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MUSIC AND DRAMA.

"Fencing Master" Tomorrow Night—Sol Smith Russell's Performance.

The first opera of the season, and also one of the best productions in comic opera in this country, will be that of the "Fencing Master" at the Grand Opera House tomorrow night. This most useful and melodious of all comic opera productions enjoyed a run of over 250 consecutive nights at the New York Casino, where it was originally presented. Miss Dorothy Morton, the new prima donna, has been especially successful. In the cast, besides Miss Morton, may be mentioned such well known operatic names as Bertha Baylis, Jennie Dickerson, Marion Bender, Marion Langdon, H. W. T. Deane, The A. M. Holbrook, Mr. H. B. Brockett, Mr. Walter West, Mr. Ed. Leland and David Terrence. The opera is put on the stage precisely the same as when originally produced. Costumes and scenery alike are new, and the three dresses which Miss Morton will wear are even more rich than those in which Miss Tempest appeared in at the New York Casino, and the dress is true of all others of the principals.

SOL SMITH RUSSELL.

Sol. Smith Russell's name drew a fine audience to the Grand last night. The play was the old English comedy, "The Heir-at-Law." In assuming the role of Dr. Pangloss Mr. Russell abandons a line of work he has been following exclusively for many years, with such brilliant success, and strikes out on an entirely new one—that of legitimate comedy. Last night is the second time he appeared in the role. It must be admitted that the result was a striking evidence of his versatility, but the theater-going public have associated Mr. Russell's name with a peculiar form of entertainment, in which he is inimitable, and the audience last night was not prepared for the change. They would have preferred to see him in one of those tender, quaint characterizations which have gained for him fame and fortune, and by which he will be most gratefully remembered. They will have the opportunity tonight to enjoy one of his richest roles, that of Hosea Howe in "Peaceful Valley." Mr. Russell's company is an able one, and showed to advantage in the old comedy, but the people like Mr. Russell best in the plays where he is the whole show in himself. Tonight's cast will be:

Hosea Howe.....Mr. Russell
Jack Farnham.....Chas. A. Smiley
Leonard Rand.....Chas. A. Smiley
Jotham Ford.....Alfred Hudson
Ward Andrews, a speculator.....R. F. Sullivan
Charles Rand.....Hugh Harting
Wilson, a country waiter.....Geo. A. Williams
Virginia Rand, a pearl of womanhood.....Miss Belle Archer
Niohe Barquhar, a Southern girl.....Miss Anna Blanche
Phyllis Hare, Hosea's mother.....Miss Kate Ryan
Martha Howe.....Miss Kate Ryan

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A Midnight Run.

Is London's Fire Alarm System Out of Date?

Aldermen Who Say That It Is Inefficient.

Grant to the Free Library Board—Delegation to the Deep Water Ways Convention in Toronto.

The City Council met last night with the following members in attendance: Mayor Essery, Ald. Parnell, Shaw, Judd, Nutkins, Deane, James Fitzgerald, Scarrow, Thomas Jones, Carrothers, Garratt, F. J. Fitzgerald, Wm. Heaman, J. W. Jones, Coo, O'Meara, Pritchard, Heaman and Taylor.

In the consideration of communications it was found that there were petitions for and against the macadamizing of Dufferin avenue. Ald. Thomas Jones wanted the work re-advertised and extended to William street. His motion was lost and the matter referred to the committee.

Chief Roe supplied minutes of committee meetings to show that he had verbally reported the absence of Fireman William Smith.

Ald. Taylor moved that Mr. Roe be exonerated from all blame attached to the matter.

Mayor Essery said the brigade was the worst department in the city of London and required overhauling.

In the face of this motion prevailed, the mayor's vote alone being registered against it.

At this juncture a lady entered the mayor's office, and with a view to ringing the bell, she turned the button controlling the electric lights. As a result the council was left in semi darkness for a moment.

COMMUNICATIONS.

W. C. L. Gill—Re taxes of London Rowing and Canoe Club, Eliza Ann Waed, Christomd Lewis, Isabella Riddell, Parke & Purdon, all re taxes. No. 1.

A. O. Graydon—Re narrowing of roadways. No. 2.

Bishop O'Connor et al.—Against macadamizing part of Dufferin avenue. No. 2.

L. H. Ingram et al.—For macadamizing part of Dufferin avenue. No. 2.

C. E. Keene—Asking that a grant of \$8,000 be made to the Free Library Board pending issue of debentures. Granted.

T. H. Purdon, et al.—Re placing Mrs. Elizabeth Smith in House of Refuge. Referred to the mayor.

W. D. Edwards et al.—Re East End Hall for assembly Friday evening 21st. Granted.

COMMUNICATING REPORTS.

Gavin Park wanted to extend his stall and No. 3 committee said "No." The aldermen, after talking over the matter for fifteen minutes, confirmed the action of the committee.

During action on the report it came out that Fireman Smith had taken away his uniform when he left the city.

In reply to Ald. Nutkins, Ald. Parnell said that the last two weeks' salary belonging to Mr. Smith had been confiscated to balance the account.

Fireman Borland will be given a uniform and \$50 a year extra for his services as blacksmith.

The committee reported that they had planned to place 58 extra electric lights—No. 1 ward 4 lights, No. 2 ward 11, No. 3 ward 7, No. 4 ward 11, No. 5 ward 10, No. 6 ward 15.

Ald. Carrothers moved to reduce the number by 21. Lost.

The plan was adopted.

No. 2 committee had no report.

NUMBER ONE COMMITTEE.

Accounts amounted to \$4,807 21. Mrs. Lucas and Nancy Head, Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Lloyd were granted remission of taxes.

The committee reported adversely, but the council reconsidered the matter.

Rev. E. N. English was allowed a rebate of \$100 on this year's water rate. The communication re the deep water ways convention in Toronto was reconsidered.

Mayor Essery and Ald. Parnell will form a delegation from London, at the Mayor's expense, to visit the object at the convention now in progress in Toronto. The city will not pay one-third of the cost of the York street artificial sidewalk and Mr. Nelson Sage's petition was filed.

INQUIRIES.

Ald. Taylor—Who ordered Richmond street, between College avenue and Grosvenor street, to be widened?

Ald. Parnell will make inquiries.

Mayor Essery said that it might be the result of a private understanding between the contractor and the citizens where it was too late for the council to act.

Ald. Thos. Jones—Who pays for the water?

Ald. Parnell—The city pays for it in a lump sum.

Ald. Pritchard—Who authorized the employment of an extra man on the market on Saturday?

Ald. Parnell will find out.

MOTIONS.

By Ald. Taylor—That the city clerk and tax collector visit exempt factories and report any case where they are not living up to their agreement. Carried.

Ald. Garratt—That No. 3 committee be empowered to call for tenders for a first-class fire alarm system. Mayor Essery seconded and "carried" the present system.

Ald. John Heaman moved that an expert be employed to overhaul the present system; Ald. Pritchard seconded.

Ald. Parnell admitted that the alarm system was not what it might be.

Ald. J. W. Jones said that the trouble was caused by induction from other wires.

Ald. Garratt in vigorous language denounced a box in his neighborhood that would not work, but Ald. O'Meara said that it was a letter box that Ald. Garratt had tried to open.

The whole matter was finally left to No. 3 committee.

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Ald. J. W. Jones pulled the box. In one minute the central doors were opened, and teams on their way. In another 45 seconds they had reached the box, and in 2:20 three lengths of hose had been laid, and a stream turned on. No. 3 company did their man and a half run in 4:38, and had a stream on in 5:20. No. 2 company do not attend boxes west of the central station, and stopped there. Their time was not caught.

NEARLY A MILLION.

Grand Sire Campbell of London on the Growth of Oddfellowship.

The Grand Lodge Meeting in Tennessee—The Increase in Canada Gratifying.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Sept. 17.—The large assembly hall of the Lookout Mountain inn was crowded this morning at the opening of the 70th session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows. The preliminary proceedings were conducted with open doors. On behalf of the State the visitors were welcomed by Governor Tanney. Greetings were also extended by the Oddfellows of Tennessee and Chattanooga and appropriate responses were made by Grand Sire Dr. C. T. Campbell, of London, Ont., and other delegates. After these exercises the doors were closed, and the Sovereign Grand Lodge went into executive session for the purpose of receiving the annual report of the grand sire.

Dr. Campbell said that since the last convention in the South, which was held in Atlantic twenty years ago, the membership in what is recognized politically as the Southern States, has increased from 6,000 to 50,000, and to the people of the South Oddfellowship has become an established institution. The total membership of the order is now 750,000, or, including the Sisters of Rebekah degree, \$89,000. To this should be added in foreign jurisdictions a membership of 25,000, making a combined membership of nine-tenths of a million of members.

The net increase in membership during the year had been 33,000. In Canada the order has made greater progress than in any year of its history.

A charter had been granted for a grand lodge in Sweden, and it was recommended that an application for a district lodge in Naples, Italy, be granted. Overtures had been made looking to the introduction of the order into India, but there were evident reasons why the proposition should not be entertained. A charter had been granted for an initial lodge in Newfoundland, the only portion of British North America not hitherto occupied.

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