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## AMUSEMENTS.

### ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Monday Evening, October 14, 1873.

FOR USE WEEKLY AND SATURDAY MATINEE.

CAL. WAGNER'S MINSTRELS.

THE LARGEST AND BEST.

MINSTREL ORGANIZATION IN EXISTENCE.

PROGRAMME.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

LAST NIGHT OF

MISS ALICE HARRISON.

Presenting the popular drama, entitled

THE HIDDEN HAND.

GRAND VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL

CONCERT.

AT EXPOSITION HALL.

Wednesday Evening, October 15, 1873.

Given by the following artists and amateurs, for the benefit of the SHERIFFS' SUFFERERS, the proceeds (by consent) to be placed in the hands of the Howard Association.

Professors Grunberg and Muller.

Soprano—Misses Fleury, Marsh, Mary and Malville.

Contralto—Misses M. T. Grunberg.

Baritone—Mr. Newman.

Tenors—Messrs. Tracy, Chanchon and VanBenthuyzen.

Violins—Messrs. Casard, Bremer and VanBenthuyzen.

Pianos—Messrs. P. M. M. and VanBenthuyzen.

Violoncello—Messrs. P. M. M. and VanBenthuyzen.

Double Bass—Messrs. P. M. M. and VanBenthuyzen.

Drum—Messrs. P. M. M. and VanBenthuyzen.

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## THE COST OF A CONVICTION.

### JUDGE ABELL'S SENTENCES.

#### IS THE COMMUNITY REPAID?

When the public reads the reports of the condition of some noted criminal, or see the daily list of offenders brought within the walls of the law, and congratulates itself on temporary immunity from their depredations, does it ever consider the expense of this floating pleasure? As complete a statement as the records will admit of has been prepared, and is offered, a pill without sugar, to assist the digestion of those who pay the bills.

When an outlaw has placed himself by lack of the skill or address which secures the liberty of his superiors in his profession, in the custody of a redoubtable Metropolitan, he has entered on a drama which has many varying scenes. In the stationhouse he is interviewed successively by the clerk who registers him, the turnkey who searches him, the inmates who abuse him, the reporter who pumps him, the lawyer who deceives him, and a brace of detectives to make him "sneak." In the morning a new set of officers, clerks, turnkeys and lawyers "go for him." The magistrate commits him, if he hasn't freed it, and he makes the acquaintance in the Parish Prison of a third lot of officials and more lawyers. Here he receives daily food for the thirty-five of twelve cents—some sheriffs give thirty-five. Then the grand jury, an outrageous imposition of the time of King Ethelred on modern prejudices, "takes cognizance," and after a delay the result of their wisdom is read to him in the presence of a fourth collection of clerks, officers and lawyers. Then he travels back and forth from the court to the prison, till at last he gets the opinion of twelve men, in compliment to his supposed innocence called his peers; receives a moral lecture from a good-natured old gentleman, who seems to have a kindly regard for him, and much obliged for the opportunity of talking, and he is booked for a residence for an hour, a year or a minute, in the vagaries in an old man's mind happen to incline him to at the moment.

All these things cost money and are proper items in estimating the cost of the conviction. That this article may not have any appearance of exaggeration all expenses of police is omitted. The majority of their arrests end in the recorder's courts, and even if a division of their services in arresting petty offenders and criminals were made, there are other duties performed by them which give the public an equivalent for their pay.

The coroner furnishes the first item of expense in a capital criminal prosecution. The greater portion of his duties relate to other matters, but in case of an inquest on a homicide the additival of the coroner is the first stage. For such an inquest the coroner receives \$10, and his jury \$10 each day. The average cost is \$30. Then in the municipal courts all estimates for officers is omitted. It is assumed that the expense to the city for the work of these courts in hearing cases of violations of city ordinances is compensated by the returns of fines, and the difference between them a fair estimate for the expense of actual criminal prosecution. In reality, it is far less than that cost. The salary of the Attorney General is omitted, as are those of the district attorney. The salary of the judge, that of the district attorney, the fees of the clerk, bills against the Parish Prison, the sheriff's fees and expenses for the court, bills for maintenance and turnkeys' fees, with the cost of the jury, make up the account. This statement is as complete as can be obtained for the year, and the months from January 1, 1873, to September 30, 1873, inclusive. There are many more items which should swell the amount, but the bills have not yet been rendered. For instance, the Attorney General has obtained nearly fifty convictions and only rendered a bill for six. The following is the statement of the expense:

Corner, First District..... \$1,200 00

Corner, Second District..... 600 00

Corner, Third District..... 600 00

Corner, Fourth District..... 600 00

Corner, Fifth District..... 600 00

Corner, Sixth District..... 600 00

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Corner, Fourteenth District..... 600 00

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## THE FUSION FEARS.

"Propose the oath, my lord."

It has been rumored abroad and circulated in a pictorial and another journal that a committee was sitting getting up evidence to refute the Blanchard disclosures. The mountain in labor has at last brought forth its mouse, and a very small mouse it is.

A few days ago clumsy affidavits were published and signed by thirty-four commissioners. These men swear—and perhaps all these oaths may descend into rank perjury—that all was fair, and that no frauds were perpetrated. It is necessary to state that there were 115 polls in the city—made in all 345 manipulators appointed by the Fusion committee. Of this heavy brigade only thirty-four have testified, by saying that all Blanchard said was false, and it was little enough to say, when they stand accused of being willing instruments.

I shall now give you a few figures, to make unmistakably clear who the commissioners are who signed the denial, and perhaps the people may arrive at a just estimate of character and motive:

Frank J. Bates, poll No. 6, first ward, No such person ever served.

W. J. Baker, poll No. 1, first ward, received for his services..... \$65

R. F. Sadler, poll No. 8, first ward, received..... 70

David Fitzmaurice, poll No. 8, third ward, received..... 70

J. F. Henderson, poll No. 15, third ward, received..... 70

C. O. Mitchell, poll No. 2, second ward, received..... 70

J. C. Baker, poll No. 1, third ward, received..... 70

J. P. Baker, poll No. 1, third ward, received..... 70

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