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PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

"Shamus O'Brien" at the Grand.

Apart from the operettas of Gilbert & Sullivan no operatic work for many years has had such a brilliant success as "Shamus O'Brien," the romantic Irish opera, with music by Dr. C. Villiers Stanford, which Torontonians are to have the pleasure of hearing for the first time to-night. Its career throughout England, Ireland and Scotland was one continued success, and its reception in this country promises to be equally cordial, to judge from the warmth of praises bestowed upon it when produced at the Broadway Theatre, New York. The fact that this opera is to be given by the Duff Opera Company is in itself an assurance in advance of the quality of the artists engaged. A special effort has been made by Mr. Duff and Manager Sheppard to secure a really adequate orchestral accompaniment, so essential in the production of opera, and altogether to-night is likely to prove an eventful occasion in the operatic line.

"The Land of the Living."

"The Land of the Living," with its picturesque and accurate stage settings, its novel and realistic mechanical effects, and its pretty story of city and country life, will begin a week's engagement at the Toronto Opera House to-night. The piece is from the pen of the well-known English playwright, Frank Harvey, whose productions have always been so favorably received here. It will be presented with a new scenic outfit, and Miss Lillian Washburn will be seen in the character of Meg. During the week "bargain matinees" will be given on Tuesday and Thursday, and a special holiday performance on Christmas afternoon.

Princess Theatre.

Audiences shouting with laughter will be in evidence at the Princess Theatre this week, with the Cummings Stock Company's revival of the famous comedy, "Charley's Aunt." There is no more amusing or more popular comedy known to Toronto theatre-goers than "Charley's Aunt," which was first produced in Toronto at the Grand Opera House a few years ago at high prices. Mr. Cummings promises a production fully equal to the original, which made such a hit here. The comedy will be staged with new and appropriate scenery, and the company will be added to by the engagement of Miss Polly Stockwell, who is said to be a very capable and attractive young actress. "Charley's Aunt" is the best thing this company has yet offered, and it will undoubtedly prove a most pleasing holiday attraction.

The Bijou.

The Fransioli Sisters' Company, which opens at the Bijou this afternoon, come very highly recommended, as they have received nothing but praise wherever they have appeared, and are ably supported by a company of high-class artists. The character work of the Fransioli Sisters is said to be wonderfully clever and their songs catchy. Other artists equally as clever are the three Bartolls, sensational acrobats, who, according to reports, do some wonderful acrobatic work; Hugh and Hugh, the O'Dells, Frank Whitman and the Lorenzis, all contribute to make a very strong bill, and it will be safe to say that this little house will be crowded at every performance. Continuous performances will be given from 1.30 to 5, 7.30 to 11.

A Great Combination.

Strathclyde Camp, Sons of Scotland, annual concert and ball, at the Pavilion, to-morrow evening, should prove the event of the season for Scotia's sons. The program is excellent, and the artists are all high class, and should not fail to draw a large audience. The bayonet competition between Stewart and Wasson, the champions of the Highlanders' team to Britain, will be very exciting, and the many other attractive parts of the entertainment should prove a very strong drawing card to the public.

An All-Canadian Entertainment.

It is a long time since a match contest has created the interest in Toronto that the coming together of Private Stewart and Sergt. Major Morgans is doing. It is no mere sentimentality or admiration for one man over the other that is attracting attention, but the fact that the affair will be a test of skill between two of the greatest, if not actually the greatest, experts with the bayonet known to the civilised world. People have announced their intention of being present who seldom go to anything, but they wish to add their quota to swelling the Christmas box that the receipts will form for the two men. The public is also not unmindful that the united bands of the city can give as excellent a concert as any traveling aggregation, be it from Italy or the States—at least, that is the popular view of the case. Then Mr. Fred Warrington and Mr. Bert Harvey are capable of affording a much-enjoyable entertainment; and, in addition to all, Serg.-Major Morgans will perform a series of sword feats equal to any that the most skilful can execute. It is nothing remarkable under the circumstances that the box plan is rapidly filling up.

An Efficient Officer.

James Murray, bridge officer and customs official at Niagara Falls, has been suspended for alleged negligence in the examination of goods coming across the bridge. Mr. Murray has been a Government official for a great many years, and his suspension is the subject of general regret, as he was always considered a very painstaking and efficient officer.

Ingram Was Badly Bruised.

London, Ont., Dec. 18.—Robert A. Ingram, brakesman on the Grand Trunk, yesterday afternoon stepped off one trolley car and was caught on the other track by a car coming in the opposite direction. He jumped on the fender and was shoved some distance before it could be stopped. He received some bad cuts about the head and also had his kneecap injured and will be unable to resume work for some weeks.

J. W. Burns is a guest at the Arlington.

Alvin Peters, Toledo, is staying at the Walker.

A. G. Cunningham, London, Eng., who plays the title role in "Shamus O'Brien," is a guest at the Rossin.

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