

BRILLIANT CONCLUSION

Season of Opera Comes to an End

Presentation of the 'Pirates' Compares Very Favorably With Other Efforts.

The attendance at the opera Saturday night was quite large in comparison with what was anticipated early in the evening, the devotees at the musical shrine arriving rather later than usual, and the season ended in a veritable blaze of glory, a halo surrounding the director's head and the chorus and principals joining in singing "We won't go home until morning" when the curtain fell on the last act. The producing of the opera had entailed an amount of labor and time little considered by those sitting in front of the footlights, and everyone taking part was happy at its final conclusion. Though in the category of amusements and therefore, perhaps, a thing to be quickly passed out of memory and forgotten, the production of the "Pirates" and similar achievements of the society are not when properly viewed occurrences to be lightly regarded when the local annals of the city are being taken into consideration.

Dawson possesses a very matter of fact community, one whose enthusiasm is not easily aroused to an undue pitch of excitement for the reason that the majority of the inhabitants are so thoroughly cosmopolitan, extensively traveled and have seen about everything that the world of pleasure and amusement has had to offer. While a stampee or a pie strike may impress the stranger and cause his blood to course more freely through his veins, the older residents take such things very calmly. And it is with the efforts of the amateur songsters. The Dawson Amateur Operatic Society has been before the city now for two seasons and have a record of three popular and artistic successes and one at least if not as popular as the others far from being a failure. That here in this isolated and comparatively small community such efforts are made and such results achieved are matters that astonish the recent arrivals.

Montreal, Toronto, London, Brantford, Woodstock and other Canadian cities have had their amateur operatic societies and their productions have, taken as a whole, been very creditable, though it may be asserted with no fear of contradiction that the performances of the Dawson society will compare favorably with any of them.

To the labor, perseverance and tact of Mr. Ernest Searelle the society is mainly indebted for what has been done along these lines, and to paraphrase the words of the policemen's chorus in the "Pirates," "An impresario's lot is not a happy one." However happy it may be depends largely, no doubt, on the enthusiasm of the impresario, but the exact reverse of easy it most certainly at all times is. Nor is this losing sight of the fact that Mr. Searelle is particularly fortunate at the present time as regards his material and resources. Much less could not be said, having in mind Messrs. Hulme, Macpherson, Cowan, Craig, Thornburgh and Barwell, and Mesdames Ritchie, Mullen, Herbert, Bell, Matteson and others. Most of these, of course, are familiar acquaintances. The drollery and humor of Mr. Hulme, the ease and authority of Mr. Macpherson's stage bearing and the delight that his true, resonant voice gives; the manliness, grace and modesty of Mr. Cowan, with his sweet and silvery, if not very strong voice; these are all matters with which the public has long been familiar and has come to view with complacency.

Yet, if to Mr. Searelle as head and front of the undertaking, is conventionally to be accorded the main praise, it should not be deemed to modify or dilute such approval if it is stated that he had among his resources in this venture an element, in his leading soprano, that ensured victory, made quasi-success along other lines of little concern and rendered other considerations of comparative insignificance. Mrs. P. R. Ritchie, who on this occasion made her local operatic debut as "Mabel," was a surprise. With her lovely, well trained

voice, used always with intelligence and discretion, and her effective sympathetic acting, success might well have been regarded as a foregone conclusion. Viewing the list of past successes and the generous patronage that has been accorded the productions the hope is expressed by everyone that the company will see fit to put on "Erminie" before the season is ended. It is easily within the range of the singers and is one of the prettiest and most popular operas that has been produced of late years. The expense of putting on the "Pirates" was so great that there will be little if any surplus left after the bills have all been liquidated and the society is seriously considering its repetition at popular prices for one or two nights next week.

**Dates Decided Upon.**  
The gentlemen who are putting on "She Stoops to Conquer" announce today that they have arranged with the management of the Auditorium for the dates of the presentation which will be given two nights, March 9 and 10, two weeks from tonight and tomorrow night. Rehearsals are progressing very satisfactorily and a very creditable presentation is promised.

WOMEN TRIED

Case Against Maud Westwood and Maggie Richardson

The trial of Maud Westwood and Maggie Richardson, charged with relieving one Edward Cairns at the Forks of about \$200, is being heard this afternoon before Mr. Justice Craig and will probably be concluded before evening. The cases are being heard together and at 4 o'clock the Westwood woman was in the box giving her testimony. It is said his lordship intimated there was but little evidence against the latter.

Discussed Fisheries

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—Premier Prior, Attorney-General Eberts and Messrs. Gosnell and Babcock, are having an interview this afternoon with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Wm. Mullock, and Hon. Messrs. Fielding, Sifton, Blair, Sutherland, Prefontaine and Fitzpatrick. A great deal of time was taken up with the fisheries question.

The British Columbia delegation is said to be in the same position on this question as when Hon. J. Dismuir's came here, so very little can be expected from their visit.

Hawaiian News.

Honolulu, Jan. 26.—The steamer Korea has arrived, breaking the record between here and San Francisco by 4 hours and fifty-seven minutes. Her time from San Francisco was 4 days, 22 hours and 53 minutes. Her longest day's run, the last day, was 451 miles. The Korea will sail for Yokohama Tuesday, and try for another record.

Loring Andrews has been appointed attorney-general of Hawaii by Gov. Dole, to succeed E. P. Dole, resigned. Mr. Andrews is a native of New York and is a grandson of one of the earliest Hawaiian missionaries. He served a term in the territorial legislature.

Panama Canal

Washington, Jan. 24.—The senate late today held a brief executive session and voted to make public the Panama canal treaty. The letters of transmittal of the president and secretary were brief and formal, and contained no recommendations. In the first paragraph of the treaty Colombia authorizes the New Panama Canal Company to sell and transfer to the United States the canal and the Panama railroad except some lands outside of a certain zone, which shall revert to Colombia. It is understood that Colombia reserves all its rights to certain shares in the capital of the new Panama Canal Company, and the railroad company and the United States as owners shall be free from the obligations imposed on the railroad excepting as to the payment at maturity by the railroad company of the outstanding bonds issued by it.

"Sh a great question," said Flinterby, and he sat down midway of the stairs to consider it.  
"What?" snapped his wife, who was waiting at the head to explain that it was 3 a.m.  
"There's two of you up there. Problem is, have I been taking too many drinks or—hub—marrin' too many wives?"—Washington Times.

Mr. C. Rank—Why do you persist in putting water in your milk, my good man?  
Mr. Chawlett—Well, do you know of anything cheaper?—Chicago Daily News.

"Do you know why all the world loves a lover?"  
"Is that a conundrum?"  
"It is."  
"Well, what's the answer?"  
"Because he makes such a blooming fool of himself, and the world likes to laugh."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Regular Weekly Dance

The Amaranth Social Club had its usual weekly dance Saturday evening at the Eagle hall. There were probably 20 or 30 couple in attendance and an enjoyable time was had by everyone.

Under One Head

London, Jan. 28.—It is announced that Feb. 1 the whole of the British forces in South Africa from the Zambesi to the Cape will be under a single and supreme command, to which Lieut.-Gen. Lyttleton will be appointed, with his headquarters at Pretoria. This step is regarded as an important innovation, as the intention of the Imperial government to treat South Africa as a whole, and as giving a strong probability of a similar political arrangement at some future date. It is also held to point to the future transfer of the centre of power from Cape Colony to the new colonies.

Abram S. Hewitt's Will

New York, Jan. 29.—The will of Abram S. Hewitt, ex-mayor and a noted philanthropist, was filed in the Surrogate's office at Paterson, N. J., today. There are no public bequests, and the value of the estate is not given. To the widow, Mrs. Sarah Hewitt, the testator left all his household furniture, all his estate known as Ringwood, in Passaic, N. J., and his real property in Rockland and Orange counties, N. Y. A trust fund of \$100,000 is created, the income to be paid to various relatives. The residue of the estate goes to the testator's children.

Reduction of Taxation.

London, Jan. 28.—The chancellor of the exchequer, Mr. Ritchie, addressing his constituents at Crofton last night, gave a promise of some reduction of taxation in the next budget. He said, much must not be expected. South Africa still entailed an enormous expenditure, interest on the war loans, the maintenance of the garrison, and above all, in the payment of compensations, which, he feared, would amount to much more than had been supposed. "But whatever may be the cost," he said, "our undertaking must be fulfilled with generosity under this head, as it will greatly tend to the conciliation of our former enemies."

Prepared to Retaliate

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 29.—The agitation in favor of a retaliatory policy against the United States, should the Bond-Hay treaty be defeated, is growing in force. The Free Press, an independent opposition journal, declares that if the treaty is rejected the government owes it to the dignity of the British colony to act promptly and decisively. It is thought the retaliatory legislation will probably be adopted without meeting with opposition in either branch of the legislature in case of the treaty's rejection.

At a recent charitable function in Washington Senator Patterson donated \$10 to the cause. The delighted ladies profuse in protestation of gratitude and never-failing remembrances. Later some one asked the price of a rose.  
"Five dollars," said Miss Roosevelt, quickly.  
"Isn't that rather high?" gasped the astonished buyer.  
"No," replied Miss Roosevelt. "Senator Patterson gave twice that for a simple forget-me-not."—New York Times.

Best hot drinks in town—The Sideboard.

WRIT ARGUED.

Mandamus Proceedings Before Mr. Justice Craig.

Mr. Justice Craig today has been engaged in hearing the argument in the mandamus proceedings brought by Envoldsen against Assistant Gold Commissioner Gosselin and Mining Recorder Boyes to compel them to issue to him a grant for a certain piece of ground he staked on the Matson concession. Mr. R. W. Shannon is appearing for the petitioner and Mr. J. B. Pattullo for the assistant gold commissioner. Envoldsen, as has been previously stated, staked a claim in the Matson concession, applied for record, tendered the fee, and, in fact, claims to have fully complied with all the requirements, but the grant was refused upon the ground that at the time of the staking the concession was not open to relocation. So sure was Envoldsen that he was right in his contention that he applied to the territorial court for a writ of mandamus to compel the issuance of the grant to him.

The argument was warmly contested, both sides submitting citations in support of their position. His lordship reserved his decision.

Work of Explosion

Fort Wayne, Ind., Jan. 29.—Four men were killed, one fatally injured, three others seriously injured, and ten more or less severely hurt in an explosion which wrecked a large section of the Eckardt Packing Company's plant today. The explosion is believed to have been due to an accumulation of natural gas in the cellar. The section destroyed was 50 by 100 feet and two stories high.

Immigrants Rejected

Halifax, Jan. 29.—The examination of immigrants arriving at this port, under the new rules of the immigration department, is very strictly conducted. Dr. Ellis, chief medical officer of the department, personally examined the passengers who arrived on the rival mail steamer Numidian yesterday, and of the 200 stowage sixteen were rejected and ordered to be deported, owing to indications of trachoma. Dr. Ellis held up ten, five of them young Finns, and the others a Syrian family, consisting of father, mother and three bright-looking children. The United States commissioner also held up six passengers and the whole party were marched on board the steamer by the immigration guardians. The stowage passengers landed here were a fine, healthy lot, many of them Englishmen, a few for the province, but most of them for Ottaville, Ont., and Winnipeg. They included pattern-makers, carpenters, farmers, butchers, etc. A Syrian family were bound for Stratford, and there were 40 Finns for Rat Portage, Copper Cliff, Port Arthur, Alberta and Winnipeg, and 50 for Michigan, Duluth, San Francisco and other United States points. There were 35 Norwegians and Swedes for different points.

Given New Trial

Rome, Jan. 28.—The Court of Cassation has quashed the sentence of thirty years imprisonment passed on Palizzolo, former Deputy for Palermo and a member of the Mafia, for involvement in the murder of Signor Totarbartolo at Palermo, and has ordered a new trial to take place at Florence. The conviction last July of Palizzolo and his two co-prisoners, Pani and Fontana, all members of the Mafia, after a trial lasting a considerable time at Bologna, was considered a great blow dealt at the Mafia society.

EAGLES SOAR

They Enjoyed a Gala Time Last Evening.

The Eagles of Dawson met last night at their hall opposite the Nugget office and spent a most enjoyable evening. Refreshments of the real Eagle variety were served and all went merrily, merry could be. A number of good entertainers were present including Messrs. Moran and Montgomery of the Bittern company, both of whom performed a variety of amusing stunts. With one accord the Eagles voted the entertainment a complete success.

HOSPITAL NOTES.

Mr. Smith, whose fingers were amputated recently because of their being frozen, is bearing up bravely under his severe loss and is rapidly improving.  
Chas. Morris of Lovett gulch ran a pick through his foot while at work in the mine and was brought to the Good Samaritan hospital a few days ago. He is getting along nicely.  
Henry Baatz of Dominion was discharged from the hospital this morning after a two weeks illness.  
Ben Hird was discharged from St. Mary's hospital this morning after an illness of about a week.  
Archie McBride of Sulphur creek, who is at St. Mary's hospital, is reported this morning as getting along nicely.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Emogene Colman, the young lady who composed the Nugget's prize song, "Yukona" last year, is in Seattle attending the Washington State University.  
Mr. Jas. Watson, manager of the N. A. T. & C. Co.'s coal mines, returned on the White Pass stage Saturday from a six weeks trip to the States. He left this morning for the mines to make preparations for the summer's work.

The Latest Combine

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 24.—A \$10,000,000 combine of emery wheel manufacturers is being planned. Twenty large concerns in different parts of the country have been asked to join. A meeting of the promoters will be held in New York on January 29th.

Hotel Destroyed

Rockport, Mass., Jan. 24.—Fire today destroyed the Pigeon Cove hotel, a summer house of 200 rooms, and the residence of Postmaster Andrews and several other residents were damaged. The loss, \$33,000, is partly covered by insurance.

Fire Caused Panic

New York, Jan. 23.—Three women were killed during a panic caused by a fire in a cigar factory adjoining a tenement house. A number of persons were severely injured.

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**Railway Collision**  
Omaha, Neb., Jan. 24.—The first section of a Union Pacific passenger train, westbound, which left here at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon for Denver, ran into a freight at Gothenburg last night. Fremont P. L. Dobson, of the freight train, was killed. The other trainmen escaped by jumping. The officials say no passengers were seriously hurt, although several received minor injuries. Both trains were totally wrecked.

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