scene from "Julius Caesar," the former appearing as "Cassius" and the latter as "Brutus." Howell's farce, "The Mogsetrap," was a very funny and fitting finale and was well played, the beauty of it being it was so true to nature. The following was the cast: Willis Campbell, Mr. R. P. Wilson; Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. J. L. Bell; Mrs. Curwen, Miss Thomas; Mrs. Miller; Mrs. Jones; Mrs. Bemis, Mrs. Bruce; Mrs. Somers, Mrs. C. W. Hines; Jane, Mrs. F. T. Congdon.

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QUARTZ PROSPECTS

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cially had given an average value to the ore of \$78 to the ton, which is not true in any sense of the word. The report was sent outside, the associated press spread the news of the supposedly rich strike everywhere and yesterday Captain Spencer received a wire from his people to the effect that if such ore was to be found here why was it necessary for him to draw on the eastern office to the extent of over \$5,000 a month to meet current expenses? In speaking over the quartz situation, Captain Spencer said: "It simply amounts to this: We have had enough propositions to buck against here without being compelled to stop every day or two and retell such stories as have recently been put in circulation. Our company put up \$100,000 to expedite in legitimate prospecting and if we find anything that will justify it we are in a position to spend five times that amount in the erection of mills, tramroads and development, but what I object to is parties using our name and stating that we have made mill runs on ore that would average so much to the ton when such is not true. It is unfair to the public as many who could ill afford the loss might upon such showing be induced to buy shares which might possibly prove worthless, and, besides, it places the mill and me personally in an unenviable light as the statements cannot be substantiated. I do not care how many companies are organized or how much stock is sold if we are not allged up in it. If we find anything valuable it is ours, we have no stock for sale, and on the other hand if we do not find anything good the loss is ours and ours alone, and there is no harm done. The expense of running our little mill amounts to over \$1500 a month to say nothing of incidentals, which will aggregate nearly double as much. Why, only a few days ago I had to buy a lot of hides in which to 'raw-hide' some ore from a prospect down to the road where the team could get at it, and they cost \$6 each. We break a sled or two every day, etc., etc. One must average \$25 a ton before we can mill it at a profit and that kind of ore is yet to be found. I have run through a number of different consignments from Victoria gulch and that was no exception to the others. Assays tell but little of the value of a ledge from a milling standpoint. I can show you assays running over \$1000 to the ton, but it would probably cost \$100,000 to get together a ton of ore that would mill that amount. We still believe that good ore will yet be found and are willing to expend the necessary capital to develop it, but we must be let alone to pursue the policy we consider best and I do not want to see our name used for the purpose of boosting the sale of stock in property which has yet to be proven of any value."

Dr. T. B. Rooke, manager of the Ladue Company, the owner of the only other stamp mill in the country, coincided fully with the views of Captain Spencer and regretted very much that misstatements should have been published regarding discoveries already made. "We have been made to appear," said he, "that we are already running, whereas the fact of the matter is our mill is not quite completed and we have not yet crushed a pound of ore. We or no one else that I know of desire to put a fence around the country, but we would like to see published statements conform a little more to facts." Our mill was not put up for any purpose whatever except

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prospecting and we do not expect to make a dollar out of it. Let the proper kind of quartz be found and its value fully determined and then it is time enough to put up a plant from which dividends may be anticipated. One thing I am certain. The Ladue mill, and I venture to say the same thing regarding the Mungar mill, was not built for any fake work nor will we countenance the booming of any property which will not bear the most rigid investigation. If we have quartz here of value we wish to prove it and if we have not we want to find it out as soon as possible. Our confidence in the country is sufficient that we are willing to put up our own money in prospecting and if it is lost we will bear it without a word."

Convicts With Records.

One of the convicts who recently made a daring escape from Dartmouth prison, where he was undergoing a sentence of five years, boasts the extraordinary distinction of being yet twenty-seven years of age and yet having managed to incur sentences aggregating no less than thirty-nine years. An even more extraordinary record is that held by a French convict, who has thrice been condemned to death and is now in a French penal settlement. When quite a youth, in a fit of passion, this terrible man murdered his mother, for which he was ordered to be executed. But the authorities, taking into consideration his extreme youth, commuted the penalty to one of ten years' imprisonment. He was liberated after he had

undergone only eight years, and within a twelve-month he was again tried for murder, this time for stabbing a fellow-workman of whom he was jealous. Again he was condemned to be executed, but certain facts which tended to show that he had been greatly irritated by his victim were brought to light, and the penalty was reduced to fifteen years' incarceration. He was set free after only twelve years, when he was thirty-six. Before he was thirty-eight he had murdered his sweetheart in a fit of jealousy, and once more was ordered to be executed. But once more also he was successful in getting the sentence reduced, and he is now under sentence of imprisonment for the rest of his life. An Italian was sentenced by the judges of his own country to undergo a remarkable sentence some time ago. He was charged with sixty-three distinct offenses, and the court, taking into consideration his bad record and the serious character of his crime, imposed upon him the extreme penalty for each offense, which on being added up was found to total no less than 189 years' imprisonment with hard labor. As the penalties were not ordered to run concurrently the man is pretty certain to die in prison unless some extreme act of clemency is shown him.

There recently died in a workhouse infirmary an old woman who, in the course of a long life, had been convicted of drunkenness no fewer than 375 times. She had been fined nearly 150 times, and had spent more than nine years of her life in prison. On no fewer than forty occasions she was arrested and charged with drunkenness within a few hours of being liberated from prison, to which she had been committed for that very offense.

Famous Kisses.

It was the kiss of a woman that instituted the custom of kissing the pope's toe. Until the close of the eighth century it was usual for pilgrims of both sexes to kiss the pope's hand, but one female bolder than the rest, when kissing his holiness' hand gave it a severe squeeze. To save himself from contamination the pope cut off his hand, and it is still preserved in the museum at Rome. From that time forward every holder of the office has received the homage of pilgrims through the medium of his blipped foot.

The great Cardinal Theodoli was once robbed through the kiss of a traitorous brigand. He was captured by the brigand while walking alone and carried to a mountain retreat. Two thousand pounds was the sum demanded and paid for his ransom, and when giving him his freedom the brigand asked if he might kiss his hand. The request was granted, and not until he had reached home in safety did the cardinal discover that during the process the brigand had stolen his ring set with a large ruby of priceless value. Two years afterwards, however, the brigand, repenting of the deed, returned the ring undamaged.

The compact of friendship between this country and France was sealed at the close of the Crimean war, when Queen Victoria during a visit to France publicly kissed Napoleon III on the cheek. This incident created more good feeling between the two nations than perhaps any more important event of the century.

There were two kisses which Mme. Patti will never forget. The first occurred many years ago at a matinee she had arranged for the benefit of a poor and then almost unknown actress, Sarah Bernhardt, who had lost everything she possessed in a fire. After the performance the now famous actress came forward, and with tears in her eyes, threw her arms about the prima donna's neck and kissed her.

On the second occasion she had been singing before the Spanish court, and the baby king, Alfonso, was brought to her in the arms of his nurse, Mme.

Patti kissed his hand, but the Queen-Regent interfered, saying, "My son shall never be so ungrateful as to allow a lady to kiss his hand. Pray permit him to give you a kiss, which the child obediently did."

Kisses in aid of charity have frequently been sold for enormous sums by famous actresses. In 1889 at a bazaar, one of our favorite stage ladies offered a kiss to the highest bidder, male or female, which was knocked down to a gray haired one for \$500. The actress became embarrassed, but, instead of coming forward to receive his proffered kiss, the coltish held up his big grandson, who was given the kiss with interest. But this was eclipsed at a charity bazaar in America some time ago, when an actress sold a kiss for the fabulous price of \$900, while strawberries had had touched her lips found ready purchasers at a guinea apiece—6s.

Married His Step Mother.

Flora, Ill., Nov. 18.—A marriage which has the distinction of being the most unique in the matrimonial annals of Clay County, took place in this city last Thursday.

The parties to this contract were David and Bertha Reynolds, whose home is on the dividing line between Clay and Wayne counties, and the bride, was the young man's step-mother. The young man applied for a marriage license, but the clerk refused to issue the license without the consent of the young man's father. He returned accompanied by a son of 50 years, who testified that he and the divorced husband of the woman whom his son wanted to marry, and that he approved of its contemplated union. The papers were then issued and the marriage was given at 29 years and that of the bride as 22.

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