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THE WEEKLY COLONIST.

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Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist Oct. 17.

Personal.

Mr. J. J. Alexander, of Eagle Pass, and Mrs. L. Johns, of Burrard Inlet, and Mr. Tifin, of Fort Moody, were passengers by the Western Slope yesterday.

Mr. J. Wirley, commissioner of the Mt. Sicker company, returned to Victoria via the Northern Pacific.

Mr. George B. Martin, M. P. P., and Mr. James McIntosh of Kamloops, will return home on Monday.

Sheriff T. E. Jones, of Montana, is at the Oriental.

Among the passengers by the Yosemite yesterday were Mr. W. Wilson and Mrs. G. Leiser.

Sculling Championship.

Beyond doubt a large number of our people will be present at Esquimalt this afternoon to witness the race for the sculling championship of British Columbia between Paine (the present champion) and James Sealey in whom great confidence is exhibited on the part of many who remember that he has a new boat, and has obtained considerable experience in aquatic matters during his late travels. The chances as mentioned yesterday, will be: Sealey, black and white; and Paine, blue and white. Mr. J. B. Harrison will act as judge; Mr. Briggs as starter and referee. The Queen City band will commence playing several selections at 2:30 p. m. at Frank Campbell's corner, and at 3 o'clock will march from there to the steamer Yosemite which will convey the excursionists to the scene. The fare for the round trip has been placed at 50 cents.

Marine.

The government steamer Sir James Douglas will sail for Cape Beale on Sunday morning.

Steamer Alexander left last night for Departure bay with the ship Belvidere.

Steamer Princess Louise will be hauled off Cook's ways next Tuesday.

Bark Staghound, from Portland, March 10th, for Queenstown, is believed to have foundered off Cape Horn.

Steamer Skidegate, with a cargo of oil from Queen Charlotte Islands, arrived yesterday.

[BY TELEGRAPH]

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—Steamer State of California, from Portland, arrived at San Francisco yesterday morning.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—The fog whistle at Cape Flattery, W. T., will be stopped for repairs for a period of eight days, commencing from this date.

Sailed—Bark Cassandra Adams, Nanaimo.

GOING TO THE FARMING.—Mr. J. J. Russell, the hack proprietor, has purchased the Strawberry Vale farm at the head of Victoria arm for $15,000. Mr. Russell, it is said, intends to retire from the hack business and devote his attention to bucolic pursuits.

BITTEN BY A DOG.—A son of Mr. Isaac Johns, customs collector at Burrard Inlet, was brought down yesterday for surgical treatment. The little fellow was bitten on the arm by a dog some time ago, and he wound has never healed.

HISTORICAL RECORD.

The Rise and Fall of Theatres in Victoria

From 1858 to 1885.

Mr. Belgrave, agent for the Grace Haythorne company, has compiled an interesting history of theatrical ventures in this city since 1858, which we take the liberty of transferring to these columns. It will be found interesting at this time to indulge in an historical retrospect in the rise and fall of the various places of dramatic entertainment in this fair city during the past twenty seven years. The elegant structure which has risen on an eligible site in the heart of Victoria marks a new and important epoch in the history of the drama. Memories will be awakened and early appreciation of the abiding confidence which those who have been instrumental in their erection entertain in the future prosperity of Victoria, the premier city of the British Pacific. The contrast between this and every preceding effort (however laudable) to furnish to Victorians a handsome and costly piece of amusement—one to which they might point in a spirit of pardonable pride, is so marked that comparisons would indeed be odious, and we refrain from making them.

The first theatre that Victoria rejoiced in was located in the upper flat of a large wooden building called "The Star and Garter Hotel," which stood on the ground now occupied by the Masonic Hall on Government street. It seated about 200 persons. In 1859 an old block house structure, still standing on Reid's wharf, built by the Hudson Bay Company for storehouse for salmon, was converted into a ball room, and two or three dramatic entertainments were afterwards given there by officers of H. M. fleet then stationed at Esquimalt. During the same year "The Colonial Theatre," afterwards "The Lyceum," was erected on Government street, where the Victoria House now stands. A hall in the Royal Hotel, Wharf street, now Earle & Drummler's spice factory, was the next candidate for popular favor. Then came "Concert Hall," (for "The Opinion," Wharf street, and "The New Era," in the basement of Lawrence Goodacre's building at the corner of Government and Johnson streets. About this time the palisades within which had been erected the Hudson Bay company's warehouses, the governor's residence, and other early buildings, were removed, and the property divided into lots and sold. Sir H. H. Bugbie was a purchaser at this sale, having conceived the idea of converting one of the large stores into a theatre. The idea was afterwards carried into effect, and the converted building was for many years known as "Theatre Royal." It seated about 500 persons, and was long the pride and admiration of the early townspeople. As years rolled along the structure fell into a state of decrepitude that was painful to behold. In October, 1882, the old building which in its day had echoed the deep tragic tones of Charles Kean, the gentle voice of Julia Dean Hayne, and the "smirks and grimaces" of John Wood, was demolished to make room for The Colonist building. Since the demolition of "Theatre Royal" the muses and Thespis have worshipped at her shrine in the Philharmonic Hall. Creditable as that place would have been a few years ago it was long felt that it did not keep pace with the requirements of the age or worthily represent the important position which the city of Victoria is about to take in the commerce of the world as the western terminus of the Canadian Pacific railway. But it was many months before the project for a new theatre took shape. Like all great schemes it needed to be agitated and discussed from every standpoint, the least of which, it should be said in justice to the gentlemen who subsequently subscribed to the shares of the company, was the consideration of profit. A preliminary meeting was held at the Driard House on the 9th August, 1884, Mr. D. W. Higgins in the chair, and Mr. J. J. Austin acting as secretary. It was then resolved to organize a theatre company, with a capital of $50,000, in shares of $500 each. On the 22nd September the first shareholders' meeting was held and the following permanent directors and officers chosen: R. Dunsmuir, Esq., M. P. P., chairman; the Hon. Hugh Nelson, R. P. Rithet, Esq., J. Piddington, Esq., J. Katz, Esq., G. Strouse, Esq.

Solicitors—Messrs. Davie & Wilson.

Secretary and Treasurer—John J. Austin.

On the 10th of November the plans submitted by E. C. Appony, Esq., were approved of. The corner stone of the edifice was laid by the president, R. Dunsmuir, Esq., M. P. P., assisted by His Worship Mayor Rithet, and the board of directors, on the 31st of March, 1885. After that date the work steadily progressed until the evening of opening on the 10th inst., when it was formerly dedicated to the drama. Victoria has reason to be proud of this, one of the most beautiful structures on the Pacific Coast, to which every person who has been interested in its construction, even in the humblest capacity, may point with a feeling of satisfaction.

In conclusion, dear friends, we bespeak for the company, of which we have the honor to be members, your generous patronage and countenance. Respectfully,

THE GRACE HAYTHORNE CO.

THE EXCELLENCY AND CAPT. DEVEREUX.—Apropos of the vicious little paragraph that is going the round of the local press, which is said to be substance of an interview Captain Devereux of the government steamer with Lord Lansdowne, the paragraph asserts that Captain Devereux desired to hurry his excellency away from Port Moody and that the gallant captain was thoroughly severely snubbed. So far from Captain Devereux desiring to hasten the departure of his excellency, we have it on the best authority that he lent the Moodyites the vessel's flags with which to decorate and assisted them in every possible way to give a proper reception to the governor general. The paragraph must have come under his excellency's notice, for on taking leave of Captain Devereux and his staunch little craft on Wednesday Lord Lansdowne presented the captain with a handsome diamond horseshoe shaped scarf pin.

DEATH.—Mr. James R. Crosson, an old resident in the province, and who for many years has carried on a general clothing business on Yates street, died suddenly on Thursday night. He was a native of Ireland, which country he left for America at an early age, since which the principal part of his life has been passed in Victoria and vicinity. For several months he had not been well, but nothing serious was apprehended until nearly the last moment when Dr. Dearden, who was summoned, found the deceased to be labouring from taboes of the stomach. He was 56 years of age, and is respected and leaves a wife and two daughters. The funeral will take place to-morrow from his late residence at 2 p. m., and from St. Andrew's church half an hour later.

EXTRA PRIZES.—The sheriff of Montana arrived yesterday with papers in the extradition of Morgan, held for murder. Application will be made at supreme court on Monday next, when depositions of witnesses will be read.

What Some People Say

That the talented actress Grace Haythorne, has been playing to packed houses all along her route, and no exception will be there. Her first appearance will be "Camille."

That a meeting of dissatisfied electors will be held at Tremont school house, Fraser river, on Saturday, Oct. 24, at one o'clock.

That the Standard man has evidently not yet forgotten a certain theatrical experience of his. It will be remembered that being unable to gain free admission he was, in company with some small boys, viewing a show at the Philharmonic through an open window, when he slipped off the shingles of the Pavilion roof and fell between that building and the Philharmonic, a distance of which he felt that night in more than one sense, still survives.

That Dr. J. E. C. Phillips, one of the physicians attached to the Howard sanitarium at East Portland, has run off, leaving his wife and children destitute, after advising his wife to marry some one else.

That the Guardian speaks of 550,000 salmon eggs as having been deposited in the fish hatchery, while the Columbian computes the number at about 1,000,000. This trifling discrepancy between the two estimates could be best decided by getting the editors of the two papers to count the eggs one by one. New Westminster has always associated with those who were good at "figures."

That that the republicans have carried October before last in Oregon.

That a printer hired a lithographer in Portland to produce certificates of First National Bank, Albany, Oregon, and one of them raised $3500 and decamped.

That the boycotting of Mrs. Norman O'Connell is over, and her tenants now pay their rents.

That the French and Madagascans are fighting again.

That it is reported the Czar replied to the Bulgarian deputation that Russia's relations with Bulgaria had not changed; that Russia assented to the union, but objected to the method by which it was intended to protect Bulgaria from the dangers besetting her.

That Greece is arming for the fray and the other powers scold her for her conduct.

That Mayor Bartlett of San Francisco has signed and sent to the supervisors the anti-hogging order passed by the board of supervisors a few weeks ago. It is an order that no person shall pay $100 or $50 for hogging exhibitions, and provides that they shall then be given only under permission of the chief of police.

That the fleet is said to have a capacity to pump 200 times its own length. American lumber officials now residing in Canada, have offered to wager that we have forgotten the distance from Montreal to Ottawa.

That the Tennessee city of Chattanooga has elected a republican mayor and council.

That a distinguished Chinaman has arrived at Seattle to watch the trials of the Sonak murderers.

That a deposit covering several acres of crystalized red ammonia has been found in one of the counties of California. It is worth $400 a ton.

That there are 100,000 practicing physicians in the United States, 75 per cent of whom carry and dispense, in whole or in part, their own remedies.

That an ordinary hen's egg weighs from 1½ to 2 ounces; a duck's, 2 to 3 ounces; a turkey's, 3 to 4 ounces, while that of a goose weighs from 4 to 6 ounces.

That an editor 91 years old attributes the prolongation of his life to the fact that he never expected to please every body and never tried to.

That at a dinner of shoemakers the following toast was given: "May we have all the women in the country to shoe and all the men to boot."

That a man should never doubt the possibility of getting a quart into a pint flask, when he has seen his wife put a size No. 6 foot into a No. 4 shoe.

That every one is sorry to see the Times and Standard seizing on the personal peculiarities and infirmities of ministers as an excuse for an attack. Small business, gentlemen.

That "Where is the girl of long ago" sings a would-be poet. We saw her last other day. But she isn't a girl any more. She had gray hair and a wooden leg, and had no teeth, and wore specs.

That an honest workman the other day remarked that he often heard of the mighty power of steam, but he never realized the full force of the expression until he had stayed at home one washing day.

That an English traveler in looking over some American town names, came across the well known ones of Farmpot, Shetucket and Nantucket. "Ha! ha!" he exclaimed, "I'm blessed if the whole family did not take it."

County Court.

(Before His Honor M. B. Begbie, C. J.)

FRIDAY, Oct. 16.

Findlay and others vs. Birrell et al.—This was a continuation of a motion to add the name of J. Boscowitz as a party to the suit and to restrain the sale of the plant of a cannery advertised to take place on the 20th inst., certain of the goods advertised being claimed by plaintiffs as belonging to them as part and parcel of the plant of the Naas river fishery, and removed to the Victoria packing company.

His lordship made an order restraining the sale advertised to take place "in condition the plaintiffs gave security for the amount of Boscowitz's claim.

Messrs. T. Davie and H. Helmcken (Drake, Jackson & Helmcken), for plaintiffs. Mr. Richards, Q. C., and Mr. Hett for defendants.

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Queen Charlotte Islands Exploration.

Councillor W. A. R. Bertram, and Mr. James Shields have returned from a long and careful exploration of Queen Charlotte Islands. They give a glowing account of the islands and their adaptability for farming, lumbering, mining and fishing. Mr. Robertson thinks that a population of one million souls could be supported on these islands. They found tracts of fine farming and timber lands, indications of coal and signs of mineral wealth. The report will be submitted to the government.

BEES, OH!—The horses attached to Peters' Empire brewery wagon ran down Yates street yesterday morning and turned into Government, where it was upset, and the beer spilled on the ground. No other vehicles were injured and the damage will be about $25.

THE VICTORIA.

Grand Opening of the New Theatre.

ONE THOUSAND PERSONS IN A TENDANCE.

Brilliant Success of the Pirates.

Speeches of the President and the Company and the Mayor.

The auspicious event, one that has been looked forward to with great anticipation, that of the opening of the new theatre by the amateur company with Arthur Sullivan's comic opera, "The Pirates of Penzance" came off last evening. Hitherto lovers of the drama and opera have had to witness the art in buildings inadequate and lacking in almost every equipment necessary for the proper rendering of a play, but early last evening the wealth, youth and beauty of Victoria began to rapidly assemble at the beautiful new theatre that we have previously fully described.

Illuminated by the brilliant sunlights the lovely appearance of the theatre was enhanced and its many beauties of structure and adornment made more apparent. Every seat in the parquette and dress circle, and many in the gallery and pit had been secured early in the week. At eight o'clock a brilliant throng of ladies and gentlemen filled the entire space. The ladies in their many lovely and contrasting costumes and pretty faces in contrast with the sombre attire of the sterner sex formed a bright and charming picture. Shortly after eight every available seat was occupied, and fully 1000 of Victoria's citizens were gathered within the walls. The first part of the proceedings, was the formal opening of the theatre. The curtain was rung up and seated on the stage were Mr. Robert Dinsmuir, M. P., president of the company, Mr. R. P. Rithet, mayor, and Messrs. J. Katz, T. Redon and Carl Strouse, directors, and J. Austin, secretary.

FORMAL OPENING.

Mr. Dunsmuir in a few well chosen remarks, referred to the fact that the theatre was a long-felt want, and all present would no doubt be delighted at the satisfactoriness of the new "Bijou" before had such a handsome and unique period graced a theatre. (Applause.) Had he not taken such a prominent part in forwarding the building, he would be unstinted in its praise, but he would instead leave the audience to judge of the merits of the new theatre. (Applause.) (Cheers.) Great credit was due the architect, and he would congratulate the mayor on having the privilege of opening so splendid a place of amusement. (Applause.)

Mr. Rithet, on being forward, said it did give him infinite pleasure on behalf of the citizens of Victoria to open this new and lovely theatre. The thanks of the city were due the gentlemen who had provided them with a building that was both a pleasure and a credit to the city. (Cheers.) They had furnished a building of which the citizens would feel proud, and its magnificent proportions and elegance of finish were a monument to the energy of the directorate and the skill of the architect. (Cheers.) He had a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction on behalf of the citizens of Victoria in declaring the theatre formally opened. (Loud Cheering.)

THE SCENERY, ETC.

The unveiling of the lovely drop curtain was received with an universal burst of admiring applause. The life like picture with the proverbial lake and castle in the background and Clarice Mitchell's sweet as a flower standing in the foreground was a triumph of art. The scenery displayed last evening was also of the highest order, and drew forth the highest encomiums from all present.

A prologue had been composed for the occasion by Mr. J. McB. Smith, which Mr. J. Stuart Yates, coming to the front of the curtain, in good voice and fellowship recited.

PROLOGUE.

The structure by united vertical sheets
A work of credit to our city and its streets
And to the builder we accord this will as
A tribute to his architectural skill
We have not sought to gild the lily nor to add
The gems of beauty which his brush supplies
Give kindly to him but universal praise
Nor more their praise than public justice was
Due to those who first devised the scheme
Whose liberal aid toward the work now viewed
Insists with praise the public gratitude
The whole complete, our city now can claim
A temple worthy to adorn the name
Of Art, by one which we thought premature
A bolder signate to adorn its walls
This stage, this hall, the gradual curtain away
New charms extends to lovers of the play,
Down roused is art of drivelling idiocy
The gentleman of the opening comedy,
The prima donna, with inspiring song
The jovial patter, or pathetic wrong
We hail with pleasure to Victoria's stage
And greet them with deserving plaudits
We must have brilliant scenes to please the pit,
But local talent takes the play to night
To whom with pride we yield the boards of right
To endeavor the stage and decorate hall
Unto the Muse, that from Parnassus heights
Presides with smiles, and yonder Thespis taught
This noble fane, on which, through merits may
Be lavished, the wealth of Victoria's sons
Such grand array behind this curtain has
When you may take the audience by surprise
Not only in the scenery and the gorgeous dress
The PIRATES OF PENZANCE will meet your eyes
Some little fun, such as we think will please
Vivacious the title, though in sense the plot
To crown the beauty, youthful smile appear
Victoria's fairest, with the choicest lore
Where presence here to hold at least count
Commends their action, and invites their applause
We have not sought to gild the lily nor to add
That hath that we hail with pride our amateurs
I see, the talented wife of Arthur Sullivan
The opening scene, let now the curtain rise,
And one and all their plaudits proudly share
The success achieved by the Victoria Player.

"THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE"

has never been presented here before by amateurs, and there was much trepidation as to the manner in which the lady and gentleman amateurs would produce the piece. They had been faithfully rehearsing the opera for the past four months under Prof. Fredler's able leadership and a fine orchestral accompaniment. The following is the cast, with the names of ladies and gentlemen of the chorus added:

Conductor	PROF. F. FRIEDLER
Major General	MR. R. WOOTTON
Sergeant of Police	PROF. LINTOTT

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.

Frederic (apprentice pirate)	MR. E. WHITE
Samuel (his lieutenant)	MR. R. WOOTTON
Sergeant of Police	MR. F. LINTOTT
Edward, Henry, Frank, Arthur, Herbert, Ruth (a maiden of a certain age)	MRS. C. LEONARD
Mabel, Edith, Kate, Clarice, Isabel, Marian (daughters of Major General)	MISS A. WEST
Mabel (the fair daughter of the Major General)	MISS CLARICE MITCHELL
Kate (a pirate)	MISS FOLEY
Edith (a maiden of a certain age)	MRS. HAYTHORNE

CHORUS.

Pirates—Messrs. A. J. Johnston, Miller, J. S. Yates, J. Yates, J. Crimble, R. B. Maitland, A. Gray, G. Langley, J. Dicomel, G. Hume, and Morris.

Policemen—Messrs. W. R. Higgins, R. Hamer, W. Hunt, F. S. Cook, H. Woolton, A. Langley, Lindsay and J. Sims.

The chorusses were composed of the best musicians of the city, who had also subjected themselves to careful training, which was apparent in their correct time and tune. Their names we were unable to procure last evening.

The orchestra played a pleasing overture, a medley of the music of the opera, after which they gave "God Save the Queen," the audience all rising to their feet. The curtain was then rung up on the

FIRST ACT,

the opening chorus of the pirates being full and resonant, the voices keeping correct time. The air-solo of Ruth (Mrs. G. Alex. Weir) Frederic was a Little Bad," was well received and was an able effort, this lady possessing a strong, well-cultivated and sympathetic voice. She was rendered a number of handsome bouquets. The pirate king's (Mr. R. C. Prior) song, "Better far to live and die," was given in magnificent voice and was loudly applauded. His elocution was also clever and well modulated. Frederic (Mr. White) has a rich, clear tenor, and in his parts in the duet with Ruth sang in good voice and with excellent elocution. When the major general's daughters entered the stage they were greeted with loud, welcoming applause, and surely a lovelier bevy never appeared before the footlights. They were dressed in white, pink and light blue costumes, and looked bewitching. The vocalists were correct in time and spirit in the choruses, and the solos of Mrs. West and Miss Cameron were prettily given. Frederic's song, "Oh, is there not one maiden breast," etc., was loudly encored. On Mabel's (Miss Hesthield) Trina duetto of the evening entrance she was generously received, and in her solo, "Poor Wandering One," showed a very sweet voice of great compass and sweetness, taking the high staccato notes correctly and easily. She was perfectly at ease, and at the conclusion of the song was rapturously encored and presented with a number of lovely bouquets.

The chief chorus of the pirates to seize the defenseless maidens a most picturesque tableau was formed to the contrasting dress. The choruses here were rich in volume and correct in tune, while the solos were prettily rendered.

Mr. C. Lombard as "Major General Stanley," clearly rated the character, while his fine tenor voice was very pleasing in the many difficult parts given to him. The chorus in the latter part of the first act also were splendid, their efforts being greeted with marked favor. The maidens then sang down on the sea amid showers of applause from the delighted audience.

SECOND MINUTE.

Between the first and second acts was introduced a very entertaining and pretty addition, that of the dancing of an old-fashioned English minuet by sixteen little girls dressed in lovely suits as Watteau, and divided into two sets of four each. The girls were attired in very pretty dresses of contrasting colors, stockings, shoes and hair, while the boys also wore contrasting costumes, knee-breeches, pointy coats, stockings and shoes, with buckles and wigs. The minuet was beautifully danced by the six sets under the superintendence of Mrs. W. Chudley, who also chose the lovely costumes worn, which were made by Mrs. Pierce, Douglas street. The following are the names and colors of the sets:

Blue and Pink	Miss Henderson
	Master Dick Helmcken
Cardinal and Gold	Miss White
	Master Gordon Hunter
Peacock Green and Cream	Miss Gaudin
	Master Harry Gaudin
Dove and Scarlet	Miss Harrison
	Master Harrison

The little girls were exceedingly pretty in their artistic and harmonizing costuming, and danced to a stately and slow music, forming and marching, dividing circling into groups, bowing quaintly, gracefully and demurely. It was indeed a lovely scene, while they kept time in their movements to the slow musical cadences. The audience remained breathlessly quiet until the graceful action of the little dames compelled a burst of applause to break forth, and on their departure a rapturous encore was given, which was responded to, at the conclusion of which the little ones were presented with a bouquet of flowers, which they gracefully acknowledged by courtesying, by bowing to the audience. The innovation was an exceedingly acceptable one, and the little ones all deserve praise for their pretty and correct movements, showing, also that they had been most carefully trained by Mrs. Chudley.

After another fine operatic selection by the orchestra the curtain was rung up on

THE SECOND ACT,

which opened on a lovely scene, the major general's daughters surrounding him in the garden, comforting him. The famous police songs, sung with batons, here enter, headed by their sergeant (H. Kent), the latter, with his rich bass, singing the solos, responded to the squad with the chorus effect. They are well gotten up, and look as solid a set of "cops" as ever dodged down an alleyway when they saw a fight. Mr. Kent's acting was equal to his singing, and he and his squad were generously received by the audience. They certainly deserved it, for solo and chorus were alike faultless. The scene between Fred, Ruth and the king was a really clever piece of acting, the robes of each and the blending of their voices in concert being sweet and in perfect accord. The duet between Mabel and Fred is good, while the solo "Ah Leave me not Here," is sweetly and charmingly rendered by the former, who all through the piece has been liberally applauded, and presented with numerous bouquets. Fred's tenor solo is of similar worth.

The policemen's solo and chorus, "A policeman's lot is not a happy one," were for Mr. Kent and his squad new honors, the voices being perfectly trained. A couple of local hits were very happy and created considerable amusement.

The policemen, pirates, major-general and daughters in the night garden scene are most effective, the young ladies in *robes de nuit* looking charming, and the struggle but seem them all form a brilliant picture. This was the last scene in the opera, and, as previously, soloists and chorus did ample justice to their varied parts.

"God Save the Queen" was sung by the full company, the final curtain rung down, and the large audience in a few minutes had deserted the theatre, acknowledging that the amateurs had made a decided success.

"The Pirates" was well put on in every way, the scenery of course adding greatly to the effect, while everything connected with it moved smoothly, the ladies and gentlemen being well up in their lines, and not the slightest hitch occurred.

Prof. Fleetner in deserving of the greatest praise for the masterly way in which he has schooled the singers in their solos and choruses, they exhibiting in a high degree the correct and careful training that had been given them. The orchestra was also perfect in their accompaniments and solos, and added greatly to the success of the piece. In fact, everyone connected with the production of the opera is to be commended.

There will be a matinee this afternoon and another performance in the evening.

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Municipal Police Court.

(Before E. Johnson, Esq., S. M.)

W. Cumyow, appeared yesterday afternoon in answer to his bail, charged, under information laid by Mr. E. M. Johnson, with intent to defraud.

Mr Johnson wished to reserve the right of supplementing the evidence for the prosecution. This was allowed in the case of one witness, Ling Sam.

Mr. T. Davie called, for the defence, Dong Tai, a representative of the firm of Tai Soong & Co., who deposed that he did not know of his own knowledge who were the members of the firm of the King Tye company. He had had certain information from Wong Sue Chu.

The question "What was that information" objected to by Mr. E. M. Johnson. Objection allowed.

Witness (continuing)—I never contemplated becoming a member of the firm of King Tye company. On one occasion I remember going to the Bank of British Columbia with Cumyow. I told Mr. Ward that Cumyow was going to be employed as manager, but did not tell him he was going to have a small interest in the business. I had no intention of being interested and cannot see how my name got into it. I never paid a portion of the costs of the lease.

To Mr. E. M. Johnson—Lung Lam, Tee Kan, Wong Sue Chu are partners in the business, though I am not quite sure. The latter is the resident partner. I have never known Cumyow to act as a partner in the firm.

W. C. Ward, manager Bank of British Columbia, remembered last witness and Cumyow coming to the bank about the time of the establishment of the King Tye company. The visit was to inform him that Cumyow would have the management of the affair, and that Dong Tai, in company with several others, was establishing the business. Cumyow might have been the proprietor for all he knew. "I know from dozens of transactions that he carried on business of the firm; I have never seen any other strokes of partnership."

Lung Lam, who was next called, stated the names of the partners in the firm as being the same as those mentioned by Dong Tai, and that no one else that he knew of had any interest therein.

His Honor—That is a very satisfactory witness.

Mr. Davie—He knows a lot, doesn't he?

His Honor—What he says is to the point.

The evidence for the prosecution having been read over, the magistrate asked Cumyow if he had anything to say to the charge. Prisoner, under advice of his counsel, replied nothing but what he had said at the last examination.

His Honor—The impression on my mind is that Cumyow was manager, though I do not think it has been proved that he was a partner in the business, but he evidently had such powers that many intelligent gentlemen interested that he had some such interest, still that is only an impression. In this case he signed the name of the King Tye company, but did not at that time obtain any money, having given a promissory note. He seems to have signed the name in order to pacify those who were pressing him for payment. Whether that can be construed into an intent to defraud is a matter that will be left to the supreme court. It is a case which it would be much better to have settled by a higher court, and therefore I think the proper course would be to bind Cumyow over in a small sum to appear at the next assizes and answer to whatever may be brought against him. I fix the amount at $250 (which can be divided amongst the three previous sureties), and himself in the sum of $500.

Mr. E. M. Johnson—I think your honor is treating this matter very lightly. Now, writing the name of someone else on a blank sheet of paper is forgery, and in this case—

His Honor—I wish you would sit down, Mr. Johnson. I do not think you are treating the court with respect. I am sending this case for trial and I do not think you have any right to make such observations.

The necessary surety was furnished by Mr. Wood, Mr. Comox and Lee Kung, and the court adjourned.

St. Andrew's Church.

At a special meeting of the managers held last evening, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, We the managers of St. Andrews church, deeply regret the publication of a paragraph referring to the action of this board which appeared in *The Colonist* newspaper on the 14th inst., the announcement therein contained being premature and unauthorized, and calculated to unnecessarily wound the feelings of the parties concerned.

Yale Assizes.

YALE, Oct. 16.—At the Yale assizes today before Hon. Mr. Justice McCreight, J. Hoyle, charged with stealing a watch, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the penitentiary. Mr. Bole appeared for the prisoner.

Regina vs. Lanson, the cowboy case, was postponed till next assizes, Mr. Bole appearing for the prisoner. There being no other cases the court adjourned.

She Grows Longer.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Oct. 5.—Mrs. Bulls, who is undergoing a remarkable fast here, completed her fifty-sixth day without food to-day. This morning she swallowed half a teaspoonful of liquor. Prayers were said over the woman to-day. A strange feature of the case is that the woman has stretched several inches in length since her fast began. She is growing weaker and recognizes no one but her daughter.

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The Weather.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—8 p.m.—Indications for succeeding thirty-two hours: North Pacific—Fair weather; light to fresh winds, generally northerly.

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CABLE NEWS.

SERVIA.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—The Servians sued the Bulgarian frontier near Orkhanie. They are advancing toward Sofia and are now near Dragoman Pass. King Milan is in command, and a panic prevails at Sofia. Four battalions of infantry have gone to defend Dragoman Pass. They have with them only two batteries of small field guns. There is no Bulgarian heavy artillery nearer to the scene of disturbance than that at Sistova and Rustchuk. It is expected that Sofia will be captured by a *coup de main*. Austria has warned King Milan that whatever is the issue of the present trouble it will be useless for him to expect support from Austria.

The railway companies in Austria and Hungary and the Danube Navigation Co. have been notified to prepare for the transportation of troops and munitions of war.

AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, Oct. 16.—A correspondent of the Times says the triple alliance has agreed to advise the porte to invite the powers to a formal conference on the Balkan troubles.

ENGLAND.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—Mr. Gladstone, in a letter to M. Gueschoff, says he hopes that the Bulgarian union will be a real one, but adds that he is unable to recognize their right to make such an invasion as they contemplate.

Cardinal Newman in an address to-day said that the Protestant Church of England is the great bulwark of this country against atheism. He said he wished all success to those defending the church and that he and his friends would join in defending it. Cardinal Newman's remarks are important in connection with the forthcoming election for members of parliament.

MONTENEGRO.

CATTARO, Oct. 16.—The Montenegrin army has been supplied with ammunition and is in readiness for service.

A report has been received by the secretary of state from Consul Charles Seymour, at Canton, China, enclosing pamphlets issued by Shanghai and Hankow commissioners, describing the persecution of Christians in China. Mr. Seymour says the material in the pamphlets is from American, English and German missionaries, and is published with the purpose of disseminating information that may lead to better provision being made by the western powers for protecting the native Christians from persecution in China. "The subject," he concludes, "is one of importance, and although such persecution is clearly forbidden by treaty stipulation, there is no redress or collecting information obtained by its violation. I have tried to avoid troubling the department with the details of many cases of trouble in which missionaries from the United States and Europe and native converts and converts are involved in this most turbulent consular district, but I have labored faithfully and somewhat successfully in getting difficulties adjusted as fairly and quietly as possible. The persecution of which the missionaries complain comprises robbery of property, the destruction of chapels, beating, blackmailing, and torturing of native Christians, often with the encouragement of the local authorities, and the refusal of the authorities to punish offenders, protect Christians or take measures to seek restitution. It is not intended to leave the impression that the Chinese authorities have in every case been willing to deal unjustly with the native Christians; on the contrary, not infrequently aid by local officials in suppressing outbreaks is heartily given."

MEXICO.

CITY OF MEXICO, Oct. 16.—The president has granted full pardon to all political prisoners, except Editor Obieval, of the Monitor Republicano, and Editor Carillo Correo del Lunes. The prisoners pardoned include a number of newspaper editors and students. This action is hailed with great satisfaction by the people. Mexican newspapers are now cordially supporting the administration and the h