

AMATEUR OPERA CO.

Preparing for "Pirates of Penzance"

Three Performances of the Opera Will be Given—Rehearsals Progressing.

The opera "Pirates of Penzance" which is to be produced by the Dawson Amateur Opera Company about the middle of February will be one of the best productions yet essayed by the organization.

The cast for the coming attraction is as follows:

Major-General Stanley—C. W. McPherson.

Richard, Pirate King—H. D. Hulme.

Samuel, his lieutenant—A. M. Thornburn.

Frederick, apprenticed to the pirates—R. L. Cowan.

Edward, sergeant of police—George Craig.

Ruth, piratical maid of all work—Mrs. P. Mollen.

Edith—Mrs. W. S. Herbert; Kate—Mrs. Matteson; Isabel—Mrs. J. Langlois; Bell, daughters of Major-General Stanley.

Mabel, General Stanley's youngest daughter—Mrs. R. P. Ritchie.

The Pirates is a lighthearted affair, if the term may be pardoned, and therefore does not impose the strain upon either the cast or the choruses such as was involved in the Bohemian Girl.

The company are all enthusiastic over the production and Director Searelle promises to sustain the splendid record already made by the amateurs.

The exact dates for the performance have not yet been settled but announcement will be made in a very few days. The work of staging the opera has already begun and every attention will be given to the smallest details necessary to ensure a successful production.

RETURNS TO BOUCHER

Claim Owner Goes Back to Work

Has Great Hopes for the Future. Prospects Look Very Bright.

S. Le Blanc a miner and claim owner from Boucher who has been in Dawson for the past two weeks left yesterday to return to his claim.

Le Blanc was one of the first to find No. 45 below discovery. He has prospecting his ground to some extent and feels very hopeful of life outlook.

Boucher has already a considerable population and would have many more people if the roads were in shape so that grub could be transported easily and cheaply.

Within the last few days no less than 21 different parties, mostly French Canadians, have left Dawson for Boucher, where they will begin work immediately on arrival.

The creek will be thoroughly prospected this winter and before spring the facts as to its probable richness will be pretty thoroughly demonstrated. If the hopes of the miners now located on the creek are realized there will be a heavy demand for men and machinery during the coming summer.

The present spell of cold weather will give the miners an opportunity of getting down under the creek bed where it is believed the main pay lies.

Until within a few weeks ago they were unable to drift under the creek owing to the presence of water.

Charter is Asked

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 13.—Application has been made today at the state department for a charter for the Eastern Sureties Company which, it is said, is to be the vehicle for the consolidation of the anthracite coal interests of Pennsylvania. The application is made under a law passed by the legislature of 1901. The nominal capital is \$1,000.

Does Heavy Damage

La Crosse, Wis., Jan. 13.—Fire visited the business section of Onalaska, five miles north of this city today, and before the flames could be checked the general store of Thomas Thompson and the livery stables of G. F. Hartley, the city hall, Woodman Hall, Masonic Hall and two residences were gutted by flames. The loss will reach \$50,000.

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WHITAKER WRIGHT.

Cold Comfort for Investors in London & Globe.

The inspector-general's comments on Whitaker Wright's methods of finance in the management of the speculative London and Globe group of companies offer cold comfort for investors. He finds a deficit of about \$17,500,000 in winding up the companies and estimates that it will be \$37,500,000 if the vendors' shares are included. The practical moral drawn by business men is that company laws need drastic revision and that investors require safeguards against the dexterity of unscrupulous stock promoters and credulous, irresponsible directors.

The report of the inspector-general enforces this lesson indirectly when it estimates the losses from unsuccessful companies during the last ten years as exceeding \$2,600,000,000. Prolonged wars for the defence of the empire are cheap in comparison with losses of such magnitude from unsound methods of finance. Wars, however, some compensation in the revival of patriotism, whereas the only effect of reckless stock promotion, ending in barren liquidations without criminal prosecutions, of gamblers and ornamental directors, is a decline of commercial morality and the lowering of the standards of business life.

WILL PLAY PING PONG

Grand Tournament at Pioneer Hall

All the Crack Players in the City to Enter in Aid of St. Paul's Church.

The grand ping pong tournament is all settled and all the arrangements made, and the ladies of the St. Paul's Episcopal church, whose happy thought it was as a means of assisting to pay the debt on the edifice, are hopeful of reaping a goodly sum. The tournament is to take place next Thursday afternoon and evening in Pioneer hall. There will be four tables, and whether all the games will be single, or some of them double, has not yet been decided upon. The entrance fee for players is \$2, and the entries may be made with Mr. Elderton, with George White-Fraser, or with F. Stanley Long at the bank of B. N. A. Among the prominent players who will compete are Mrs. G. White-Fraser, Miss Miles, Mrs. Frank McDougal, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Crisp, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hulme, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davey, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. McLennan, Mr. and Mrs. Patullo, Messrs. McKinnon, H. M. Martin, Elderton, F. Stanley Long, R. H. and R. W. Cautley, H. E. A. Robertson, Barrett, F. J. Staepole, Barney Sugrue, Arthur Wilson, and many other skillful exponents of this fashionable and fascinating game.

JUDGMENT TODAY

Long Contested Eldorado Case at Length Decided.

The celebrated case of Cullen versus the Yukon Corporation, with reference to the boundary line of creek claim No. 40, Eldorado, and the hillside adjoining, is at length completed.

This case was started in the spring of 1900, and the judgment in the case was handed down in the territorial court this afternoon, by Mr. Justice Craig. He finds in favor of the creek claimant.

Coal Advancing

New York, Jan. 8.—The price of coal has been advanced to \$9.50 as a minimum, and some anthracite has been sold as high as \$12.50. A number of large dealers have consulted over the situation, and it is probable that a meeting will be held today to promulgate a schedule of retail prices. The independent operators met in this city and agreed not to sell coal at less than \$10 a ton to the dealers. The coal roads, it was said by some of the officials, would continue to sell at \$5 a ton.

Murder and Suicide

Mount Vernon, N.Y., Jan. 7.—Albert King, 35 years old, today entered the home of John Finlay, his former employer, and slashed the throat of Mr. Finlay's four-year-old daughter, Helen Maria, with a razor nearly severing the head from the body. The child died instantly. King then went into an adjoining room and killed himself with a revolver. The only person in the house at the time was a nurse with whom King was in love, and who had rejected his advances.

FOR SALE—Very cheap, interest in creek claim No. 143 below lower on Dominion. Inquire E. C. Stahl, this office.

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TORONTO'S NEWSPAPERS

Why Editor of the Globe Resigned

Willison and Flavell, Both Well-Known Editors, Purchase the Evening Post.

On November 28, The Toronto World contained the unexpected announcement that Mr. J. S. Willison had resigned the editorship of the Globe. Various reasons were adduced for the resignation, and for some days rumors were rife. At length, the official announcement was made that Mr. Willison, backed by Mr. C. W. Flavell, had purchased The Evening Post.

As soon as the needful changes can be made in the equipment of The News (probably this month), the new management will take hold of the paper. It is understood the business staff will be retained, and also a portion of the editorial staff. Mr. Smith, the editor, has resigned, but that may not mean anything. Mr. Willison will have as right-hand man Mr. A. H. U. Colquhoun, who has left The Mail and Empire. Mr. F. C. Hamilton, late of The Globe, will be an editorial writer. Mr. Boyle, also late of The Globe, will have charge of the commercial work on the paper. Further, it will be difficult as yet to state who will compose the staff. The policy of the paper will be independent. Meanwhile, The Globe is under the editorial control of Mr. John Lewis. On December 5, Mr. Willison was presented with a magnificent cabinet of sterling silver tableware by the combined staffs of The Globe.

John Stephen Willison, whose resignation from the editorship of The Toronto Globe has created such a sensation, was born at Hill's Green, Huron county, November 9, 1856. He was the son of Stephen Willison, an Englishman by birth, though of Scotch extraction. He was educated at the local schools, and then, for a time, engaged in mercantile pursuits. In November, 1882, he went on the staff of The London Advertiser, where he remained until September, 1883, when he accepted a position on The Toronto Globe. As a junior member of the staff, his contributions on current events and persons, under the signature "Observer," won him widespread recognition. For several sessions he was a member of the Parliamentary Press Gallery at Ottawa, and in 1890 was elected to its presidency. In July of the same year he became editor-in-chief of The Globe.

Arthur H. Urquhart Colquhoun, who succeeds Mr. Willison in the new venture, was born in Montreal on December 2, 1861. He was the son of Walter Colquhoun, a native of Dumfriesshire, Scotland. His education was secured at the Montreal High School and at McGill University, from which he graduated in 1885 with first-class honors in English literature and history, and with the Shakespeare gold medal. Meanwhile, he had joined The Montreal Star in 1881, becoming editor of the Weekly Star in 1883. In May, 1886, he joined the staff of The Ottawa Journal, and remained with that paper until December, 1887. Then he became a member of the editorial staff of The Toronto Empire. Four years later he was elevated to the position of chief editorial writer, a post which he held until The Empire was taken over by The Mail. In 1895 he entered the employ of The MacLean Publishing Company as editor of their monthly publications. This connection continued until May of the present year. During the fall he joined the staff of The Mail and Empire.

Finally Admitted

Washington, Jan. 12.—Kung Hsiang Hsi and Fei Chai Ho, the Chinese students, whose expulsion by the treasury department has excited the interest of the missionary world, have finally been admitted to the country.

The authorities at Buffalo have been notified by Commissioner of Immigration Sargent to allow the young men to enter that port, and they are now on their way to Oberlin college, Oberlin, Ohio, whither they were bound more than a year ago when they landed at San Francisco and found themselves barred by the immigration officials.

Kung and Fei were brought to this country by Miss Luella Miner, the missionary. During the siege of the legation at Peking, it is said they rendered valuable services to the foreigners.

May Go to New York

New York, Jan. 13.—If the Pennsylvania legislature refuses to repeal the act of 1899 which prohibits the erection of new hospital buildings in the built-up sections of the cities of the state, New York city will be substituted for Philadelphia as the location for the home of the new tuberculosis hospital, for which Henry W. Phipps has provided more than \$1,000,000, says a Philadelphia dispatch to the Herald.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Communications for publication in this column are invited upon all questions of public interest. Correspondents are requested to be as brief as possible and to sign their names, which will be withheld if desired.

Contains 308 Feet. January 28, 1902.

Editor Nugget—Dear Sir,—Will you kindly settle his argument in your next issue: A argues that in a load of wood measuring 16 feet long, 3½ feet top and bottom, 3½ feet high—there are 312 feet. B says there are 296 feet. Which is right and what is surest method of ascertaining measurement? Kindly oblige.

CONSTANT READER.
(The load contains 308 cubic feet of wood. The answer is obtained by multiplying 16 by 3½ and the resultant product by 3½.)

Ottawa Newspaper Men
The members of the staffs of the Ottawa papers propose to form a hockey league.

C. E. MacPherson, until recently editor of The Sioux Falls Press, is on the staff of The Citizen.

C. A. E. Askwith, erstwhile editor of The Brandon Sun, is on the editorial staff of The Free Press.

R. M. MacLeod, of The Citizen, has returned from a fairly successful hunting trip in the north country.

Frank Hazell, formerly of The Jones Engraving Co., Toronto, has accepted a position with The Citizen, as artist.

Fred Davy, of Port Hope, who served with "D" Battery in South Africa, is reporting for The Citizen.

Harvesting Machinery

Chicago, Jan. 7.—The Russian steamer Baron-Driesen has arrived and will load 5,000 tons of harvesting machinery for the Black Sea, to be used by the wheat growers of southern Russia, says a dispatch from New Orleans to the Chronicle. The machinery comes from Chicago factories. On January 1st freight rates on machinery were raised from 33 to 39 cents from Chicago to New Orleans. Three other big ships will sail during January, and February for Russian ports, loaded with machinery. In all \$2,500,000 worth of western machinery will be shipped in the four steamers.

Four Cents on Dollar

Oakville, Ont., Jan. 6.—A meeting of creditors of C. W. Anderson & Sons, private bank, was held here today when the assignee presented a statement showing the total liabilities \$156,988, with only assets sufficient after meeting charges to pay four cents on the dollar. The bank of Hamilton had secured control prior to the failure of almost all of the firm's assets to secure itself, and the customers' assignee stated that if the bank's claim could be successfully contested the customers would get 25 cents on the dollar.

Meat for Army

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—The department of agriculture received a cable this morning from the Imperial war office stating that tenders were to be called for the year's supply of fresh beef for the army in South Africa. The war office is desirous that the tender should be secured by someone within the empire, and has asked the Canadian government to advise them if it is likely any Canadian firms will compete. The matter will be attended to by the trade and commerce department.

Boxer in Custody

London, Jan. 8.—William J. Sullivan, the American boxer, better known as "Spide" Sullivan, and a companion named Charles Harris, were remanded at a police court today on the charge of attempting to pass "Bank of Engraving" notes. Sullivan was refused. Sullivan denied all knowledge of the notes and said he had only met Harris casually at a railway station, while waiting a train which he intended to take for training quarters.

Second Class Mail in

The Merchants' line steamer got in at seven o'clock last evening with 200 pounds of second class mail, 250 pounds of express and the following passengers: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mills, and Mrs. M. J. Hodgkin. The stage of the same company left today with "Political-Parson" McTear and a party of four of his friends.

Hanged for Murder

Camden, N. J., Jan. 7.—Paul Woodward was hanged at 10:45 o'clock this morning for the murder on October 1st last of John Coffin, aged 11, and Price Jenkins, aged 14. Their bodies were found in a wood near Haddon Heights, six miles from here, on October 4th.

Cause of Stage Fright

An expert claims that stage fright really comes from a disordered stomach. He argues from this fact that persons in Dawson contemplating appearance should be careful of their diet and always buy groceries of Dunham, where they are always sure of getting the purest and best.

SHOOTS AT BOY KING

Anarchist is Captured After a Struggle

He Boasts of His Deed and Expresses Sorrow That He Failed.

Madrid, Jan. 18.—An attempt to assassinate the young King Alfonso was made this evening, but the bullet sent at the little monarch, flew wide of the mark.

The assailant of the King was captured after a struggle by the civil guard. He gave the name of Jose Collado and is believed to be an anarchist.

He vainly gloriously boasted of his deed and cried: "I am only sorry I failed. Do with me now as you will."

Great crowds of cheering Spaniards had thronged the street to see Alfonso pass. He had been to church.



ALPHONSO OF SPAIN.

and most of the dignitaries of the kingdom shared in the enthusiasm. The royal procession was well on its way back to the palace and Alfonso was loyally in response to the shouts of loyalty from the dense throng when a shot was heard.

The King was seen to turn his head slightly and change color, but quickly recovered himself. A hush fell upon the multitude and at a moment there was a stunned silence. Then the anarchist Collado was seen brandishing his revolver. The next instant he was struck down.

Fighting fiercely the assassin was soon buried beneath a struggling mass of civil guards and citizens.

Soon Collado, bleeding from a shower of blows, was borne swiftly away followed by a great mob that was forced back with the greatest difficulty.

Excited shouts of "Kill him! kill him!" moved the loyal Spaniards to a fever of rage, but Collado was landed safely in prison, and a heavy guard was placed around to prevent his capture by the maddened populace. Meantime the king showed the blood of his face. He watched the tumult with composure and ordered the police to drive on. News of his escape had gone before him and all political disputes were forgotten in the general delirium of rejoicing.

Redoubled cheers greeted Alfonso everywhere as his royal carriage was driven rapidly to the palace. Once there the King was surrounded by the most eminent men in the kingdom and enfolded in the arms of his mother, Maria Theresa, of Austria.

When the would-be assassin was searched, in his pockets were found unmailed letters marked "Restricted" and addressed to President Roosevelt, King Edward, the Emperor of Germany and the President of the high court of Justice at Mexico, and also receipts for a number of registered letters and a visiting card of the Mayor of Madrid.

"She says that he is a man after her own heart."

"Then I suppose he will get it." Judge.

Send a copy of the Nugget's Christmas edition to your outside friends.

MAKES NEAT ESCAPE

Pittsburg, Jan. 13.—Aided by his affectionate wife, Frederick Taylor, the Allegheny youth who married his school teacher, made a sensational escape from a moving train that was conveying him to the Western Pennsylvania Reform School, in Morgantown, today.

Love, determination and the pocket-book of his wife enabled the broken-hearted boy to elude a half dozen officers, who pursued him after he leaped from the train near the Fourth avenue station.

Mrs. Taylor was accompanying her young champion, who was in charge of Parole Officer A. T. Permar, to the reformatory, where he was to have remained until he reached his twenty-first year.

The escape of young Taylor was one of the simplest and quickest on record. While the wife busily engaged the officer in conversation, she slipped her pocketbook, containing a snug sum, into the pocket of her boy husband, who is about 19 years old, and then whispered: "Run, get away quick."

The next instant the prisoner was running along the railroad tracks. It was some time before Officer Permar was aware of his charge's intentions, and when he attempted to follow him he found that the boy had eluded pursuit.

MEN OF THE DAY

General Aristides Fernandez, the Colombian minister of war, is a candidate for the presidency of that republic, and will probably win in the forthcoming elections. Upon assuming the ministry of war in December of last year he promised his political friends and supporters that the civil war would come to an end before twelve months. He has had the pleasure of showing his countrymen that his endeavors have been crowned with success, for on November 23 a peace treaty was signed by General Benjamin Herrera, representing the revolutionary party, and General Perdomo, representing the government forces, at Panama. From the time he took office General Fernandez has worked from fourteen to sixteen hours a day. He was the first minister of war who, during the long revolution, assumed the policy that to terminate the war stringent measures had to be taken. At the same time, he was lenient where political opponents offered submission. General Fernandez, upon the signing of the peace treaty, ordered free transit in the country both for Conservatives and Liberals, liberty for all political prisoners, re-establishment of mail and telegraphic service throughout the country without any restrictions to any political party.

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SPOTS IN JUPITER

A discovery of considerable importance in astronomical circles has recently been made, which is arousing much interest among astronomers. The planet Jupiter is the body upon which the discovery has been made. Several peculiar, pyramid-shaped spots have been observed on Jupiter, and the astronomers who have been watching them have observed that as they travel with great velocity towards the object known to astronomers as the Great Red Spot they disappear and reappear at the other side of the Great Red Spot. This seems to indicate that the Great Red Spot is elevated—something which was not known before.

At a meeting of the Toronto Astronomical Society the eminent astronomer, Mr. George E. LaSalle, F. R. A. S., read a paper in which he dealt with this new discovery, making an exceedingly lucid explanation. He was listened to with great interest by the large number present.

A trying pan becomes a chafing dish after it gets into society. Atchison, Kan., Globe.

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PREMIER RETURNS

Restored to Health and Again His Desk.

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Lady Laurier arrived last night. Sir Wilfrid was in the office early this morning and at work. A number of friends called on the premier to congratulate him on his restoration to health. Sir Wilfrid left at noon to call on Lord Dufferin.

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