



Society folk this week have done practically no entertaining on account of the operatic season which has taken up the time completely every evening. There were dress rehearsals Monday and Tuesday evenings and the four productions have occupied the remainder of the week. Many of the social leaders are taking part either as principals or in the chorus and it has been manifestly impossible to have a thought for anything else. That the presentation of the "Pirates" has been an immense success no one can gainsay; in fact many are of the opinion that the company has done better with it than with any of the others which now form a part of their repertoire. Certain it is that Director Searle hit upon a happy thought when he determined to produce "Pirates" instead of "Maritana." The latter ranks with such works as "Trovatore," "Fra Diavolo," "Ruy Blas," and many of the more classical operas and is clearly beyond the reach of amateurs. Gilbert & Sullivan's productions are all written in a lighter vein and are calculated to appeal to the general public rather than the strictly musical classes and are such as may be sung by such societies as that which Dawson is proud to boast of with a great deal of credit to themselves. Apropos of the many works of those famous English writers of light opera, it is remarkable the difference with which their various productions were received. A quarter of a century ago the musical world went wild with delight at the tenuous airs contained in "Pinafore." Their success was duplicated in the "Pirates," in "Patience" and later in "Mikado," all of which will be popular as long as there is a demand for opera bouffe. "Iolanthe," on the other hand lasted but a season or two and is never heard of nowadays; "Princess Ida," "Rudgore," "The Yeomen of the Guard," and "The Sorcerer" were laid on the shelf years ago and are very seldom resurrected. I understand it is the intention of Mr. Searle to give "Erminie" as the next effort. It is a very pretty opera, full of the most beautiful airs and enjoyed a phenomenal run for several years. Those who had an opportunity to see Pauline Hall, Marie Jensen, Wilson and Jeff de Anglis in "Erminie" when it was at the height of its popularity will not soon forget it. Other very pretty operas easily within the range of the Dawson Amateur Operatic Society are "Strauss' Merry War" and "Queen's Lace Handkerchief," Millecker's "Beggars Student," Genee's "Nanon," the "Gipsy Baron" and a legion of others that might be mentioned. The decision to put on "Erminie" before the end of the season I believe has not as yet been fully determined upon, it depending somewhat upon the inclination of the society and the results financially of the four nights of "Pirates." Few people realize the infinite amount of labor required to produce an opera. For weeks and weeks it is in rehearsal and the sum of patience and perseverance required by the conductor would make Job look like a counterfeiter dined with a hole in it.

Society on the opening night of the opera was not due to traditions for there were few theater parties and fewer occupying the boxes. On Wednesday evening and last night, however, the loggias, upper tier of boxes and the balcony was a mass of stunningly gowned ladies and their escorts. Several new toilettes were worn for the first time and the theater never presented a prettier or more attractive scene. Occupying one of the loggias on the opening night was Mr. Harold Rolph, with his guests Mrs. Shannon, Mrs. C. W. Macpherson and Miss Shannon. In another was Mr. R. Chisholm with a party of friends. Upstairs in the large center box Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Cameron entertained Major and Mrs. Wood, Inspector and Mrs. Wroughton, Mr. E. C. Senkler and Mr. J. B. Pattullo, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Fuller were also box holders on the opening night. On Thursday evening Mr. Justice Macaulay had as his guests Miss Macaulay, Mr. Justice Craig, Mr. R. J. Ellbeck and Mr. J. M. Ellbeck. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Macaulay entertained Mr. H. M. Martin and Mr. H. E. A. Robertson. With Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Craig were Dr. Edwards and Mr. Sydney Bell. In the box of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phiscrow were Mrs. Nolan and Miss Crowley. Mr. A. E. Maynard had as his guests Mrs. M. F. Thompson, Miss Warren and Mr. J. F. Patterson. One of the jolliest parties was that given by Mr. N. A. Fullie to the 'hello' girls of the telephone office chaperoned by Mrs. Dan McGilivray and including Miss Bagley, Miss Donly, Miss Bellows, Miss Ketcheson, Miss Barragar and Miss Wilson. The large center box contained a number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. McLennan, including Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Macfarlane, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Charles Macpherson, Miss Hanwell, Miss Glennie McLennan, Miss Ethel Macfarlane and Mr. J. P. McLennan. Mr. O. S. Finnie had as his guests Mrs. R. Roediger, Mrs. Schöelling, Mrs. Ward and Miss Roediger. Last night all the loggias were occupied. In the left hand proscenium were Mr. E. W. Ward, Mr. J. MacKinnon, Mr. J. B. Pender and Mr. D. Michie. In the others on that side of the house were Mrs. Ratcliffe, Miss Riccagni, Mr. Luehbers and Mr. Percy Hope; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sutton, Mr. M. A. Day and Mr. H. J. Goetzman; Mr. and Mrs. McKee and Miss McKee. On the opposite side were Miss Smith, Miss Gould and Mr. Gibson; Mrs. Roberts, Miss Lindsay, Dr. Alfred Thompson and Mr. Alex. McLachlan; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cox, Mr. J. B. Pattullo with a party of friends occupied the large box in the upper tier. His guests were Major and Mrs. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McDougal, Mrs. George White-Fraser, Miss Miles, Mr. Justice Macaulay, Mr. W. H. Fairbanks and Mr. D. Doig; Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Grant and family occupied one of the smaller boxes. Mr. and Mrs. George Byrnes entertained Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Calderhead, Mrs. C. W. Macpherson, Dr. Barrett and Mr. J. R. Gandolfo. In another of the smaller boxes were Mr. and Mrs. R. Roediger, Miss Roediger and Miss Shannon. Only one of the down stairs proscenium boxes was taken and that by Major and Mrs. A. Ross Cuthbert and family. The bookings for this evening I am told are quite large and the festival of opera will doubtless come to a close amidst a blaze of glory.

Messrs. J. H. Carnegie and D. M. Sanson announced yesterday the completion of their production of "The Stoops to Conquer" or "The Mistakes of a Night." It is as follows: Sir Charles Marlow..... Mr. George White-Fraser
Hardcastle..... Mr. F. S. Long
Hastings..... Mr. Sanson
Tony Lumpkin..... Mr. R. P. Wilson
Stingo..... Mr. E. W. Ward
Jeremy..... Mr. R. L. Cowan
Roger..... Mr. H. S. Tobin
First Squire..... Mr. G. Fitzmaurice
Second Squire..... Mr. O. S. Finnie
Third Squire..... Mr. Geo. Calvert
Fourth Squire..... Mr. Geo. Walker
Mrs. Hardcastle..... Miss Jessie Jones
Miss Neville..... Mrs. Arthur G. Smith
Dolly..... Miss Shannon
Goldsmith's song..... "The Three Jolly Pigeons," will be sung by Mr. Wilson and a chorus, in the second scene of the first act. In the fourth act the fourth act scene, "When Shall I Marry Me?"—written originally for the play, but rarely, if ever, given—will be restaged, and sung by Miss Jones to harp accompaniment. The author's epilogue will not be given, but in its place one will be spoken by

Mr. J. K. Spurling and Mr. A. H. Povah were the hosts at a quiet little supper party at the Regina following the opera yesterday evening. Covers were laid for twelve, the guests being Mr. Justice and Mrs. Craig, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Ritchie, Miss Craig, Miss Freeman, Mr. O. S. Finnie and Mr. Arthur Boyle.

Should the weather prove favorable the fancy dress ice carnival planned for March 16 at the rink will be quite an affair. The one that was given earlier in the winter unfortunately came upon an evening when the mercury had fallen to the sub-zero and the attendance was consequently rather limited. A court costume of the time of Louis Quinze is now the most comfortable thing to skate in when the thermometer is 40 below.

Mr. J. B. Pattullo entertained the box party had at the opera at supper at the Regina following the conclusion of the performance last night. Covers were laid for a dozen.

THE CHAPPIE.
See Mrs. J. Langlois Bell as "Isabelle" in the opera "Pirates of Penzance" at the Auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-21.

LOST—Gold Garter Buckle with initial "N" on face, blue silk ribbon attached. Leave at Cook's stand, Auditorium. p21.

Power of Attorney Blanks for the Tanana-Nugget Office.

TABLE OF DISTANCES

From Fortymile to the New Diggings

No Accommodations for Distance of 160 Miles—Government Men in Field

A miner from Fortymile who arrived this morning in Dawson stated to a Nugget representative that he had recently been across the divide to a point within about 50 miles of Pedro creek, the scene of the alleged Tanana strike. He had talked with men who had been on Pedro and while the general opinion was held that good pay had been uncovered, there was nothing about the strike to warrant a rush or stampede. His informant had told him that nine holes had been sunk on discovery claim on Pedro and that 17-cent dirt had been found.

A few picked pannings had run as high as 70 cents but the average was not nearly so high.

Prospecting to some extent had also been done on five other creeks in the district and on some of them pay had been discovered. On his way to Fortymile some 50 or 60 parties were met en route to the new diggings. There were a number of horses on the trail but they are of use only as far as the government road extends up the north fork of the Fortymile which is about 160 miles from Pedro. Beyond that point the trail is uncertain and there are no accommodations for travelers.

The U. S. government has a few small posts in the district but they are not prepared to give any aid as their supplies are limited to the requirements of the men in charge.

The following table of distances is given between the town of Fortymile and the new diggings:

Fortymile to Brown-house	18
Brown house to Boundary	5
Boundary to Moose creek	3
Moose creek to Canyon	8
Canyon to Steele	6
Steele to McCandless	18
McCandless to Forks	15
Forks to Kink	25
Kink to Government road	3
Government road up north fork to summit	60
Summit to diggings	160

Nothing to Live for

Nothing to live for? Soul, that cannot be.
Though when hearts break the world seems emptiness,
But unto thee I bring, in my distress,
A message, both of love and sympathy,
Add may it prove, O soul, the golden key
To all things beautiful and good, and bless
The life which looks to thee so comfortless!
This is the word "Someone hath need of thee."

Some one—or who or where I do not know.
Knowest thou not?—Thou seek, make no delay!
And thou shalt find, in land of sun or snow,
Who waits thee, little child or pilgrim grey.
For since God keeps thee in his world below,
Someone hath need of thee, somewhere today.
—Emma C. Dowd, in Woman's Journal.

Situation in Morocco

Madrid, Jan. 25.—A special despatch from Tangier says the Sultan of Morocco is disposed to abdicate in favor of his brother, Mulai Mohammed, who is acclaimed whenever he appears in the streets of Fez.

Paris, Jan. 25.—The Madrid correspondent of The Temps says in a despatch that advices received in Spain from Tangier indicate that the situation of the Sultan of Morocco has improved since he released his brother,

who has been favorably received by the natives. Chief Gogul has been deserted by several tribes, who have retired to the mountains. Premier Silveira denies that a joint naval demonstration against Morocco is projected. He says that on the contrary the Spanish sloop of war, Infanta Isabella, has been recalled from Tangier as proof that the powers do not intend to intervene in what is considered a question regarding Morocco alone.

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.

Matter of Salary

Editor Nugget,—I would like to call your attention to a grievous error made in your contemporary the News the other day, in which it stated that Mr. Chataway had been promoted to be Director of Surveys in the Yukon, "at a salary of \$3000 a year." Mr. Chataway has been for a long time Director of Surveys, and I personally know that he received more than \$3000 a year from the Dominion government as a salary before he ever came to the Yukon.

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