

SECOND NIGHT AUDIENCE ENTRANCED WITH ERNEST VAN DYCK'S SPLENDID TANNHAUSER

Overture Unfolds Itself Like a Bursting Flower of Music and is Greeted as the Finest Ever Heard in San Francisco.

Whether it were that the new order of things generally down at Morosco's Grand Opera-house, or the particular unfamiliarity of beginning the programme at 8 o'clock sharp, which has been inaugurated by Mr. Grau, confused the authorities in charge of the curtain arrangements, may never be known; but the curious spectacle of a group of merry spectators discovered in heaven knows what eccentric gambols among the enchanting nymphs of Venusberg was the first taste of "Tannhauser," a la Grau, accorded the audience last night.



LEADING SINGERS IN THE CAST OF "TANNHAUSER," WAGNER'S GREAT MASTERPIECE, PRESENTED IN MAGNIFICENT MANNER AT THE GRAND OPERA-HOUSE LAST NIGHT.

ed with an admirable savoir faire. The orchestra went on with the most beautiful overture as if nothing had happened. The coryphees posed on the tips of their toes until tired, then gracefully reclined in approved coryphée fashion until their cue came. And Van Dyck and Miss Susan Strong leapt peacefully under the roses through it all.

INSANE SOLDIERS LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON  
Thirteen insane patients were sent to Washington yesterday from the Presidio. A guard composed of First Sergeant Wesley Bickhart, four privates and two hospital corps men was sent in charge of the men.

Within the next few days almost three-quarters of a million dollars of tax money will be turned into the city, county and State coffers by the Southern Pacific Company. The amount represents only a portion of the big tax which this railroad corporation must pay this year in return for its right of way privileges throughout the Western States.

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RETAIL SHOE CLERKS ARE MAKING ACTIVE CAMPAIGN  
Appoint Committee to Seek Co-operation of the Retail Merchants in Early Closing Agitation.  
The Retail Shoe Clerks' Protective Association held a largely attended meeting in the hall at 320 Post street last night. Two weeks from the present date the charter of the organization will expire, and the by-laws will go into effect. All shoe clerks desiring to join the organization are recommended to do so before this date, as a raising of the initiation fee will result.

Alta Theater Troubles.  
Close upon the contemplated condemnation of the Alta Theater and its consequent closing as an amusement place by the Board of Supervisors comes an attachment for \$20000, levied on the West-



ADRIAN BISHOP, ERNEST VAN DYCK, and GADSKI, ERNEST VAN DYCK.

ity of the Wagner we know so well before us, yet there are still those who prefer the old Italian school, and to the exclusion of the new order of opera. But it was a Wagner audience last night. On the Grand Opera-house, and like most Wagner houses, eminently discreet in applause, though it roused to unwonted enthusiasm occasionally.  
Gadski we have heard before, with her silver throat and exquisite method. She is at her best in Elizabeth—acts the part in a graceful, simple fashion, looks the royal Feiton maid with acclaim and sings in velvet voice the sustained periods of her part. She received the tribute of absolute silence after her exquisite rendering of the famous prayer of Elizabeth, the Venus of the evening, Susan Strong, has a full, round voice of mellow quality, exceedingly well used, and she pleased much by her reading of the role. Mme. Oltzka, who sings the important little part of the shepherd boy in the first act, is also a capable artist, and gave her alternate "pipe" and song with excellent effect.

ern Amusement Company, which controls the Grove-street playhouse. The attachment was served on the company by D. McCann. Later in the day the attachment on the piano used in the theater was released on San Francisco. The cash register was also released on the representation. It is owned by the Halwood Company.

REMEMBERS BENEFACTORS AND WILL IS CONTESTED  
Sadie Mulvany-Valentine's Husband Alleges That She Was of Unsound Mind.  
A contest of the will of the late Sadie Mulvany-Valentine, also known as Sadie A. Mulvany, Sara Mulvany, Sarah Mulvany, Sadie Valentine and Mrs. C. G. Valentine, was filed yesterday by C. G. Valentine, deceased husband. In the contest it is alleged that the deceased at the time the will was executed, September 21, 1899, was not of sound mind, but at frequent intervals was in the hospital for mental and physical ailments, and that she was of unsound mind at the time she executed the will.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH WILL ENTERTAIN FRIENDS  
A Dramatic and Musical Entertainment to be Given Friday Night.  
There will be a first class entertainment last night on portrait posing and light effects. A large audience listened to his talk with interest. Others who addressed the club were President J. W. Erwin and Will Lussler, both of whom illustrated their subjects with stereoscopic views. The club intends giving a print exhibition some time during January.

Wolfram was all that might be expected from this finished and conscientious artist. The part of Herman was finely sung by Mr. Bloss, who has an excellent bass-profound voice. Mr. Jacques Barry, Mr. Hubbenet, Mr. Mullmann and Mr. Viviani all sang well their minor parts.  
The music was most effective, the costumes and scenery picturesque, splendid and sufficient, and the large chorus above criticism.  
A special announcement is made by the opera management of a "popular night" to be given next Sunday evening, when "Il Trovatore" with Nordica, Valma Cantaren, Oltzka, Campanari, Journet, Masiero and Dippel will be put on, and at prices to suit all pockets.

THE TIVOLI.  
Collamarini gave her admirers another sample of her rare art when she appeared at the Tivoli last evening as Mignon in Ambrose Thomas' opera of the same name. "Mignon" is as different from "Carmen" as it is possible for one character to differ from another still. Collamarini adapts herself to the requirements of the wail heroine with the same ease and grace as she does to the part of the scintillating polonaise with a wonderful brilliancy and dash. Russo's lady's head as Wilhelm Meister, and Nicolini found himself happily cast as "Mignon." To-night "Ernani" with Garbacci, Castellano and Nicolini in the cast.

CHILD CRUSHED UNDER WHEELS  
James Leary Is Killed While Playing Ball in the Street.  
James Leary, an 8-year-old boy, was run over and killed by a light wagon driven by a man named O'Brien on Howard street, near Third, yesterday evening. The wheels of the vehicle passed over the boy's chest, breaking his arms and crushing his chest. He lived but a short time after he had been taken to the Harbor Receiving Hospital. Timothy Leary, the boy's father, is proprietor of the City Hotel, at 512 Howard street.

MINERS TALK OVER CONVENTION TOPICS  
Oil Men Reported to be Coming to the Session in Large Numbers.  
The executive committee of the California Miners' Association met last evening at the Union League Club and talked over matters to come before the State convention next week. Secretary Benjamin Porter made an effort to stop, but before the horse came to a standstill the wheels of the wagon had crushed the boy.

Robbed Another Roomer.  
Frank de Vitt, 215 Post street, swore to a complaint in Judge Fritz's court yesterday for the arrest of Robert Kelly on a charge of grand larceny. De Vitt alleges that Kelly, who roomed in the same house, went into his room on November 6 and stole a suit of clothes, an overcoat, a gold watch and chain, diamond ring, gold stud set with a diamond and \$8 in coin, the total value being \$200.

Camera Club Holds Meeting.  
Arnold Genthe lectured very entertainingly before the California Camera Club last night on portrait posing and light effects. A large audience listened to his talk with interest. Others who addressed the club were President J. W. Erwin and Will Lussler, both of whom illustrated their subjects with stereoscopic views. The club intends giving a print exhibition some time during January.

SCARF SUPPLIES DELICATE CHATS OF FINEST LEXING Only Six Senators for Committee Duty in Thirty Places.

Appears to be Settled That Alden Anderson Will Be Re-elected Speaker of the Assembly.  
The duty of appointing the standing committee of the State Senate of the next Legislature will devolve upon Lieutenant Governor Jacob H. Neff. According to his ideas of fair representation there should be at least one Democrat on each committee, but of the holdover Senators only five are Democrats. The only Democratic Senator elected in the Legislature of the Seventeenth District of San Francisco, six Democrats therefore comprise the strength of the party in the upper branch of the Legislature.

Senator S. C. Smith of Kern County is in line for the chairmanship of the Finance Committee. Service on the committee for three consecutive sessions of the Senate is supposed to count for something. Charles M. Beulah, who has made a record in the Assembly for economy in the disbursement of public funds, is spoken of as one who could render the State excellent service as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

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Margaret Raabe Is Not Insane.  
Mrs. Margaret Raabe, who was arrested last Saturday on complaint of her husband, Fred Raabe, the Democratic politician, and charged with insanity, was released from custody yesterday by order of the Lunacy Commission. The members of the commission were of the opinion that Mrs. Raabe was not insane, but at times was not to permit her temper to overcome her discretion, which resulted in the trouble from which she has just escaped.

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Walhallas Will Dance.  
Walhallas Lodge, the German Rebekah lodge of this city, will entertain its friends with a musical and literary programme and dancing in its lodgeroom in Fellows' building on next Saturday evening.

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