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Opera Season Opens.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—From present indications the season of the Metropolitan English Grand Opera company which opens at the Metropolitan opera house will take its place among the most successful and brilliant ever given in this city. The scale of prices adopted for the season marks an innovation at the Metropolitan opera house. Instead of the

high prices hitherto demanded, and which have usually resulted in a financial deficit when the books were closed at the end of the season, Maurice Grau and Henry W. Savage, managing directors, have put the general admission at 50 cents and arranged the prices for seats and boxes on the same liberal scale. Notwithstanding these low prices, it is said that the coming season will be a grand success financially, whatever its artistic quality may be.

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Place to Save Money THE FAIR

OPERATORS CONFER

General Meeting at Wilkesbarr Today of Railroad and Individual Operat's

THIS WILL END THE STRIKE

Calling of Conference Conceded to be the Defeat of the Operators —Miners Ready to Accept Terms.

WILKESBARR, Oct. 1.—The first general conference of mine operators to discuss the strike question will be held here this afternoon. Both railroad and individual operators of all three districts will be gone over. The calling of the conference is a practical admission by the operators that they are beaten and insist on trying to make some terms of settlement. It is the most significant move made since the beginning of the strike. If the companies agree to a plan of arbitration a convention of issues will be called at Scranton.

Demonstration at Hazleton.

HAZLETON, Pa., Oct. 1.—The marchers were orderly here today. The miners are making desperate efforts to prevent a stampede to the mines. Five hundred gathered at Latimer and marched through the town. They were met by Sheriff Harvey and 100 deputies and commanded to stop. The miners demanded the right of the highway and shouted that they were unarmed and with raised hands they marched through the line of officers into town calling upon all miners not to work. Three times this move was repeated and then the line started for Jeddo. The mine at Lattimer was opened by a few men who went to work today. Marches were also made to Jeddo and Cranberry, Coaldale, Panther Creek, Laurel Hill and a half dozen other places. The marchers effectually offset the effect of ten per cent advance notices and all collieries still remain idle.

Carnival of Veiled Prophet.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 1.—It is estimated that over 100,000 visitors are in St. Louis for the fall festivities which will be formally inaugurated this evening with the arrival of his mystic majesty, the Veiled Prophet. It will be the twenty-third annual visit of the prophet and his followers, who will reach the city by boat from the south. A large delegation of business men have gone down the river to meet the distinguished guests and escort them to the Exposition hall, where the keys of the city will be turned over to his majesty by the mayor. Then the prophet will retire for 24 hours to prepare for the great pageant of tomorrow night.

Will not Demand Recognition.

HAZLETON, Oct. 1.—President Mitchell this morning stated positively that the strike was no nearer settlement than it was a week ago. The mine workers have no official knowledge of an offer of a ten per cent raise or any other condition favorable to a conclusion of the strike. He further said that this strike cannot be settled except by a general delegates' meeting of all the mine owners in the anthracite region. The miners do not insist upon the recognition of the union although they would be glad to have it.

Great Corn Festival.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 1.—St. Louis City's annual fall carnival opened today with thousands of visitors here from all parts of Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and South Dakota. In the downtown district public buildings and places of business are hidden beneath flags and masses of bunting, while the streets are spanned by artistic arches decorated with cardinal colors and which tonight will blaze forth with hundreds of incandescent bulbs.

Some preliminary festivities were held today, but the week's programme will not be formally commenced until tomorrow. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be taken up with a bewildering array of unique features of entertainment, including a half dozen parades and pageants and a variety of athletic contests. The annual convention of the Northwest Iowa Homeopathic association will be held Wednesday and Thursday and gatherings of secret and fraternal organizations of different kinds are expected to bring thousands of additional visitors to Sioux City during the week. The elaborate preparations which they have been making for many months past assure ample accommodations for all of the visitors.

Altgeld and Lentz.

CINCINNATI, O., Oct. 1.—Former governor John P. Altgeld of Illinois is here for the purpose of beginning his speech-making tour of Ohio in the interests of the democratic national ticket. In company with John J. Lentz he will address a Democratic mass meeting in Cincinnati tonight. During the remainder of the week he will be heard at Columbus, Dayton, Zanesville, Steubenville and Cleveland.

Making for New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—The democratic campaign ball will be set rolling tonight with a large meeting to be held in the Academy of Music. Politician of both parties are manifesting more than usual interest in the meeting from the fact that the Controller Bird S. Coler and ex-Senator David B. Hill, both of whom fought tooth and nail against the ticket nominated at Saratoga, are to be the principal speakers.

Quotations Public Property.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 1.—Judge Seaton, in the state court today denied the application of the Chicago board of trade for an injunction to restrain the Milwaukee bucket shops from receiving the Chicago market quotations. The court held that after being posted, quotations became public property.

Series of Accidents.

KOMATIPOORT, Oct. 1.—While a depot of Boer ammunition was being destroyed here by the British troops a quantity of powder exploded killing 20 of the Gordon Highlanders.

During the review of the troops a train ran into some cattle and many passengers were injured.

News from Chaffee.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—General Chaffee cables from Taku under date of Sept. 30: Health of the command good. Have accepted an invitation from the hospital ship Maine to transfer my convalescents to the hospital ship. Our Relief is now repairing at Nagasaki.

Spokane Has 36,848 People.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—The census bureau announces the population of Spokane is 36,848 against 19,922 in 1890. This is an increase of 16,926 or 84.96 per cent.

BIG MIDWAY SHOW.

The Fair Association has booked this as one of the Attractions.

The Lewiston Interstate Fair Association has booked the famous Big Midway show which was the principal feature and attraction at the Elk's carnival at Portland recently and the manager of the company will arrive here tomorrow to effect arrangements. This is a great stroke for the management and will give the people an opportunity of witnessing a fac simile of the great World's Fair midway. The principal features of the show include the streets of Cairo, where the original Oriental performers can be seen, the congress of all nations, German village, a menagerie of wild and tame animals, and above all, the great and only missing link will be on exhibition. Secretary Austin states that A. J. Splawn of North Yakima engaged 23 stock stalls and will bring for exhibition his stock of Herfords, which is conceded to be the finest on the coast. This leaves only three stock stalls and Mr. Austin is arranging to have more built.

Wallace L. Whitmore will arrive from Portland tonight with a string of six "bang tails" which will be entered in the different race events.

The O. R. & N. company has made a special passenger rate of two cents per mile this with the Northern Pacific rate of two cents makes a complete circuit.

CONCEDES DEFEAT

Lind, of Minnesota, Concedes the State to McKinley by 15,000.

HOPES TO WIN FOR HIMSELF

Bryan at West Superior and Duluth Today — Failed to draw the Crowds Anticipated.

DULUTH, Oct. 1.—From the balcony of the hotel at West Superior Bryan, at 7:30 this morning, addressed a great crowd. There boarding a yacht he came over to Duluth and talked to several thousand people at the armory. There was some local friction because the board of public works refused to decorate the city in Bryan's honor on Sunday but the matter is amicably adjusted and the city is decorated today. Bryan's audience here was not as large as was anticipated. Lind, candidate for governor on the fusion ticket predicts that McKinley will carry Minnesota by 15,000, but feels assured of his own election. The fusion leaders are certain that they will gain one congressman even if they do lose the state.

Roosevelt in Nebraska.

BRATTON, Neb., Oct. 1.—Governor Roosevelt entered Bryan's state today and was given a cordial reception. At Falls City he said to a large crowd:

"Four years ago Bryan said there would be no prosperity without free silver. We have had no free silver and we have had some prosperity. Bryan said home products would go down if McKinley was elected. Farm products, however, have gone up. At Auburn the rain fell in torrents, but the opera house was packed. Three thousand people heard Roosevelt in the court house yard at Tecumseh, where he paid tribute to Colonel Stoleberg of the First Nebraska who was killed in the Philippines. Roosevelt today claimed the republicans would carry Wyoming, Washington, and other western states. He makes forty-two speeches in Nebraska on this tour.

Hanna Returns to Chicago.

CHICAGO, Oct. 1.—Hanna arrived this morning from the east. At headquarters he was besieged by callers. He held a conference with Secretary Heath of the national committee on the subject of finances and invitations to stump Nebraska and South Dakota. It is generally believed that he will accept the latter and may extend his tour into other western states. He will go by special train and carry no reporters. He reiterated the statement regarding the alleged

deal between Bryan and Croker and declared he knew whereof he spoke, despite the denials of either gentleman. He expressed general satisfaction regarding the situation in the east.

Stands by the Administration

LONDON, Oct. 1.—Archbishop Ireland, in describing an audience with the pope quotes his holiness as saying: "I am well pleased with the returns of the American government to the church, both in Cuba and the Philippines. The U. S. has given proof of its good will and exhibits a spirit of justice and respect for liberty and the rights of the church. "You will thank, in my name, the American president for what has been done." Ireland said Rampola told him the expeditions received by the vatican from the Philippines asking that direct relations be opened. The pope refused out of consideration of the American government.

Late News From Honolulu.

HONOLULU, Sept. 23.—News of the Galveston disaster caused a subscription fund to be started here which already reaches six figures.

Politics is warming up. The conventions will probably nominate the following—Republicans, Col. Sam Parker; democrats, Prince David. The natives will not nominate till the tickets are in the field. No doubt the latter will sweep everything before them, ousting the present incumbents.

Bryan Scores Trusts.

DULUTH, Oct. 1.—In his speech here today Bryan made a feature of the trusts closing with the local flour mills as an illustration of the baneful effects. Whenever a mill was closed under democratic administration said Bryan, the republicans said it was due to low tariff and appealed to the people to put it up, yet when the trust closes five or six mills in one town, there is not a republican with enough courage to denounce the trust that did it.

Balloting Began Today.

LONDON, Oct.—Balloting of the English general election for members of parliament began today and will continue fifteen days. The government stands upon the Boer war and an aggressive imperial policy. The campaign degenerated into the personal abuse of Chamberlain, whose eventual triumph is conceded.

Degradation of Prince Tuan.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—Secretary Hay returned to his desk this morning much improved in health. He gave out telegrams from Conger concerning the appointment of viceroys to negotiate peace and confirmed the degradation of Prince Tuan and other officials held responsible for the bloodshed.

Supplies and Reinforcements.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 1.—The steamer Algon sailed today with 13,000 tons of army supplies for China, and the transport Hancock sailed at noon with one battalion each of the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth infantry, colored, 100 marines and a hospital corps for Manila.

Murdered.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Oct. 1.—W. W. Scott of Kiona was shot and killed this morning at Prosser by an unknown man, supposed to be the robber who held up a traveller on a freight train a few hours earlier. The murderer escaped.

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