

The Theaters

ENGLISH FARCE IS SCREAMINGLY FUNNY

STELLA MAYHEW IS STAR AT ORPHEUM

of Penance," the role of the pirate king being taken by George Rehn. During the act Maude Beauty charmingly interpolates "Españita" and Lola Rudolfe, a new addition to the company. "At the Baseball Game," Billy Onslow as the police sergeant and Lew Dunbar as General Von Tromp take care of the funny stunts. During the intermission Rosie Rehn presents illustrated songs and the Unique-scopic projects animated pictures.

BALFE OPERA SUNG AT THE AUDITORIUM

"THE BOHEMIAN GIRL," a romantic opera in three acts and six scenes, was presented last night at the Auditorium theater by the Edgar Temple opera company.

THE CAST Count Arnelm.....John S. Wilson Thaddeus.....Alfred MacGahan Florestin.....Laura Wallace Deedee.....Harry Ashman Captain of the guard.....Robert Leonard Arline.....Eleanor Kent Buda.....Edna Gilmore Queen of the Gypsies.....Grace Vance

BY FLORENCE BOSARD LAWRENCE In presenting "The Bohemian Girl" Mr. Temple has deviated from his announced purpose to present unadorned opera to the public of Los Angeles, but he is to be congratulated for the change since he selected an opera at once so tuneful and so romantic.

The training work of the past month is most noticeable this week whenever the chorus is on the stage. Always possessed of volume of tone and an individual merit, the members of this organization now present an ensemble so finished, so picturesque and so united in all their numbers that they prove a triumphant factor in the staging of the opera. Mr. Temple has been most happy in directing this body of singers, and their rapid progress along artistic lines is a liberal commendation of his ability in this respect.

For the principals, the opera offers an excellent opportunity to Miss Eleanor Kent, who sings the role of Arline with magnificent art. Her voice, which has already proved equal to all the demands of light and popular opera, in this role finds more trying work. There is no place, however, where she does not show herself fully equal to the requirements of the part. Dramatically expressive in every move and gesture, Miss Kent has a warm magnetic personality which attracts and holds her audience, and this added to the charm of her full liquid voice, makes her one of the favorites of the cast. Much has already been written in these columns about the splendid method which enables her to use her voice with such fine discrimination, and the constant vocalization which this opera requires of her only emphasizes those virtues.

The music of Thaddeus was a little high for Mr. MacGahan, especially in the love songs, although in the more robust songs and in his concerted work he was a dominant figure on the stage. Harry Cashman does his best work of the season as Devilshoof and as usual convulsed his audience, during the pantomime in the third act. John F. Wilson, who was cast as the count, was called upon to take the part upon twelve hours' notice. He gave an excellent delineation of the character and has a smooth, pleasant voice, which last night was slightly lacking in volume. This may have come, however, from his unfamiliarity with the part.

Laura Wallace appeared as Florestin, and was quite unusual to the cast as a woman in the part of this dandy. She was quite mincing and affected with her foppish ways, but omitted the lisp, which is one of the characteristics of the character. With the exception of Miss Kent and Mr. MacGahan, the company is hardly adequate for so ambitious a venture as that which Mr. Temple has prescribed for this week, but the delightful music of the opera will serve to make up to many listeners for any deficiencies in the rendition of the work.

Mr. Temple will sing Thaddeus at the Wednesday matinee and Miss Malson will sing the Gypsy Queen this evening and at alternate performances thereafter. Manager Charles York of the Los Angeles theater received a telegram last night from John Court in New York, announcing the engagement of the Earl Burgess melodramatic stock company, which was to have opened at that house next week. Plans for the future are indefinite.

There's full value and a little more in the current Fischer offering, Elona Leonard, who heads the olio, does the same clever character change act presented here before, opening with a rollicking "cowboy girl" song in costume, next presenting a Highland Scotch ballad.

The current bill at the Unique presents the comedy company in "Retribution" by Richard Cummings, a one-act farce in which Alphonse, Willis West, and Alphonse, a dog, get badly mixed up. Katherine Merley as Mrs. Smith, who never does it, is a sleet and does not, but who thinks she is a friend of Alphonse, the man. The mix-up occurs when she hides the dog in her room and the dog, who has concealed, Charles Perley as the tough boy, Ethel Thornton, the giddy milliner; Jack Howard, a typical messenger boy; and Maxie Mitchell, the maid, are well mixed up.

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Sir Guy fight, at first both in full armor. Then, this combat proving a draw, Sir Guy adopts Marquis of Queensberry rules and knocks out the Irishman. Great applause. Curtain; Irishman a witty curtain speech from the star.

The third act finds Sir Guy awakened. His dream has led him to pretend to think himself back in the thirteenth century. "They wanted the 'good old days,'" he says. "I'll just try it on." The treatment proves efficacious. Sir Guy shows up as a coward, the Lady Rowena decides the present is a pretty good time in which to live after all, and the final curtain falls with everybody happy.

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Miss Burke Gone to Arizona Miss Ruth Burke, a newspaper writer well and favorably known both among the local press fraternity and to the general public, left Sunday for Prescott, Ariz., where she will probably again enter the newspaper field.

Cards for an At Home Mrs. J. F. Kanst has issued cards for an "at-home" the afternoon of May 11 at her home on Westlake avenue.

Off for San Francisco Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gengenbre Hubert and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver C. Bryant were among the passengers going north on the Owl last evening. Mr. and Mrs. Hubert will be guests of Capt. Dodd, commander of Mare island navy yard, enjoying the festivities incident to the arrival of the fleet from this point of vantage. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant are going on to Berkeley to join their daughter, who has been ill at Berkeley Inn.

Flower Fete at San Rafael The charming al fresco affair that had been planned for Saturday last at the beautiful Foy place on San Rafael rancho, has been postponed until Saturday, May 9.

The many children and grown-ups who had looked forward to an afternoon with "Alice" and her May day friends and were disappointed by the unusual rainstorm, are eagerly awaiting the deferred pleasure.

In the hope that the exquisite display of flowers which had been arranged might partially fulfill the purpose of their exhibitors, a great box of the fragrant blooms were sent late Saturday night to the torpedo flotilla at San Pedro as a farewell greeting to the men and officers.

On Trip to Mt. Wilson A merry party left yesterday for a trip to Mount Wilson, where they will remain until Thursday. The young women are graduates of the College of Fine Arts, U. S. C., and will spend much of their time sketching. The party, chaperoned by Mrs. H. D. Godfrey, is composed of Misses Myrtle Godfrey