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THE CHIMES OF NORMANDY

THE CAST.

Serpolette, the good for nothing... Mrs. P. A. Tharaldson... Germaine, the lost Marchioness... Miss Roselyn M. Sargent... Village Maidens... Miss Lena Purdy... Mrs. O. A. Turney... Mrs. E. M. Depaw... Mrs. Will C. Barnes... Mr. Marquis of Cornville... Mr. Allen V. Snowgrass... Jean Grenlecheux, a fisherman... Mr. J. W. Benham... Gaspard, a miser... Mr. Irving H. Andrews... The Bailiff... Mr. H. E. Heighton... Villagers, attendants of the Marquis.

The production of this tuneful opera at the Patton Grand last evening by the Philharmonics was successful in every respect. It would have done credit to many a regular opera company. The costumes and stage accessories were thoroughly in keeping with the spirit of the opera, the singing was of a high order, and the acting was so uniformly good that the club and its talented director, Mr. Mont P. Chubb, came in for unstinted praise. There were but few empty seats in the house and although the rendition of the opera occupied nearly three hours the audience displayed the utmost interest and enthusiasm. "The Chimes of Normandy" contain many amusing situations and the music is particularly pretty. The argument is as follows:

Henri, Marquis of Cornville, who has been since childhood, owing to civil war, an exile, returns to his ancestral home on the occasion of the great annual fair which is being celebrated in the village that receives its name from his chateau. It is one of the old-fashioned Norman villages of the seventeenth century. In the first act, the curtain rises on an assemblage of village gossips discussing scandal and small talk. Serpolette a cross between Fanchon and Boulotte is the topic of conversation among the belles of the village. She comes in first in time to turn the tables on the others and changes their taunts into expressions of rage. Gaspard, an old miser, wishes to marry his niece, Germaine, to the principal magistrate of the district, the Bailiff. This arrangement does not suit Germaine, nor a young fisherman named Jean Grenlecheux, who pretends that he has saved her life from drowning on a certain occasion. To escape from the power of old Gaspard, Germaine takes advantage of the privileges of the fair (a similar scene to that in the first act of "Martha") and becomes the servant of the marquis. Her example is followed by Grenlecheux and Serpolette.

The second act is taken up with a visit to the castle of Cornville so long an object of dread. Henri determines to find out the real character of these ghostly appearances, and discovers that it is all the work of the old miser, who has concealed his treasures in the chateau. The discovery drives Gaspard crazy, especially when he hears the bells of the chateau ringing for the first time since the night of the old marquis. The third act represents the grand fete given in honor of the return of Henri to his ancestral home. Ser-

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polette arrives as a marchioness, as some papers, found in the chateau, indicate that she is the lost heiress. The miser, however, recovers his reason, and shows that Germaine is the true marchioness. A love duet between her and Henri, and the reconciliation of all the parties bring the romantic story to a close. As Serpolette, Mrs. Tharaldson made a decided hit. She played the true spirit of the "good for nothing" and her delineation received well merited applause. Miss Sargent's fine voice was heard to great advantage in the part of Germaine. Mr. Snowgrass was effective in the Marquis of Cornville, and Mr. Benham as Grenlecheux was prime favorite. It would be difficult to improve upon Mr. Andrews' interpretation of Gaspard. Mr. Heighton made an admirable Bailiff. The chorus was well balanced and added much to the charm of the entertainment. The beautiful dance introduced at the beginning of the third act roused the audience to the highest pitch of enthusiasm, and had to be repeated. It was a most charming entertainment from beginning to end, and showed the most painstaking preparation. Director Chubb and the Philharmonics are to be congratulated upon their success.

THE FOREST RESERVE.

It is Likely That the Sheep Will Not Be Excluded.

W. H. Buntain, superintendent of forest reserves for New Mexico and Arizona, now stationed at Santa Fe, arrived Monday. The next day, accompanied by W. H. Thayer, forest ranger, he went to Show Low to inspect and report upon the condition of the reserve. Mr. Buntain is an energetic, shrewd and practical man and immediately grasped the situation here. He realizes that this is pre-eminently a grazing country, and as the cattle are moving out, sheep raising will in future be the main industry of this section, and if the grazing is prohibited it will result in absolute ruin to this country, and hopeless bankruptcy to northern Arizona. He realizes further that the sheep and cattle by keeping down the rank growth of grass in the timber and jamming the combustible pine hums into the ground, preventing a large deposit of dry grasses and weeds from forming in the forest is the only real prevention against forest fires. Threats being scattered, the fire will be unable to spread for want of an intervening ailment. This fact has been thoroughly demonstrated during the last fifteen years. Since sheep have been grazing in the forest destructive forest fires have seldom occurred and a rank growth of underbrush has appeared in many places in consequence thereof, and the value of the forest greatly enhanced. The forest is on that account in far better condition than it was fifteen years ago. It is further charged that the sheep herders start the forest fires and by their expulsion the forest fires will cease. Upon this proposition as well as preceding ones we welcome the investigation of the forest superintendent and his rangers, and it will be found that in four cases out of five the forest fires are started by Indians who in doing so have a threefold object in view: First, they believe that the smoke ascending in the heavens forms clouds and produces rain; secondly, ground is thereby cleared on which to plant corn; thirdly, the fire scares up game. It is true that fires are set out by white men, sometimes through carelessness and at other times through pure cunning. But this would occur just the same if there was not a single sheep on the whole reserve, or within one hundred miles thereof. We are glad, on this account, to welcome the forest ranger, who will no doubt bring some of these fire fiends before the tribunals of justice, and put a stop to this species of incendiarism, placing the onus upon the proper party.

Superintendent Buntain assured our citizens that the order directing the sheepmen to move their flocks off the reserve would be promptly rescinded, and upon presentation to the department of the true facts in the case, permits would be issued to sheepmen to run their sheep on the reserve under proper restrictions, and that the policy of the government was not to destroy the industries of any section, but to protect and encourage them. This assurance on the part of Mr. Buntain is highly gratifying to every one, and the temporary check experienced in business during the last six months, owing to the uncertain future of the sheep industry, has been dispelled, and from now on renewed activity will be witnessed in all lines of business. -Helbrook Argus.

ABOUT KINGMAN.

Items Gathered by the Albuquerque Citizen's Correspondent.

One hundred men and thirty teams, writes the correspondent of the Albuquerque Citizen, are at work on the new railroad which is being built from Kingman to Chloride. The grading party is now out about three miles and it is proposed to have trains running before August 1. Although the new road leaves the Santa Fe Pacific track about three miles from Kingman, so as to secure a better grade, this latter railway requires that Kingman shall be the terminal, as it is the policy of the Santa Fe Pacific not to build up new towns to the detriment of their established stations. Therefore the Arizona & Utah, as the road is called, was bound by contract to make this town the end of their line and they are required to deliver all freight to this point.

Chloride, which for the time being at least will be the northern terminus of the new road, is rapidly building up and promises to make a good town. Mining property in the Wallapai range of mountains between Kingman and Chloride is finding a ready sale and many new mines are being developed and old ones revived.

To help on the general boom, quite a number of new developments have been made and deep mining has shown bonanzas. The greatest of these has been in the Tennessee, a

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property owned by a Los Angeles company. At a depth of 250 feet the ore body is twenty feet wide and of a much higher grade than heretofore found in the mine. The 120 ton concentrator has all it can do to handle the output of the mine.

The Midnight, a location that has passed from hand to hand for twenty years, has just gone beyond the stage of a ten-foot hole prospect and has been found to be an immense body of sulphide ore, running well in gold and silver and high in copper. The development of this mine was made by the St. Charles brothers, the present owners, and J. B. Jones is doing 500 feet of development for a one-third interest.

The two sampling works at Kingman are running on full time to handle the output of the small mines. Within a radius of twenty miles from Kingman it is estimated that there are 200 mines which have produced ore which has been smelted. Many of these are now being worked.

Tub Ayres, owner of the Eureka mine at Cerbat, from which he took upwards of \$100,000 last year, has just let a contract to sink the shaft to the 250-foot level. The lower workings have passed out of the ore zone, but it is thought that this work will demonstrate that it occurs again at that depth.

The ice plant recently put in by Gaddis & Perry is complete and will be in operation in a few days. They propose to add a machine shop and probably an electric light plant.

Two base ball teams, composed entirely of Wallapai Indians, played a game of ball last Sunday. The score was 5 to 2.

Quite a number of people from Needles and the different camps along the Colorado river will spend the summer months in Kingman.

E. E. Ellinwood, one of the most prominent attorneys in the territory, has established a permanent office here.

EVIDENCE AGAINST DREYFUS.

Figaro Tells Reasons of Belief in Officer's Guilt.

Paris, May 1.—The Figaro, in its publication of the testimony offered before the court of cassation in the Dreyfus proceedings, continues the evidence given by Captain Culnet, who gave the court his reasons for believing that Dreyfus was guilty.

First, his (Dreyfus) confessions; second, the technical contents of the bordereau, and third, the secret dossier.

Captain Culnet admitted, however, that there was nothing in the secret dossier that referred to Dreyfus or showed his guilt except the Panizzardi dispatch.

GEN. GROSVENOR'S CANDIDACY.

The Ohio Representative Not Ready to Deny or Affirm It.

Washington, May 1.—Representative Grosvenor of Ohio is in the city and will remain a couple of days, attending to some business in the departments. He was asked by a reporter today if he was a candidate for the speakership. General Grosvenor said he was not ready at this time to say whether he would be a candidate or not. He said the announcements of candidacy struck him as being somewhat premature, in view of the fact that Speaker Reed has not yet said he would resign, although to be sure, Mr. Reed had not checked the aspirations of his friends in that direction, thus lending color to the prevailing impression that he would resign.

NOT UP TO DATE.

New York, May 1.—Collector Bidwell said today in regard to the above cable dispatch: "Mr. Smalley is only about two months behind time in his description. The conditions to which he refers did prevail, but weeks ago we secured such a modification of the regulations issued for carrying into effect the new law as to customs inspection of personal baggage of incoming steamship passengers that there are now practically no complaints received from returning travelers. As to the allegations of bribe taking by customs officers at this port, I do not think they are well founded. I do believe, however, that there has been and is a good deal of gratuity taking. A person returning from Europe, where he has found it almost obligatory upon him at every turn to be-

stow tips—and nowhere is the practice of extorting such tips in more active operation than in Mr. Smalley's own Merrie England—is naturally inclined to offer a gratuity here to the customs officer who examines and passes his baggage. The customs officer knows that it is his duty not to receive such gratuity, and I should promptly dismiss from the service any officer proved to me to have accepted a tender of money as a tip."

SEES MR. CHOATE.

London, May 1.—United States Ambassador Choate and Mrs. Choate will attend the Royal academy banquet on Saturday, upon which occasion Mr. Choate will deliver an address.

Mr. Choate was visited at the embassy today by "Jimmy" Durkin, the Chicago messenger boy who came here as the bearer of a message to the Daily Mail. He was accompanied by William Thomas Jaggars, who was recently sent to America with messages for New York, Philadelphia and Chicago. Mr. Choate listened good humoredly to the boys' stories, in explaining the object of his call Durkin told Mr. Choate that as an American citizen he was determined to see his country's representative. It was amusing to witness the assurance with which the lad placed himself on an equality with the ambassador.

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