

THEATRE COMPANY

Opening Night of the Grand Opera Season at the Baldwin Theater.

THEA DORRE'S FINE AMNERIS.

Corinne and Comic Opera at the California—'Joe's Girls' and 'Sins of a Night.'

The Baldwin was crowded from floor to ceiling last night by a brilliantly dressed audience, eager to welcome the first performance of grand opera this season.



CORINNE. [From a photograph.]

away and the coming Goad-Hooker and Jarboe-Bull weddings may have helped to thin out the regular frequenters. The audience contained a large number of well-known people in musical and artistic circles and the spontaneous applause which always greets anything good at the Baldwin Theater was not lacking.

It is difficult to say why 'Aida' was chosen as the opening opera, for it does not display the company to such good advantage as some of the other works in the repertory. Not that the performance last night was unsatisfactory, on the contrary it was marked by some brilliant work, but it was an uneven performance, marked by too many ups and downs.

The overture and the beginning of the first scene were practically inaudible in the noise of a late-arriving audience. Payne Clark was the Radames, and his 'Celeste Aida' won him some applause, though his rendering of the aria left a good deal to be desired. Thea Dorre as Amneris had not much opportunity in the opening scene to show her mettle, and what she did do was to sing Mme. Tavery's excellent singing in a lyric piece.

All through the opera, in fact, Mme. Tavery's singing was an artistic pleasure. Her acting was neither passionate nor convincing. She elected to use the Italian language, which she pronounces execrably, and she adopted a make-up as novel as it was hideous, but she redeemed everything by her singing. Her voice was clear, ringing, generally true—even her highest notes were bell-like, and she sang without effort. In fact Mme. Tavery proved herself to be an accomplished vocal artist, and that covers a multitude of shortcomings—even a weird make-up.

and Mrs. Neal and party, Mr. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bunten, Porter Garrett, James M. Hamilton, George Seitz, Mrs. J. H. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sachs, Mrs. J. S. Sablin and party, Mr. and Mrs. H. Nelson, T. H. Goodman and party, Dr. and Mrs. T. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Schwabacher, Mr. and Mrs. A. Heineman, H. W. Beane, Herman Shainwald and party, G. O. Uttinger and party, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hopkins, G. A. B. and party, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Whitell, E. J. Coleman and party, Mrs. Mrs. D. H. Bibb, Mrs. A. Woolworth and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Blankover, Mr. and Mrs. H. Canfield, Mr. and Mrs. Hagenman, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rothschild, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Eggers, Mr. and Mrs. Siegel, Mr. and Mrs. C. Willard, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hathaway, G. A. Sessou, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome.

At the California. Corinne was greeted at the California last night by an audience that filled the theater. And it was a very well-pleased audience from the moment the curtain went up until Hendrick Hudson kissed his hand to them and bade them good-night. The musical extravaganza was broken with bits of specialty that varied and relieved the spectacle. The company is a strong one throughout, although the voices are not of the highest order. Corinne's singing and dancing are something in the nature of a revelation. Ben E. Grinnell, the comedian, was especially happy as Kill Von Kull, a real estate agent, the first of his tribe. Among the specialty bits were 'Lindbergh's' anvil song and the Nichols sisters as the 'plantation swells.'

A little touch of Trilby—a parody—was introduced before the closing tableau, in which Grinnell does his Swedish hypnotic dance and Corinne exhibits her diamonds, sings Ben Bolt quite effectively. The California is certain to have crowded houses all the week. By invitation.

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The 'Gentle Savage' met with a warm reception last night, and both piece and stage deserved it. The composition is a fantastic and certainly much overdrawn picture of border life and the strange manner in which Indians and cowboys, monks and ballet-girls, drummers and hairbreadth scapes—that did not get away—as presented under the title of 'The Sins of a Night.' The play is charged with exciting situations, which keep the audience under the influence of a far above the ordinary if not too severely taxed during its formation period. Much care has evidently been given to the details of the play, for all the parts are exceedingly well taken. 'Der Freischutz' is promised for the next week, but it looks as though the 'Savage' might retain his gentle away for at least a fortnight.

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At the Orpheum. Rachel Walker's soft, silvery, high notes seem to drive her audiences to a veritable frenzy of applause, the gifted Creole girl being obliged to reap again and again to her acknowledgment. Last night she sang the heretofore song from 'Romeo and Juliet' and threw into it such a wealth of artistic flourish, especially in the intricate cadenza at the end, that she was obliged to repeat the closing movement in answer to a most enthusiastic and prolonged recall. Her other numbers, for all eternity and 'Love's old sweet song,' were equally good.

Billy Carter, the comedian band specialist, has a number of very taking selections in his repertoire. Last night he sang 'The Boys in the Boat' and 'The Boys in the Boat,' in their imitation of the sound of bells, were exceedingly effective. The dancers, especially the 'The Boys in the Boat,' and the other participants in the long and interesting programme, all contributed to render the bill most entertaining and enjoyable.

At the Alcazar. 'The Arabian Nights' at the Alcazar is not a spectacular, spangle and glitter entertainment, smelling of the incense of the far East, as its title might lead one to suppose. It is, on the contrary, one of Sidney Grundy's rollicking comedies. Arthur Hummingbird (Hereward) and 'The Boys in the Boat,' and under that impression 'The Boys in the Boat,' sell up in a maze of difficulties in several other relatives. The mother and audience in an uproar. The play is in three acts. It is presented in five acts. Leonards, second vice-president; F. J. Parsons, second vice-president; A. L. Scott, treasurer; H. L. Smith, secretary, and Joseph Kirke, attorney.

'Uncle Tom's Cabin.' The old play is well staged and its characters ably sustained. Edna Clare, as Topsy, is a revelation. The strange and grotesque in the play is handled with wit and stupidity with which she endows the unique part renders it most effective. Maud Brink is perfect in the part of Rachel. Mrs. O'Brien and Eliza, but makes a success of both. Harry West as Uncle Tom is a good interpreter of that pathetic part, while J. Hartwell as Simon Legree, the plantation owner, is a masterpiece of the old role to him. The other characters are well sustained and some of the scenes are of a high order of excellence. The music between the acts is destined to become a feature of the performance as this piece is announced it is unusual in its present high standard. Last night's entire programme was notably good, the rendering of 'The Cavalry Overture' being particularly fine.

BRIGHT OUTLOOK FOR '96.

The Hopeful Words of the President of the Board of Trade.

Proceedings at the Annual Meeting—Officers Elected—As to Home Industries.

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The following directors were elected for the year: A. A. Watkins, president; H. M. Holbrook, to succeed E. N. Newhall, and Frank Brigham, to succeed Webster Jones. S. Feuchtwanger was chosen for one year, vice Henry Payot, resigned. The board then elected the following officers: A. A. Watkins, president; S. Nickelsburg, first vice-president; F. J. Parsons, second vice-president; A. L. Scott, treasurer; H. L. Smith, secretary, and Joseph Kirke, attorney.

ALONG THE WATER FRONT

The Affairs of George F. Smith & Co. Still Being Investigated.

CREDITORS ARE MORE HOPEFUL.

Arrival of the Italian Warship Cristoforo Colombo Bagerly Looked For.

The affairs of George F. Smith & Co. are still under investigation, but the various ship-owners and captains interested are now a little more hopeful. A committee



Cavalier Ettore Frigerio, Lieutenant of the Cristoforo Colombo, Expected in This Port To-Day. The Cavalier is the Second Aid-de-Camp to the Prince of Savoy. [From a photograph.]

composed of Leon Blumh of Roth, Blumh & Co., W. Talbot of Talbot, and George E. Billings of Hall Bros. has been appointed to look into the standing of the concern. A meeting was held yesterday, but the expert could make no report as the accounts are in such a tangle that he finds great difficulty in unraveling them. About the only thing done during the day was the appointing of Charles Nelson to the agency for the bark Colaba and barkentine Mary Winkelman.

In connection with the cashing of an \$80 check by Gus Gerda, as stated in yesterday's CALL, there was a mistake made. Mr. Gerda says that he has honored the check, and that the mistake was made by George F. Smith & Co. and never knew one of them to be dishonest. According to him the story originated as a joke. The old-time ship Glory of the Seas got in from Nantuxo, B. C., yesterday after a smart passage of fourteen days. She was caught in the southeasters that damaged the other vessels that have been dropping in for a week past and was roughly handled. Fifty feet of her bulwarks was carried away, her cargo shifted and one of the crew was washed overboard. It was about 11 o'clock on the night preceding the big storm. Everything pointed to dirty weather and Captain Freeman ordered four men that he borrowed to secure the job. A big wave came along and when it had passed there were only three men on the bowsprit. Thomas Dickson had been washed away. He was a native of Ireland and well known on the water front. This was the fourth roving voyage he had made on the Glory of the Seas.

The Italian man-of-war Cristoforo Colombo is daily expected in the Puget Sound and the Italian colony here is all ready to give her a right royal welcome. Many of the crew have relatives and friends in San Francisco, so the stay of every body connected with the ship is sure to be enjoyable. Among the officers is Lieutenant Ettore Frigerio, second aid-de-camp to Prince Luigi of Savoy, who is also a lieutenant on the vessel. Lieutenant Frigerio is well known in San Francisco and his friends will be glad to meet him again.

The following notice to mariners has been issued by the Inspectors of the Light-house Board: Notice is hereby given that the Coos Bay buoy, being white buoy, painted black and white, between the straits marked with the letter 'K' in white, has come drifted from its moorings, about one and a quarter miles outside of the bar. It will be replaced as soon as practicable. This affects the list of beacons and buoys, Pacific Coast, 1894, pages 31 and 34. There was a row on the schooner Marion, lying at Fremont-street wharf, that required the assistance of the harbor police to quell yesterday. Axel Wilson and Carl Richardson started in to run the ship, and when Officers Cockrill and Shaw appeared on the scene they showed fight. Cockrill had the iron on Wilson, but Richardson and Shaw had a rough-and-tumble, of which the former got decidedly the worse. Yesterday last Wilson and Richardson got drunk and deserted the schooner. On Sunday they returned and gave Mate Charles Braun a licking because he would not give them everything they wanted to eat and then ran away. When they showed up yesterday two new men were in their places and they started in to run them off the vessel. Then the row began. At the Harbor Police station Wilson and Richardson were charged with disturbing the peace and resisting an officer.

ALL FOR THE ACADEMY. President David Starr Jordan on the Latest Departures in the Interest of Science. President David Starr Jordan of Stanford University came up from Palo Alto yesterday on business in connection with the Academy of Sciences, of which he is also president by recent election. Dr. Jordan has been doing a lot of thinking lately as to the best way of advancing the Academy and its varied interests. He has completed arrangements for an interesting course of lectures. 'The object is to let lecturers that people will come and hear,' said Dr. Jordan. 'We want to popularize the Academy and yet we want to give thoroughly scientific

information. Dr. J. Molers, who has spent some time in Mexico and become possessed of very important facts regarding the Aztecs, will speak on their early history. Dr. Rosenau of Washington, D. C., who is now here, will deliver a lecture on the relation of bacteria to dairying. It will be important. 'There are bacteria in milk that are very deleterious to health, and again there are bacteria that give to butter its fine flavor. It has been shown lately that if bacteria are removed from milk it will keep sweet for a great length of time. 'Dr. Frank Angel will deliver a lecture on an equally important subject, namely, illusions and hallucinations as a basis of spooks and apparitions—that is, as a scientific basis for there is no ghostly basis in everything of this sort. The most of the people who attempt to teach things about spirits, the supernatural, are frauds. Some of them honestly believe what they say, because of illusions and hallucinations which they are laboring under. Yet the dollar is a potent thing, and I have my suspicions of most of the people who take money in connection with the spook and spirit business. We will go into the subject a good deal at the Academy. 'Rain-making will also receive its proper attention. Of course, nobody can any

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LE CONTE TELLS OF DANA

A Scholarly Memoir Delivered at the Academy of Sciences.

ELOQUENT AND ERUDITE.

He Characterizes the Departed Scientist as the One Master in Geology.

Professor Joseph Le Conte delivered at the Academy of Sciences last evening a scholarly and eloquent memoir on the late James Dwight Dana of New Haven, Conn. He said:

By the death of Professor Dana, the foremost geologist not only of America, but of the world, has been taken from us. My first meeting with Professor Dana was in the year 1850, when I listened at New Haven to his paper on the analogy of reproduction in hydroids and plants. This subject is well known now, but was new then. His slender form, agreeable, resonant voice and magnetic personality, together with the deep philosophy of his thought and its poetical expression, made a great impression upon me.

Among such men as Agassiz, Henry, and William and Henry Rogers, Dana, although only 37, was a prominent figure, for at that time he had published some of his greatest scientific works. If it is true, as the positive philosopher Kant has it, that a noble life is one in which a noble character is developed, Dana's life was a noble one. Dana was a man of noble character, and his life was a noble one. Dana was a man of noble character, and his life was a noble one. Dana was a man of noble character, and his life was a noble one.

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over body, so is there of the reflective faculties over all, and in civilization we find the same analogy. The most potent causes are slow in effect and are remote from ordinary notice. It was these causes that took a great hold on Dana. Geology before Dana was a history, and with him it became a philosophy of history of absorbing interest. For the first time there was recognized a tiny cosmos. Before him geology was a study of the history of formations, and after him it became a study of era of development tending toward a definite period. Dana's philosophy of history of the earth as a whole. To show the development of the earth he chose the development of the continent he worked out in great details, and this has come to be the working idea for geologists generally. American geologists have been especially successful in developing the theory of the formation of mountain ranges it is because Dana led the way.

Another idea that received an ardent acceptance at his hands was that put forth by Agassiz of the early existence of the great northern ice sheet. He could never have written such a book as his 'Manual' had he not been a life-long teacher. His research are closely allied—the one reacts upon the other. It is impossible almost to separate the teacher from the man. I dare not enter the list of his details, for his home is not a list of facts, but a list of ideas. Dana's life was a noble one. Dana was a man of noble character, and his life was a noble one. Dana was a man of noble character, and his life was a noble one.

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