

## SIMONS' SAPHO COMPANY

Made a Great Hit at the Palace Last Night.

Orpheum Opens Week With "Passion's Slave" to Crowded House—Many New People in the Cast.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The Simons Sappho Company, which has been awaited so long and which arrived night before last from Skagway, where it played a several weeks' engagement at Clancy's, appeared for the first time in Dawson last night at the Palace Grand. By the time the curtain went up there was not a seat unoccupied in the house and one leg standing room was at a premium.

The play, "Sappho," made famous by Olga Nethersole, was presented in all its entirety, but, to be understood, must be seen. The heavy parts of the play are ably presented by Miss Lillian F. Perl as Sappho; Miss Mabel Cassidy, Sappho's mother; Horace Mann as Robert Nelson, the deserted husband, and John Cassidy as McGinnis, the valet. The remainder of the cast, numbering fully 20 persons, is an able support to the artists. The work of Pearl and Cassidy is well worth the price of admission, being of a high, refined and exceptional order.

The six Perl Sisters in their society cake walk is also one of the strong attractions of the olio.

Mr. Horace Mann, the coster singer, has a splendid voice which he knows well how to use and which elicits merited applause.

The O'Briens, who have been embraced by the new company, came in for their share of the glory last night, O'Brien and Jennings and John and Mabel Cassidy presenting one of Eddie's rapid growth comedies entitled "Old Friends."

Simon's "new chechako girls" present a stunning appearance on the stage, several of them being quite shapely. They are good singers and dancers and have the free and easy manners which never fails to captivate the man with the poke from the creeks.

The orchestra is a remarkably good one, but would not be otherwise when lead by that able director, Prof. Max Adler.

Under the new regime the proprietors at the Grand are Simons, Holden and Meadows, with F. E. Simons, general manager; John Cassidy, stage manager; Horace Mann, assistant stage manager, and Prof. Max Adler musical director. The Sappho company is destined to play to full houses and big money during its stay in the Klondike metropolis.

Patrons of the Orpheum, were told at the door last evening that if they were not satisfied with the performance of "Passion's Slave" their money would be refunded, and it is small wonder that no one called for the return of his admission, as the rendering of the piece by the Orpheum cast would, with little exception, have done credit to a repertoire company. Mr. Wm. Malan in his portrayal of Manuel Defoe, and Mr. Layne as Ferdinand Shepley did some exceedingly clever work both in the prison scene and at the close of the last act. The "business" of Malan in the prison scene was especially deserving of more approval than was accorded it by the audience.

Blossom and Miss Lovel as Mamie Brisco and Clothilde were exceedingly well up in both business and art. Miss Lovell's assumption of dialect and facial expression to match the part was excellent.

The work done by Fred Breen, Harry O'Brien and Miss Wolcott can be better appreciated by being seen than by description.

Mr. Lawrence as General Brisco played a very tame part—one with few possibilities—in a manner very creditable to himself and gratifying to the audience.

The Orpheum was well filled notwithstanding the counter attraction at the Palace Grand, and the management may well be proud of this week's bill.

### Tricks of a Blind Reader.

"Speaking of telegraphy," said a gentleman who takes an interest in occult studies, "reminds me of an incident which created a great stir some years ago, but is now about forgotten. A New York lawyer, who claimed to be able to project thought, had a committee of skeptics select a playing card at random and then wired a friend in San Francisco, asking him to think of a card and telegraph back what one came into his mind. The card selected was the five of spades and the reply was correct. All the parties were well known, and the experiment caused an immense sensation.

The newspapers discussed it by the

column, and it was exploited as a positive demonstration of thought transference, but as a matter of fact the whole thing was merely a clever trick. I had it afterward explained to me by one of the people on the inside. It had been prearranged with the San Francisco man that the cue to the right card was to be the wording of the message. The denomination was indicated by the number of words in the second sentence. If, for instance, it was an ace, the sentence would be only one word, 'Answer immediately,' and so on.

"As it happened to be a five the message ran, 'Telegraph reply quickly as possible.' The suit of the card was revealed by the signature. Signing the name in full meant hearts, the first only meant clubs, the last name meant spades, and the initials meant diamonds. The system was beautifully simple, and the message seemed on its face perfectly innocent. It was carefully examined to find a hidden word, but baffled the investigators. As far as I know, the truth about the affair has never been printed."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

### Frank Had a Roommate.

When J. Frank, a Dawson trader, was preparing to retire at the Occidental Wednesday morning he found a man under his bed. The would-be robber lost no time in coming out after he was discovered, and with him came a big revolver. A scuffle ensued and the robber fled without trying his gun. Mr. Frank yelled "murder," "thief," and other hair-raising exclamations. The hotel porter tried to intercept the robber but his gun cleared a right of way to the street. Mr. Miller was aroused and grabbing a revolver started in pursuit.

By the time the weapon was ready for action the pursued was opposite Allen Bros.' store. Mr. Miller fired three shots and one of the bullets, buried in a box standing in front of Allen Bros.' store, shows that the revolver was pointed in the right direction.

The bad man escaped although a detailed search was made for him. He could be identified by several parties who witnessed his flight. — Skagway News.

### The Queen's Attire.

Queen Victoria is so unconventional in her attire and apparently cares so little for elegance of raiment as far as her own dress is concerned that it will doubtless surprise many people to learn that she has for the past 20 years at least been one of the best customers of a certain fashionable dressmaker in Bruton street, says a London correspondent. Much of the apparent tawdriness of her majesty's appearance is due to the fact that she persists in keeping to the style and fashion of 30 years ago. But what is lacking in style is made up in richness of material, and she is fond of the finest brocades and most costly laces and embroideries, though she cannot bear velvet and dislikes the touch thereof extremely.

### Danube Will Be Saved.

Regarding the steamer Danube, which was wrecked a few weeks ago while en route from Victoria to Skagway, a late issue of the Victoria Times says:

"The steamer Danube still clings to the rock off Hospital Point, which she struck just after leaving for the north on Wednesday night. The vessel is lying in just about the same position that she assumed soon after striking, with a big list to the port side. By her side are the tug Sadie, the freighter Maude and a big scow, which is receiving her freight. A large stream flows over her side from the pumps, which have been kept continuously going to keep her hold clear of water. Those working about the ship deny that there are five feet of water in her hold, but be this as it may there is some small portion of her cargo damaged. Some of the freight has been landed, while more is to be brought ashore. About 400 tons of the cargo has already been landed and there is yet from 200 to 300 tons to be unloaded. When this is out the ship will no doubt be floated. An effort, however, will be made towards this end, and the assistance of several other vessels will, if necessary, be secured in the attempt. When the ship is afloat it will be necessary to dock her for repairs. Her trip will doubtless be cancelled and her freight sent north by another steamer. Arrangements for this, however, have not been completed. The accident to the steamer comes now as particularly unfortunate, inasmuch as travel with the north is just beginning. R. P. Rither & Co. hold, it is said, considerable of the insurance on the Danube's cargo."

### Written With His Own Blood.

A writer in Cornhill Magazine tells a good story illustrating the important part played sometimes by bank notes in the ordinary affairs of life. About 60 years ago the cashier of a Liverpool merchant had received in tender for a business payment a Bank of England

note, which he held up to the scrutiny of the light in order to make sure of its genuineness.

He observed some partially indistinct words traced in red on the front of the note beside the lettering and on the margin. Curiosity tempted him to try deciphering them. They were so faintly written and so nearly obliterated that he found great difficulty in doing so, but finally he was able to combine them into this sentence:

"If this note should fall into the hands of John Dean, of Longhill, near Carlisle, he will learn hereby that his brother is languishing a prisoner in Algiers."

Mr. Dean was shown the note, and he lost no time in asking the government of the day to make intercession for his brother's freedom. It appeared then that during 11 years, while his friends and family had believed him to be dead, the latter had been a slave to the dey of Algiers. With a piece of wood he had traced in his own blood on the bank note the message which was eventually to secure his release.

The government exerted itself to the utmost in the matter, and he was set free on the payment of a ransom to the dey.

### O'Brien a Tough One.

The following is from the Skagway Alaskan of June 6th:

"W. M. Keffe, who came in from Dawson on the train that arrived here Sunday morning, says that O'Brien, the alleged murderer of Clayson, worked for him on an Eldorado creek claim in the Klondike before he worked on the police wood pile. Mr. Keffe had read in the Daily Alaskan that the body of Clayson was being taken to Dawson, and he had jumped to the conclusion that it was for the purpose of confronting the prisoner with it. As a matter of fact O'Brien is held on other charges, and the charge of murder cannot be preferred against him until the body of the murdered man is actually produced. It is for this reason that the remains of Clayson were taken to Dawson instead of being sent direct to his relatives in Skagway.

"But Mr. Keffe thought it was for the purpose of confronting the prisoner with the body of his alleged victim. So he said: 'I don't think this will work on O'Brien, for he is as bold a man as I ever saw. I understand that he has killed three men before, two in Colorado and one in Wyoming. So you could not get him to betray himself by any chance in confronting him with his body. He is very close mouthed and has perfect control of himself.

"But it might work with some men. Down in Texas I was after a murderer with whom this idea worked first-class. I managed to locate where he had buried his man, but had no evidence at that time of the fact, so I went to see him and said, 'Let's take a little stroll.'

"We did, and all the time I was edging away from the direction I wanted to go. But after an hour or two I said, 'let's go down this way,' and I got him somehow to the point where the grave was. I sat down on a log, but he didn't sit down, but wanted to get away. Then I told him he didn't dare to sit down because he had killed and buried a man just by that stump. He gave up right away and confessed.

"But that wouldn't work with O'Brien, I know him well."

### Free Advertisements.

The Ottawa Citizen has the courage to print a free puff for a typewriting institute, and to follow it with some pointed remarks as follows: "The foregoing was handed into the Citizen office on Saturday labelled 'news item.' Although it has a certain value as news, this is quite out-weighted by the advertisement it gives to the parties named therein, and was banded in solely for that purpose. Newspapers are continually asked to publish such advertisements free of charge, and find it hard to refuse without offending. The rule generally laid down is to charge regular rates for an item from the publishing of which financial benefit accrues to the person or business named therein. It is only fair to its regular advertising patrons that this rule should be enforced. And also fair to its owners. It costs many thousands of dollars to publish a daily newspaper, and it costs several thousands more to pay dividends on the capital invested. A newspaper's advertising columns are its chief, almost its sole, source of revenue? Why should it give these away?"—Canadian Printer and Publisher.

### They Got Left.

At the Regina there are two very disconsolate guests. Their dissatisfaction is in no way due to the treatment accorded them at the hotel, but is wholly due to the fact that although they were booked for passage on the Hannah, the big boat sailed without them.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

## The Klondike Nugget

TELEPHONE NUMBER 12  
(DAWSON'S PIONEER PAPER)  
ISSUED DAILY AND SEMI-WEEKLY.  
ALLEN BROS., Publishers

### THE CAPIAS.

The capias law must be used with much discretion or abuses of it are absolutely certain to occur. In many cases a person preparing to leave Dawson would prefer to settle almost any kind of claim rather than to submit to the annoyance and humiliation of arrest and forcible detention. Cases where attempts have been made to use the capias law, as a "bluff" with which to extort money are not wanting and it is apparent that in the hands of unscrupulous parties it can be used with lasting and evil effects.

When any doubt at all exists as to the responsibility of the party asking the capias warrant a bond should be required sufficiently large to guarantee any damage which might accrue to the accused provided he should establish that the warrant has been issued without due and sufficient cause. As matters now stand a man may be placed at great expense and trouble to say nothing of the expense involved and still be practically without redress.

### WHAT JUST LAWS WOULD DO.

Gold dust approaching in value the sum of \$2,000,000 was shipped out on the steamer Hannah yesterday. This would serve to indicate that after all there was a small amount of pay found in the Klondike last winter. As a matter of fact, the placer gold producing regions of the world which are richer or more extensive than those of the Klondike are extremely scarce. It is expensive ground to work, however, and it is that fact which the government lost sight of when the royalty and other equally obnoxious regulations were imposed on the country. With liberal and just laws the Yukon territory would soon become one of Canada's most flourishing districts.

There are hundreds of square miles of territory which today would be ringing with the prospector's pick if the laws gave any encouragement for the prospector to get out and ascertain the character of our undeveloped country.

There would be new discoveries made and new districts constantly opened up which would mean constant increase in population and a continually growing market for Canadian manufactured goods. The Yukon territory is easily capable of supporting four times its present population, and all that is required to guarantee a comfortable livelihood to that many people is a set of laws adapted to the requirements of the country and based upon the rules of common sense and equity.

### TOO LATE.

The movement of the fanatical Boxers in China against the Christian missionaries is assuming rather alarming proportions. In several instances missionaries and their families have been killed or forced to seek safety in flight, and no one is able to say where the next movement against them will break out. It appears that the boldness of the Boxers is largely due to the tacit support which they have received from the royal family. The hatred of the Chinese for foreigners is a matter of tradition. It required years of clever diplomatic work, not unaccompanied in the end by implied threats, before China opened her doors for the admission of the first representatives of western civilization. The influence of foreigners has grown to such an extent that probably

a majority of the Chinese, including the reigning family, would heartily welcome the day when China would again close her doors to the admission of outsiders. It is too late for that, however. China has allowed the Christian nations to enter and she must guarantee her visitors safety against the depredations of villainous secret societies or take the consequences, which will be sure and condign.

There seems no doubt left that a general election will take place in Canada at no great period in the future. Recent copies of Liberal party papers refer to the coming election as though it were an assured fact, and the government papers certainly ought to know whereof they speak in such a matter. In all probability an election for members of the Yukon Council will occur simultaneously with the general election, and there is a possibility that the Yukon territory may be called upon to select a representative to go down to Ottawa next spring. Appearances indicate that there will be no dearth of men who will be willing to sacrifice themselves for the sake of the public weal to the extent of accepting an election if it is tendered them. It will soon be time for the grooming of steeds.

It has always been held in these columns that both political parties of Alaska would act first as Alaskans, and secondly in the interest of the great political party to which they pay their allegiance. The republicans, in the platform adopted at Juneau, went on record as favoring a territorial form of government, and against the continuation in office of the present governor, his conduct as Alaska's representative being roundly denounced. The democrats were Alaskans in their anti-Brady sentiments, but did not think it political etiquette to denounce an official merely of the party to which they did not belong. In all other respects the platform of the democrats was on a plane, or even superior, to that of the republicans, in the desires expressed for the highest interests of this district.—Alaskan.

The defeat of "Joe" Martin in British Columbia removes from the scene of political action in that province an undesirable and disturbing factor who has probably given more trouble to the people of British Columbia than all their other politicians combined. Martin was never satisfied unless he was the center of some agitation, and in securing prominence for himself managed always to keep his friends and adherents in hot water. His retirement at this time is well deserved and will afford British Columbia an opportunity to enjoy a period of political peace and quiet to which the province has been a stranger since the entrance of Martin into the political arena.

### Yukon Council.

The following is the order of business adopted by the Yukon council and following the orders of the day at the past regular meeting, which will be held in the territorial court room Thursday night at 8 o'clock, will be taken up the business designated by the first four letters of the alphabet:

1. Approving minutes of previous meeting.
2. Presenting petitions.
3. Reading and receiving petitions.
4. Presenting reports of standing and select committees.
5. Questions by members.
6. Motions including motions for private bills.
7. Introduction of public bills.
8. Orders of the day.
  - (a) Consideration in committee of the whole of ordinance incorporating the Dawson Electric Light & Power Company.
  - (b) Consideration in committee of the whole of ordinance respecting second-hand dealers.
  - (c) Consideration in committee of the whole of ordinance respecting masters and servants.
  - (d) Second reading of ordinance respecting taxation (Dawson).