



TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1897

AMUSEMENTS. BALDWIN THEATRE - "The Heart of Maryland..."

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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Fair Thursday with light fog in the morning - A. G. McAfee, local forecast official.

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Act of Revenge Because He Had Been Discharged by His Victim.

Early Morning Tragedy in a Little Grocery on Folsom and Juniper Streets.

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Masterson had no other motive that is known save that he wished to be revenged on Curran.

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The Secretary of the Treasury, as was announced in the CALL several days ago, has ordered the day of the State Industrial Convention to be held in San Francisco.

The ladies in charge of Sacred Heart booth in connection with St. Joseph's Fair will receive their friends in Loyola Hall, Tenth and Market streets, this evening. A select musical and literary program will be rendered by the fair committee and a pleasant evening is promised to all who attend. A small admission fee will be charged.

United States Circuit Judge Morrow yesterday rendered judgment in the matter of appeals in the matter of two packages of a crocheted mixture imported by the Pacific Company to be used in preserving railroad ties from decay. The board decided that the crocheted mixture should be a duty of 25 per cent. Judge Morrow held that this decision was wrong, and that the article was entitled to admission duty free.

NEW TO-DAY

THE ROSE SHAMPOO. Skins on fire with torturing, disfiguring, itching, burning, bleeding, scaly, and pimply humors, instantly relieved by a warm bath with CUTICURA Soap, a single application of CUTICURA Ointment, the great skin cure, and a full dose of CUTICURA RESOLVENT.

Expectorated on the Carpet. Joseph Donney, a laborer, was a spectator in Judge Joachimson's court yesterday, and around the fire of the judge by expectingoration on the new carpet. The judge ordered Police-man Wolf to arrest Donney, and he was booked at the City Prison for violating the ordinance against expectorating.

MORTON SPECIAL DELIVERY. Baggage transferred to trains, steamers, etc. Also moved in the city. Estimates furnished. Freight transferred and shipped. 408 Taylor street and 650 Market street. Telephone Main 46.

THE CRYSTAL SWIMMING BATHS. Physicians recommend the Crystal Warm sea water tub and swimming baths, North Beach.

Nearly as much fish is said to be eaten in London as meat.

CLONG TO A CAPSIZED BOAT

Two Men Face Death in the Bay for Half an Hour.

One of Them Couldn't Swim and His Companion Had to Hold Him Up.

The El Sueno to Carry the Best Prepared Expedition That Has Yet Left for Alaska.

The big gasoline schooner Bessie K is being fitted out at the Mission-street bulkhead for a trip to Dawson City. She has on board the smart yacht El Sueno, and in her the trip up the Yukon will be made.

Ways for the launching of the yacht at St. Michael are now being built, and as soon as these are completed the Bessie K will be ready for sea.

The El Sueno is fitted with the promoters of the venture say that she will make at least twelve knots an hour against the current that runs on the river.

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The Writ of Prohibition Recently Issued to Shield Lawrence.

Motion to Set It Aside Will Be Heard by Judge Wallace To-Morrow.

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WARM WELCOME FOR DELASCO

"The Heart of Maryland" Proves an Exciting Melodrama.

Wagner Lovers Flock to the Tivoli Production of "Lohengrin."

Francis Carlyle Appears With the Frawleys-The Orpheum Has a Clever Debutante.

In a certain speech at the Baldwin Theater yesterday evening David Belasco remarked that he had long and eagerly looked forward to the first production of "The Heart of Maryland" in San Francisco. His expectations would scarcely have been disappointed in this regard, as the friends and admirers packed the theater, and both he and his play received a demonstrative welcome.

Mr. Belasco's "new romantic play" as it is described in the programme, proved to be a melodrama of a superior type. There were no boiler explosions or thrilling leaps for life—the California playwright is too experienced to rely on such hackneyed effects for capturing dollar and a half audiences. The great spectacular feature of "The Heart of Maryland" is a modernized version of "Curfew Shall Not Ring To-night," where the heroine robed in snowy white, swings in mid-air from the clapper of a bell.

The story of "The Heart of Maryland" does not lend itself to synopsis, for action follows action too rapidly. The scene is laid in Maryland during Federal and Confederate days, when father was fighting for the Union and the son was fighting against brother. The heroine's brother is a Union spy, and the villain, Colonel Fulton Thorpe of the Secret Service, manages to fasten the treachery of Maryland's brother on her lover, who is an honorable Union officer. The climax is reached when Maryland states Thorpe, releases her lover, who is about to be shot, and swings on the bell clapper to muffle the alarm of a prisoner's escape.

The stage telling of the story is full of throbs and thrills of excitement, especially in the scene which leads up to the "Curfew shall not ring to-night" act. Mrs. Leslie Carter was a host in herself in this trying climax, where she showed her art by reaching a full-blown crescendo of dramatic fervor. The first act she pitched in rather a quiet key, but from that point forward, she worked gradually up to her climax, and remarkably effective climax it was.

In person Mrs. Carter is rather more picturesque than pretty, but she made a striking stage picture with her Venetian red hair and graceful movements. She is a perfect white glow as much as Eleonora Duse.

Maryland has the lion's share of what in actors' slang is called "fat." The villain, Thorpe, has the next best part, but next in this case does not imply proximity to the actor's appreciation.

Theodore Roberts made Thorpe all that a melodramatic villain ought to be, and when Maryland sought him the general verdict was, "served him right."

James E. Williams, as Edmond Mordaunt, was effective as Maryland's lover and his father, respectively, who fought on opposite sides. The cast is long, but it does not afford any other special opportunities, and the play is a good one.

The "Heart of Maryland" is a beautiful study of the character of a man of the old school, and the audience received everything with delight, even the constant galloping of horses without a detail which would not elicit a ripple of interest from the melodramatized patrons of the Grand.

Lovers of music drama packed the Tivoli last night to hear the performance of "Lohengrin." The orchestra has been enlarged for the production and such a lavish display of new scenery and costumes was in evidence that at the end of the second act George Lask, the stage manager, was called before the curtain.

From a high-art standpoint it must be confessed that the orchestra and Merens, the barytone, alone rendered the Wagnerian standard of high art in the production of the chorus "Lohengrin" was something of a top performance. It would be obviously a pity to have the chorus of the Tivoli, and last night's performance, all things considered, was a brilliant success. The audience toward the success of the performance.

William Mertens as Talramund easily carried off the honors. He has the true Wagnerian spirit, and he has been playing his part and did splendid work. Time Kronold, who sang Elsa, had some very happy moments, and Mrs. Hinrichs and Miss Thomas labored toward the success of the performance.

The orchestra did exceptionally good work, and the play without the orchestra. The heavy score and the large body of musicians rather outweighed some of the singers, however, and Mr. Hinrichs might, with advantage, have restrained the ardor of his recitals.

The Columbia. The Frawley Company has found its happiest and most profitable home in the old-time program successes, and its performance of Haddon Chambers' "Idler" is no exception to the rule.

In this excellently constructed play the Frawleys give one of the smoothest representations of the season. Long as the Idler is, that queer mixture of villainy and generosity hit beneath a thin veneer of fine society phrasing—is at his best. He found worthy support in Bianca Hill, Lady Harding, and Mr. Hinrichs, and Frawley's Sims Strong. In fact Frawley played so extremely well that it is to be hoped Manager Frawley will call on the boards at the end of the performance.

Francis Carlyle, who made his first appearance in the company last evening, found Sir John Harding rather beyond his limited capabilities.

Pho-a McCallister, Madge Carr Cook, Gladys Yates and Harry Gordon Clarke did their share toward the excellent ensemble.

The Orpheum. There was a debutante who gracefully made her initial bow at the Orpheum last evening, skipping out in graceful measure and with a swinging chorus to assist Johnnie Carroll in the latest and best of negro melodies, "She's a Good Girl." The debutante was Miss Johnnie Carroll, and her first appearance was marked with all the assurance of a tried performer.

Grand Opera-House. "The Heart of Chicago" was produced to an overflowing audience at Morosco's last night. The view of the ruins of the burning city, with flame and smoke arising from the smoldering buildings, formed a handsome tableau and was well received. A perspective view of the city, showing the city of the future, and afforded an opportunity for the introduction of a roof-garden party with specialties, in which Mamie Holden, the new debutante, made her initial bow to a San Francisco audience.

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