

PIRATES OF PENZANCE



Dawson, usually so conventional, has for once proven herself decidedly unfashionable and has fallen into line with such prosaic villages as Victoria and Tacoma. Under ordinary conditions and in cities where the amenities are so plentifully observed as here the society element would consider it almost a crime to miss a first night at a season of opera. It is the opportunity the swaggers folk have of parading their smartest frocks before the multitude and the show before the curtain is quite often as attractive as that behind it. In the operatic productions of the past the balcony and boxes have always been a mass of snowy shoulders, beautiful collars and immaculate shirt fronts, but last night when the "Pirates" made their initial bow there was a painful array of empty seats. By what hypothesis the cause for such could be reasoned out would be difficult to state, unless it was that many feared the first night would be but a final dress rehearsal instead of a finished performance. And if such is true those who remained away have another guess coming. There was not a hitch nor a moment's delay from the beginning of the first act to the finale of the last, there was no nervousness evident and Director Searelle had at all times the principals and chorus well in hand.

The music and plot of the "Pirates of Penzance" is so familiar to the lovers of opera bouffe that it were superfluous to recall either. For over twenty years "Poor Wandering One" has been sung and whistled and danced to, the popularity of the opera almost equalling that of "Pinafore" and "Mikado." It is light and frothy in character, full of catchy airs and with just enough recitative in it to relieve the monotony of simple melodies. There are no complex harmonies, no fugues and no intricate counterpoint requiring a musical ear to appreciate.

Stage Manager Thorne presented two very pretty stage settings specially prepared for the opera. The first showed the pirates disporting

themselves on the beach, their ship riding at anchor a short distance away. The bold buccanniers of the sea were excellently made up and were about the toughest looking lot of pirates who ever scuttled a ship. A. M. Thornburgh looked, acted and sang the part of a latter day edition of Captain Kidd, the drinking chorus following his first solo being very well given. Mrs. Mullen made an excellent "Ruth," acted her part well and sang her numbers very creditably.

H. D. Hulme as the pirate king duplicated the success he attained in "Mikado" and "Bohemian Girl." He is very much at home on the stage, never is rattled and is one of the substantial standbys of the company. Dick Cowan, quite surprised himself as "Frederic." The music is easily within his range and in the love making scenes he was not at the disadvantage he has been in the past. It is decidedly uphill work to make love single handed when the other party is formidible, it is absolutely strenuous. Mr. Cowan was in good voice and was very well received. The same may be said of C. W. MacPherson who appeared as the "Major General." His is one of the best voices the city can boast of and what is more he so well knows how to use it. Several of his topical songs with local trimmings made big hits.

The star of the evening, however, was Mrs. P. R. Ritchie, as "Mabel," and her success was established from the very moment she made such an effective entrance near the middle of the first act. It was Mrs. Ritchie's debut here as an operatic star and she gave her friends a most pleasant surprise. Her voice is a clear, sweet, high soprano and the way she took the cadenzas in "Poor Wandering One" indicates a deal of cultivation that has been devoted to it. "Mabel" was stunningly gowned, sang very well and did a graceful little dance with "Frederic" in the first act.

One of the finest numbers was the dance executed by the chorus in the first act, its attractiveness being

emphasized by the presence of such pretty figures and faces as those of Mrs. W. G. Herbert, Mrs. J. Langlois Bell and Mrs. Matteson. Another dance that showed the most exquisite grace of the ladies, their movements being the very poetry of motion, was that of Mrs. Frank Maltby, Miss Craig, Mr. Shannon and Mr. Povah. George Craig at the head of a dozen "coppers" also made a decided hit, the "ta-ra-to-ra" chorus being immense.

The ensemble singing taken as a whole was very good, though at times the attack was slow. One chorus, however, by its excellence, more than made up for any deficiency in the others, and that was "Hail, Pontry," sung without any accompaniment. The volume was surprising and the way it rolled over the footlights reminded one of a troupe of professionals.

The orchestra was not up to its usual standard of excellence, their playing at times being very ragged and some of the instruments seemed unable to tone down to a proper accompaniment. Three more performances will be given, the season ending Saturday night. The following is the full cast of the opera:

- Richard, a Pirate Chief
- Mr. H. D. Hulme
- Samuel, his Lieutenant
- Mr. A. M. Thornburgh
- Major-General Stanley, of the British Army
- Mr. C. W. MacPherson
- Edward, a Sergeant of Police
- Mr. Geo. Craig
- Mabel, Major-General Stanley's Youngest Daughter
- Mrs. P. R. Ritchie
- Kate
- Mrs. A. P. Matteson
- Edith
- Mrs. W. S. Herbert
- Isabel
- Mrs. J. Langlois Bell
- Ruth, a Piratical "Maid-of-all-Work"
- Mrs. P. Mullen
- Others taking part in the chorus were
- Sopranos and Contraltos - Messrs. James Jas. Craig, Geo. Craig, Eilbeck, Johnson, Malby, McLennan, C. D. Macaulay, Thompson, Misses Craig, Emily Craig, Freeman, Richardson, Wilson, Wright, Macfarlane.
- Tenors and Basses - Messrs. Arnold, Barwell, Harold Brown, Burrell, J. S. Cowan, Edwards, Fawcett, Finnie, S. Cowan, Edwards, Fawcett, Floride, Fitzsimmons, Harrison, Herbert, Jepson, McLellan, McMeekin, Povah, W. Povah, Shannon.

TIMBER BERTHS

Many Applicants for Them and Also for Town Sites.

How many have applied for timber berths in the Duncan creek district since the good reports from there came in last fall cannot be ascertained, but there were no less than fifteen applications for timber berths in the Duncan creek district filed during the present week. It is not likely, however, that any of them will be favorably acted upon. It is a rule of the department that timber berths are not granted in a district where active mining operations are being carried on. The right to the timber in such districts is believed to be vested in the free miner. They have the first right to the timber for fuel and for the operation of their mines. This is being distinctly recognized by the department and the applications for timber berths in such localities have therefore to be pigeonholed.

But there is another way of procedure which many are taking advantage of, and that is to apply for a timber permit. A timber permit is an exclusive right, and once granted cannot be interfered with. A timber permit is merely temporary, is issued subject to what are believed to be the needs of the free miner, and can be revoked at any time by the crown lands and timber agent should it seem to him to conflict with the needs of the free miners of the district.

In the Duncan creek district there have also been many timber permits applied for, and the number that may be granted will depend very much on the showing made to the department by the free miners.

There have also been several applications for town sites along Duncan creek. The one at Gordon's landing was purchased from the government last fall, and there is now on a strong boom for a rival town site at the mouth of Mayo creek. Which will be the town now seems to be something of a question.

LOST - Gold Sinker Buckle with initial "N" on face, blue silk garber attached. Leave at Cook's stand, Auditorium. p21.

See the beautiful dances in the opera "Pirates of Penzance" at the Auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-21.

CAPIAS AND ITS SEQUEL

Hot Times Around the International

Deputy Sheriff Krieger Gets a Mitt Full of Trouble and Has to Call Assistance.

The serving of a capias last night by Deputy Sheriff Krieger on S. S. Paulson at the International hotel created all kinds of excitement for a few moments and before the officer could land his man in the skookium house he had to go for assistance. The capias was sworn out at the instance of R. H. S. Cresswell and the debt is alleged to have been contracted at the time Paulson and Ed. Port were running the Northern Light saloon opposite the court house and amounts with the costs to about \$600. Paulson it is said was on the eve of leaving for the Tanana, hence his detention via the capias route.

About 7 o'clock last night the document passed through the hands of the sheriff. Krieger was dispatched to execute it and found his man at the International hotel on First avenue. He informed him he would have to pay or accompany him to the guard room and Paulson declined to do either. A struggle ensued when a friend of Paulson named Wobbenhorst came to his assistance. Krieger allowed Paulson to go and took the friend to jail for the part he had played. Then he returned and with the assistance of Constable Mallett nailed the man originally wanted. Eye witnesses to the affair say he put up quite a healthy scrap before being subdued, lashed to a sled and was finally hauled away in triumph by the plucky deputy and his helper.

This morning both men were in the police court, the charge against Wobbenhorst being that of obstructing an officer in the discharge of his duty. The case against Paulson was first heard. Krieger testified for receiving the writ and attempting to serve it. He led Krieger to the International hotel and asked for the accused who was pointed out to him. They stepped in a side room when the witness told Paulson he had a capias for him and unless he settled it at once he would have to accompany him to the barracks. The remainder of the evidence was as has already been stated. A fight took place and in the scramble Wobbenhorst came to the assistance of his friend who got away. The witness took the former to jail and later with the assistance of Constable Mallett rounded up Paulson and safely landed him.

J. M. Eilbeck swore to Krieger's appointment as a bailiff and J. S. McKay testified to the capias being regularly issued from his office. Constable Mallett corroborated the testimony of Krieger in so far as he had taken part in it.

When the crown rested its case Mr. Hagel, K. C., who was appearing for the defense submitted that the prosecution had failed to make a case and that there was no legal proof of the appointment of Krieger as a deputy with authority to serve writs. His honor, though otherwise and Paulson was bound over for trial before the upper court.

The preliminary of Wobbenhorst followed the disposal of the Paulson case. The same witnesses were used and the evidence in the two cases was practically the same. The defense was reserved in each instance and Wobbenhorst was bound over the same as his friend whom he had tried to assist.

There was another man indirectly connected with the case, but he had failed to heed the warning to court and a summons was issued. He is charged with refusing to assist the police when so requested.

Ranch is Raided

Thermopolis, Wyo., Feb. 4. - A band of masked men yesterday raided the sheep camp of William Minnich, thirty miles northeast of here, shot Minnich through the lungs, dynamited and slaughtered 300 head of sheep and burned the outfit wagon.

The herder escaped and brought the news of the attack here today. Dr. Schuelke and a posse of officers left at once for the scene.

At last accounts Minnich was alive, but there is little hope of his recovery.

There is no clue to the identity of the raiders other than the report that the sheep and cattlemen of that section have been on the verge of war for some time.

Battle is Expected

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 4. - A special to the Star from Cheyenne, Wyo., says: One hundred sheepmen have organized and armed themselves and are now awaiting an attack from the cattlemen in the southern Big Horn country. The fight may be postponed but it is believed it cannot be averted. Minnich, the sheepman who was shot last night, will die. The sheep raiders came from the Black Mountain district.

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WERE DISCHARGED

No Evidence Against the Alleged Housebreakers

Wm. Corkery and Thomas Verdier, the two men who were brought in from McQuesten some days ago charged with housebreaking were arraigned this morning before Mr. Justice Craig. Both pleaded not guilty. The crown prosecutor informed his lordship there was no evidence against the men and they were accordingly discharged.

The cause of their arrest was their forcible entry into a cabin near the mouth of Clear creek. They were returning from Duncan during the bitter cold weather, one having had his foot frozen during the day. Upon meeting Bob Young on the trail they inquired of him where they might stay that night. He directed them to the cabin in question and they entered it by pulling out the staple of the lock for the sole purpose of securing shelter. Nothing was disturbed and there was no intent apparent of doing anything wrong.

Quarter of a Million.

Oklahoma City, O. T., Feb. 4. - Fire that started in the Lion store, dealers in general merchandise, here this morning caused a loss of \$250,000, insurance about one-third of loss. The entire stock and building of the Lion store was consumed, entailing a loss of more than \$375,000. Another fire in frame-buildings on Broadway at the same time caused an additional loss. Fire apparatus was sent in by El Reno and Guthrie, and at 11:30 the fire, which for a time threatened the city, was under control.

Life Imprisonment

Nice, Jan. 9. - The sentence of death passed upon Henry Vidal on November 5, 1902, has been commuted to penal servitude for life.

Henry Vidal confessed at Nice to the wanton murder of two women, and to attempts to assassinate various others. It was for these murders that he was sentenced to death, but he is believed to have been the author of a series of crimes on the Riviera which made him one of the notorious murderers of France.

Robbed a Paralytic

Toronto, O. Jan. 19. - W. A. Scott, a jeweler of New Cumberland, W. Va., was robbed of money and jewelry valued at \$2,000 yesterday. Scott, who is a paralytic and lives over his wife alone, was awakened by three masked bandits, who bound and gagged him, and then blew his safe open and secured the booty.

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Lockie McKinnon, whose curly auburn locks everyone will remember, has now a fourth interest in the Juneau brewery, and is said to be making money. His last enterprise here was as the proprietor of the bar of the McDonald hotel.

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