

SWEET SINGERS STRIKE THE TIVOLI AUDIENCE.

Italian Opera Company Opens in "Rigoletto"

For the first night of its first grand opera season the new Tivoli heaped up history last night with all kinds of a wonderful "Rigoletto." The audience was as large as the house and almost as Latin as the cast. It was an enthusiastic and ready to say so as any audience this side of Milan, and said so mightily last night.

There were most reasons for enthusiasm. There is a soprano—but of Tetrazzini later—and there is a conductor that lives up to even the Mexican legends of his achievements.

Yesterday morning the company walked into the Tivoli after a little 4000-mile journey from Mexico. They were washed out at Banning, almost kidnapped by the music-loving Governor of Chihuahua—who wanted them to put us off for a day or two and sing a little tenor for him—and otherwise happily beguiled on the way. Yesterday morning tired, dusty, with a handful of orchestra, part of a chorus, the scores somewhere, the costumes elsewhere, they arrived. It is owing to the fact that the conductor was a Pollacco that last night's performance was given at all. Its kind also is due to the same fact.

Signor Pollacco is a wonderful sort of person. He has the fire of a Creator and the fineness of a Mancinelli. He was all over the orchestra last night, darting a rapier-like baton at the violins, whipping in the brass, coaxing the wood wind and compelling them all to a quick, clean, close, sensitive ensemble that I do not remember to have heard equaled before at the Tivoli. And if Signor Pollacco can do this with men yet musical strangers to one another, what will he do in a few days? The scores he is evidently on the most musicianly of terms with; he is apparently as little inclined to spare himself as Mascagni, and in the orchestra, both home and imported, he has evidently the best of material. There are to be fifty-two men all told; last night's count was forty-eight. One thing only the conductor has to learn—that in shouting as we did at the end of act three we did not want an encore, but the privilege of a stage view of Signor Pollacco—his back view is that of the young and handsome sort! However, the audience took it out in applauding him between acts.

A little woman about the height and something of the build of Sembrich is Tetrazzini. One had heard all sorts of wonderful things about her—and feared things therefore. But the Tetrazzini legends, as well as the Pollacco legends, are all to be true. One is almost afraid to own to the depth and character of the impression that the singer made. To me, however, the voice has all the crystalline purity and freshness of the Melba voice, while the method of using it much more nearly approaches that of Sembrich. Large words these, but I believe them entirely justified. The voice is flawless. It is perfectly sweet, perfectly clear, perfectly even—up to a full E in alt—and perfectly round. It runs as easily, lightly as a lark's. There is a trill that shames any lark I ever heard and a note even that of nearly. It is the purest bel canto. Just three notes it took the audience to discover what was before them in the way of voice and the Tetrazzini cigar is as good as labeled.

As before said, she is as good a singer as owner of a voice. Tetrazzini is further an actress of unusual ability, though it is apparent, like Sembrich, her feeling is more for comedy. Her Gilda, however, was notable for the sincerity and charm of the acting, the scene where, despoiled, the Jester's daughter confesses her misfortune to her father in particular rising to power.

Signor Romboli was the Rigoletto, and the cast was happy in him both from the dramatic and vocal standpoint. Signor Romboli has a bright, powerful and resonant barytone that he uses with ample freedom and conviction. In the sustained notes one gets a little too much tremolo occasionally, but otherwise, the Romboli method is entirely artistic. The ensemble passages between the Jester and his daughter were delightfully sympathetic, the duet in act 2 being recommended for this alone.

The Duke was essayed by Signor Basselli, who, to a successful vocal handling of the part, added an exceptionally happy acting of it. He is a distractingly handsome person, as the matinee girls will say, and sings with great spirit and dash. Basselli's voice lacks the pure tenor quality of say Russo's, but is delightfully flexible, resonant and powerful. It is rather of the tenor's gusto order. His "La Donna e Mobile" was given with all essential deviltry. The following quartet, in which Signorina Bettini as Maddalena added a vivacious and colorful contralto, came with even more than its accustomed flavor. Signor Clotto adds a Sparafucile that looks like Captain Kidd and that sings in a handsome enough basso as need.

As to the chorus, it is as good-looking as Mr. Graus', but can sing, and even takes the trouble to act. Its "Zitti, Zitti," the whispered brigand's chorus, was the best sung within my

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ONE OF THE LEADING SOPRANOS IN THE NEW ITALIAN COMPANY THAT OPENED ITS SEASON LAST NIGHT AT THE TIVOLI OPERA-HOUSE. SHE WILL SING IN MANY OF THE OPERAS TO BE GIVEN.

TWO OFFICERS RESIGN PLACES

Inspecting Physicians Hannah and Walsh to Retire From Health Department

Inspecting Physicians William J. Walsh and J. B. Hannah have filed their resignations with the Board of Health. The resignations were presented at last Monday's meeting, but nothing was done pending an effort which will be made to have the two physicians reconsider their determination to sever their connection with the Health Department, but they are becoming tired of working for the city without pay. When they were first appointed last January an injunction to prevent the payment of their salaries and those of other subordinates was dissolved. They then received salary for about two months. Another injunction was obtained and the inspectors have not received any salary for nine months.

Dr. Frank J. Tillman is talked of as a candidate for the position on the Board of Health recently made vacant by the resignation of Dr. Pohelm. The Mayor regards his candidacy with some favor, but says that he has not fully determined who he will name for the place.

New Regal Store for San Francisco. The Regal Shoe Company has found it necessary to open another Regal store in this city. It will be located at 34-52 Ellis street and will be one of the company's largest and best appointed stores.

This makes the third Regal store in this city. As to the chorus, it is as good-looking as Mr. Graus', but can sing, and even takes the trouble to act. Its "Zitti, Zitti," the whispered brigand's chorus, was the best sung within my

SAUSALITO TARS ELECT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

More than one hundred members of the San Francisco Yacht Club were present last night at a general meeting held in the banquet hall of the California Hotel for the purpose of electing a nominating committee of three. After the roll had been called by Secretary W. W. Wilde, the following were unanimously chosen as members of the committee: G. T. S. White, Roy C. Ward and Henry G. Toll. G. T. S. White was formerly vice commodore and Henry G. Toll has been treasurer of the club. The candidates nominated for the various offices by the committee will constitute the "regular ticket." The committee has two weeks in which to prepare its list of candidates.

PURLOINED GEMS ARE RECOVERED

Fortune in Jewels Found Buried in a Jar.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Buried in a glass jar, under a few inches of earth, gems and jewelry worth more than \$25,000, stolen from the Albert Corning Clarke estate offices in Cooperstown, N. Y., last July, and the property of Mrs. F. Ambrose Clarke, have been recovered by a Pinkerton detective agency.

William Coleman, the man arrested for the theft, is sixty years of age, has a criminal record extending from 1869 and is known as one of the boldest thieves in the country. Heirlooms of the Clarke family, most of them wedding presents to Mrs. Clarke from her husband or his mother, who is now wife of Bishop Henry C. Potter, the stolen gems are priceless in the eyes of Mrs. Clarke and her husband's family.

Buried only a few inches below the surface and not five feet from a sidewalk along which thousands of persons passed every day, this fortune in precious stones has lain since last July.

Before Mrs. Potter's marriage she was the widow of Alfred Corning Clarke, who left an immense fortune and a beautiful country place at Cooperstown, called Fernleigh. This estate is surrounded by a large park, which Mr. Potter presented to the village several years ago. At one of the park gates is a low marble building, which is used as the offices of the Clarke estate. It has vaults, safes and the usual furniture of a bank. From this office the jewels were taken while the clerks were at luncheon.

WANTS SPUR TRACK PERMIT.—The Tubbs Cordage Company yesterday petitioned the Supervisors for a permit to construct a track to connect the east track of the Santa Fe Railroad Company on Indiana street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second, to serve the company's rope warehouse.

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DESERT TURNED INTO A SWAMP

Heavy Downpour Floods Big Section in Arizona and Much Damage Is Wrought

INVALIDS WILL SUFFER

Colony Sleeping in Tents in the Open Caught in the Storm Near Phoenix

PHOENIX, A. T., Jan. 11.—Light rain has continued to fall at intervals today, and the already flooded condition of the country. Last night an area, five miles square, northwest of Phoenix, was under water from six inches to two feet, and in places water is still standing. This overflow was mainly caused by a freshet from Cave Creek, which comes from the mountain and sinks into the desert above Glendale. Considerable damage has been done to farm crops and irrigation ditches through broken banks.

One end of the flood crossed the west side of Phoenix, surrounding many houses with water, but doing little damage, excepting to a colony of invalids who lived in tents in the suburbs, and who had to be carried from their beds which were surrounded by water. Some of them are very ill, and the experience may prove fatal in one or two cases.

The Santa Fe train due from Ash Fork this afternoon was five hours late, being held by washouts within fifteen miles of Phoenix.

PRESCOTT, A. T., Jan. 11.—The heaviest winter storm experienced in northern Arizona in several years has been in progress the past three days. Snow and rain have alternated in Prescott and similar altitudes, while in altitudes of 6000 feet and over there has been a precipitation of snow of from one to two and a half feet.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 11.—Butte experienced the coldest day in two years, the temperature ranging from 10 degrees below zero in the heart of the city to 25 and 30 below on the wind-swept flats below town.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 11.—The cattle sections of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona have been visited by the heaviest and most general snowfall known in many years.

POLICE THINK THEY HAVE MURDERER OF ROBINSON

W. B. Kennedy, Arrested in Benicia, Alleged to Be Slayer of the Policeman.

WOODLAND, Jan. 11.—The local police declare that W. B. Kennedy, who was arrested at Benicia and charged with burglaries committed at Dunnigan, in this county, is the Kennedy who was accused in San Francisco of murdering Policeman Robinson. The police say that he served a sentence of thirty days in the Sacramento jail and allege that on the night of January 6, with three accomplices, he blew open two safes and robbed two stores, the postoffice and the Wells-Fargo office at Dunnigan, getting about \$200.

Kennedy and his companion, named McDonald, were arrested at Benicia. Two other men declared to be accessories in the Dunnigan burglaries are at large. Both men under arrest protest their innocence.

Captain of Detectives Burnett said last night that he had received no word of the arrest of Kennedy and was therefore unable to say if he was the man accused of murdering Policeman Robinson in this city three years ago.

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PERSONAL.

Gould Dietz, a prominent lumberman of Omaha, is at the Palace.
J. L. Bryson of Goldfield is among the latest arrivals at the Lick.
C. W. Clark and family of San Mateo are registered at the St. Francis.
Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Atherton of Honolulu are staying at the Occidental.
George W. Wood and family of Denver, Colorado, are at the St. Francis.
S. Symons, a capitalist from London, England, is registered at the Palace.
A. R. Sprague, one of Sacramento's well-known lumbermen, is at the Palace.

S. H. Friedlander of Fischer's Theater leaves to-morrow for Portland, where he expects to remain for a fortnight.

William E. Morris of Portland, Oregon, is at the St. Francis, on his way to New York. Mr. Morris was for six years the engineer in charge of the building of the Cascades locks. He also designed the proposed locks for the Columbia River at The Dalles, known as the Celilo canal.
Colonel J. E. Slinkey, secretary of the society of Old Friends, has returned to San Francisco after an absence in Seattle of nearly three years. During his absence from here he organized a society of Old Friends in Seattle with 160 charter members. George M. Stewart, postmaster of Seattle, is president of the society and Judge F. Van Norman is vice president. Both of these officers are old Californians.
Colonel Slinkey and his wife will remain the balance of the winter in San Francisco.

PLAN TO BUILD COLLEGE CITY

Stanford Professors Will Form Colony on Tract of Land Near the Campus

WILL OWN THEIR HOMES

At Present They Are Forced to Pay a Rental to the Trustees of University

Special Dispatch to The Call.
PALO ALTO, Jan. 11.—A movement to colonize a tract of land and form a new town has been started by members of the faculty of Stanford University. The site purchased is the Bellview tract, three miles north of the campus in the foothills. Those at the head of the project are Professors W. R. Dudley, R. E. Allardice, H. W. Rolfe, D. H. Campbell and W. G. Dodge.

It is announced that the land will at once be subdivided and building operations begun, and it is assumed that none but college people will be encouraged to become residents.

The conditions on the campus preclude the sale of the land and those who build there do so under lease at a rather high rental. This has been found unsatisfactory and while many professors own homes on the campus many others have built in Palo Alto and adjacent places. Naturally the professors desire to invest where they can share in the steady increase in realty values, hence the new project. What view the Stanford trustees and Manager Lathrop will take of the matter is causing much surmise, as it will tend to divert residents from the campus and make property there less valuable.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 11.—The boilers of a locomotive attached to the east bound train were blown out of the road bed while standing at the Creston, Ohio, station today, killing Engineer Frederick Keller and Fireman Halket and fatally injuring Joseph Newman, who was riding in the engine cab.

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