# "CLEOPATRA."

## Mme. Sarah Bernhardt's Presentation of the Queen of Egypt.

"Shenandoah"—"The Upper Hand"—Business at the Other Theaters—A New Organization.

Sardou's "Cleopatra" was produced by Mme. Sarah Bernhardt and company at the Grand Opera House last evening under circumstances somewhat unsatisfactory. The curtain did not rise until twenty minutes to 9 o'clock, and this delay, coupled with the fact that there was no music to relieve it—the orchestra leaving the music-box to make additional area for the press of auditors—led to some murmuring in the parquet and family circle, with an occasional round of Kentish fire from the heels of the impatient occupants of the balcony and gallery. Added to this there was an ushers' strike. The boys refused to seat the auditorium under $60, the absence of stools in the passageways decreasing the chance of "tips," but the head usher, Gus Belfinger, was equal to the occasion, and, with some outside help, seated the house comfortably without the defection of the regular usher corps being noticed. Notwithstanding the curtain did not rise till forty minutes after the regular time, people came dropping in up to nearly 9 o'clock, and this led us to believe that the curtain was held to oblige some of those who had been attending the Harrison reception at the Palace Hotel, which—providing such be the fact—was hardly the proper thing for the management to do. A delay to begin with, long waits between acts, and the absence of orchestral music, unless the roll of a snare drum, muffled by distance and seclusion under the stage may be accepted as such, were incidents not calculated to put the audience in good humor; and they did not. There was a good deal of discontent.

THE SCENERY

Is hardly up to the requirements of this spectacular piece. The costumes of the people in support, except in the case of a few of the principals, had a "faked up" look, and the appointments of the stage a poverty-stricken appearance. This ought not to be so, considering the munificent treatment the Bernhardt enterprise has received in this city. There are a good many scenic possibilities in this Sardou drama, of which, as we learn from the Eastern press, Miss Davenport took advantage, and made the American presentation of the work, as a spectacle, decidedly superior to the offering Mme. Bernhardt has brought us.

THE CHIEF PICTURE

Is in the first act, the arrival of Egypt's Queen at Tarsus, where Mark Antony is, in her splendid bark, with its prow of gold and sails of purple samite, accompanied by the melody of flutes and zithers (we are led to believe by the libretto). The attempt was made, evidently, to reproduce in this scene the description Enobarbus, Antony's old soldier, gives to his fellows in Roman of Cleopatra's first meeting with Antony upon the river Cydnus.

The barge she sat in like a burnished throne!
Burned on the water; the poop was beaten gold;
Purple the sails, and so perfumed that
The winds were lovesick with them; the oars were silver,
Which to the tune of flutes kept stroke, and made
The water which they beat to follow faster
As amorous of their strokes. For her own person
It beggared all description; she did lie
In her pavilion (cloth-of-gold of tissue)
O'er-picturing that Venus, when we see
The fancy outwork nature; on each side her
Stood pretty dimpled boys, like smiling Cupids,
With divers-colored fans whose wind did seem
To glow the delicate cheeks which they did cool.

But as the barge scene was presented to us last evening the most of this gorgeous description was left to the imagination.

THE CAPTIVATION OF ANTONY,

With which the first act concludes, is one of the most effective scenes in this whole drama of a lovely woman's power over a strong man. It was the strain of the charm of fascination. All the love passages with the great Roman soldier-Emperor are marked by exquisite skill, but this more than any other. The dalliance on the "day-bed" in the second act is characteristic, and very effective, also, is the incident when Demetrius and Dercetus, old campaigners and tried soldiers, come to awaken Antony from this dream of pleasure, announcing the death of Fulvia, his wife, and the appeal of Rome to defend her against Sextus Pompeius. He refuses at first; but Cleopatra, seizing her opportunity, persuades him to consent, and buckles on his armor with her own dainty hands.

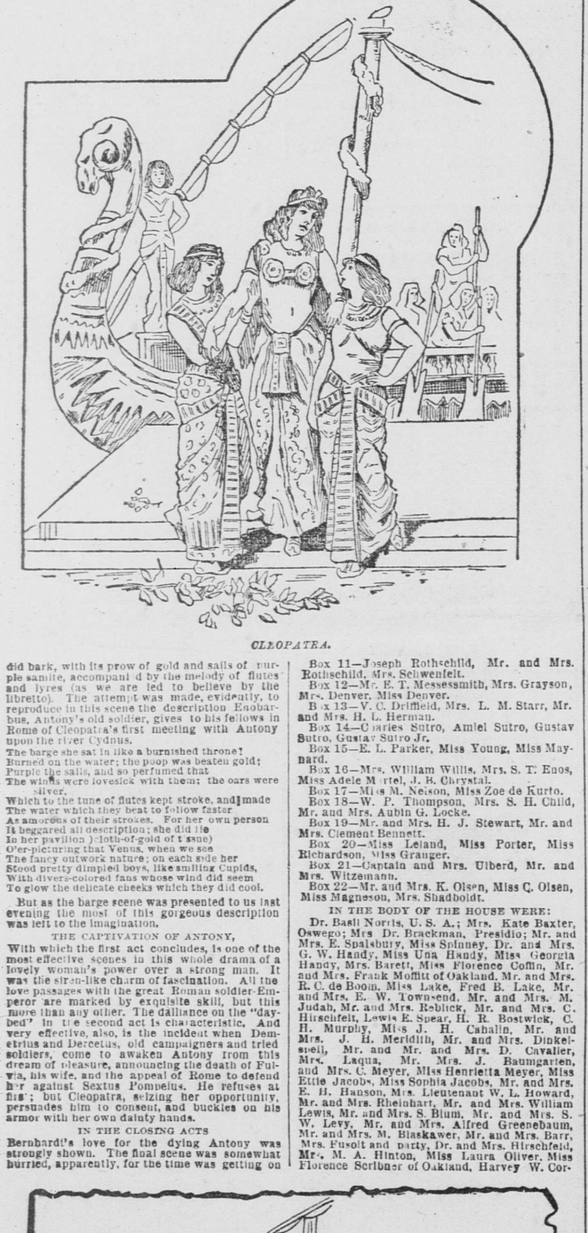
IN THE CLOSING ACTS

Bernhardt's love for the dying Antony was strongly shown. The final scene was somewhat hurried, apparently, for the time was getting on toward the "wee sma' hours," and the asp, though very much alive, failed to produce a positive sensation. But this did not prevent Bernhardt making a death scene of tremendous impressiveness.

TAKEN ALTOGETHER

The play is very talky, and without Bernhardt as "the Serpent of the Nile" would be a dreary waste of words and extravagant action. The support in it is not so good as in the pieces previously played. M. Darmont's Mark Antony is good only in the opening scene, where he is a soldier dealing with the refractory people of Tarsus. He does not appear to advantage after he has been sirenized by the lovely Egyptian. What the management should do in the "Cleopatra" performances to follow is to restore the orchestra and persuade the divine Sarah to use a little more speed in changing her dresses. It is said the long wait between acts is due to time required to make these changes. Give the lady an additional threewoman or two.

*Bernhardt as Cleopatra.*



*CLEOPATRA.*

*"WHAT MAN IS THAT"—ACT I.*

AMONG THE SPECTATORS.

Some Who Witnessed Bernhardt's Great Triumph as Cleopatra.

Last night's audience at the Grand Opera House was even more dressy than at the opening performance. Every seat in the house was occupied, while the aisles on the main floor and dress circle were filled with admirers of Bernhardt. The proscenium boxes contained the following persons:

Box A—Miss Threll, Miss Jolliffe, Miss Viva Callaghan, Miss Eda Callaghan, Miss Minnie Callaghan, Mrs. Clouning, J. D. Lynch.

Box B—Mrs. Leon, Miss Leon, Mr. and Mrs. Reis, Mr. F. W. S. Mason, Mr. Redington.

Box C—Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Blanding, Miss L. Blanding, Mrs. E. B. Coleman, E. H. Sheldon.

Box D—H. D. Pillsbury, H. G. Platt, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Robinson.

Box E—Mrs. W. S. Hobart, Miss Mamie Holbrook, Miss Alice Hobart, Miss Ella Hobart, Mr. Herbert Carolan, Mr. H. M. Holbrook.

Box F—Dr. and Mrs. Ferrin, Miss Ferrin, Mrs. John Hays, Mrs. Thornton, Mrs. Minor.

Box G—Mr. and Mrs. William Parrish Pearsall, Mrs. S. N. Morel, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Morel, Mrs. G. W. Burnham.

Box H—Mr. and Mme. Adolph Roos, Mr. Achille Roos, Mr. George Roos.

Box J—Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Grau, Joseph Austin.

Box K—Captain M. Carey, steamship Monowai, and party.

Box L—Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Kelty, Dr. G. T. Smith.

The mezzanine boxes were occupied as follows:

Box 1—Lee D. Craig and party.

Box 2—Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Fry, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson.

Box 3—M. J. Platshek, Julius Platshek, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hand.

Box 5—John M. Coleman, Mrs. Coleman, H. L. Coleman.

Box 5—Mrs. Upton and daughter, E. A. Roe.

Box 6—Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Sherman, Miss Lizzie Sherman.

Box 7—Mr. and Mrs. Rheinstone of Cincinnati, Mr. and Mrs. Meyerfeld.

Box 8—Mr. and Mrs. Bixler, Mrs. Faull, Miss Faull, Miss Hyde.

Box 10—Mrs. E. B. Reynolds, Mrs. E. H. Reynolds, Mrs. Stewart, Miss Reynolds, Mr. J. H. Reynolds.

Box 11—Joseph Rothschild, Mr. and Mrs. Rothschild, Mrs. Schwenfelt.

Box 12—Mr. E. T. Messessmith, Mrs. Grayson, Mrs. Denver, Miss Denver.

Box 13—V. C. Kirkham, Mrs. L. M. Starr, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Herman.

Box 14—Charles Sutro, Amiel Sutro, Gustav Sutro, Gustav Sutro Jr.

Box 15—E. L. Parker, Miss Young, Miss Maynard.

Box 16—Mrs. William Willis, Mrs. S. T. Enos, Miss Adele Martel, J. B. Chrystal.

Box 17—Miss M. Nelson, Miss Zoe de Kurto.

Box 18—W. P. Thompson, Mrs. S. H. Child, Mr. and Mrs. Austin G. Locke.

Box 19—Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Clement Bennett.

Box 20—Miss Leland, Miss Porter, Miss Richardson, Miss Grunger.

Box 21—Captain and Mrs. Ulberd, Mr. and Mrs. Witzemann.

Box 22—Mr. and Mrs. K. Olsen, Miss C. Olsen, Miss Magnessen, Mrs. Shadboldt.

IN THE BODY OF THE HOUSE WERE:

Dr. Basil Norris, U. S. A.; Mrs. Kate Baxter, Oswego; Mrs. Dr. Brackman, Presidio; Mr. and Mrs. E. Spalsbury, Miss Spinney, Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Handy, Miss Una Handy, Miss Georgia Handy, Mrs. Barett, Miss Florence Coffin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moffitt of Oakland, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. de Boom, Miss Lake, Fred B. Lake, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. M. Judah, Mr. and Mrs. Rebick, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hirschfelt, Lewis E. Spear, H. R. Bostwick, C. H. Murphy, Miss J. H. Cabalin, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Meridith, Mr. and Mrs. Dinkelspiel, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cavalier, Mrs. Laqua, Mr. Mrs. J. Baumgarten, and Mrs. C. Meyer, Miss Henrietta Meyer, Miss Ettie Jacobs, Miss Sophia Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hanson, Mrs. Lieutenant W. L. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Rheinhart, Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. S. Blum, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Greenebaum, Mr. and Mrs. M. Blaskawer, Mr. and Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Fusolt and party, Dr. and Mrs. Hirschfeld, Mr. M. A. Hinton, Miss Laura Oliver, Miss Florence Scribner of Oakland, Harvey W. Corbett, Miss Vinnecombe, W. G. Fitzmier, Mrs. Grinley, Alfred Sapo, George Wescott, O. B. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Cope of Santa Cruz, Miss Hattie Fillmore, Miss K. Baxter, Miss F. Josslyn, Miss Clark, Miss Tower, Miss Ward, Mrs. Davis, Mr. J. B. Reinstein, Miss Gussie Reinstein, Miss Mary Reinstein, Mrs. Ferrer, Miss Tucholsky, Mrs. J. Hart, Miss Beatrice Lee, Mrs. R. Sweazy, M. Kalish, Miss Stecke, Mrs. F. M. Hughes, Miss E. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Harrigan, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hiist, Dr. Bates of Mare Island and ladies, Mr. L. Bocquerez, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Rosenstirn, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Schroeder, Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Chute, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Norris, Mrs. Mary Kincaid, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stubbs, Mr. Stubbs, Miss Stubbs, Mrs. William B. Bourn, Miss May Bourn, Miss Ida Bourn, Mr. James E. Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Geistel, Frances Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Miller, Julius L. Dexter and lady, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Travers, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Goggin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sonntag, D. G. Lucien, E. B. Pomroy, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. Drury Malone, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Younger, Miss Maude Younger, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Drioon, Mrs. Van Orden, Mr. Skinner, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Mollere, Miss Mollere, ex-Mayor and Mrs. Glascock of Oakland, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Paine, Captain Carey, H. C. Johnson, Miss Lotta Cluff, Mrs. George Shoof, Mrs. A. F. Bicher, Miss Blanche Cornwall, Miss Smith, Dr. Dudley Tait, Mr. Armond Cahlafi, Mr. and Mrs. Haas, Mr. and Mrs. Le Dartlee, Miss Laura Oliver, W. L. Beebee of San Luis Obispo, Mrs. J. Watson, Mrs. N. W. Otis, Miss Snell of Oakland, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Spence, Miss Foley of San Jose, Mr. D. G. Lucien, Mrs. Anson Mills, Mrs. S. E. Sage, Miss Debbett, Miss Vinnecombe, Mr. and Mrs. Bun, Dr. Parks, D. B. Merton, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Wolf, Mr. and Mrs. A. Unger, Mr. and Mr. George H. Morrison, Miss Morrison, Mrs. A. E. Luhrs, Miss E. Luhrs, J. J. Hawkins, Professor van Dernailien, J. Grover, Miss Grover, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Collins, the Misses Collins, Miss Smidt, Mrs. C. Hawes, Miss C. H. Ebbetts, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. K. Olson and party, Mr. and Miss Stareker, Miss Josie T. Goodman, Mrs. Arthur McEwen, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Britton, Mr. and Mrs. Kaufmann, Mrs. L. P. Weill, Miss Needman, Mr. and Mrs. B. Held, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Gray, Miss Millie Gray, Allen Brayton, Miss Ellen Brayton, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Thompson, Miss A. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bailey, A. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Alexander, Mrs. G. W. Boardman, Miss Mamie Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Smith, Miss Housman, Miss Ella Allen, Miss Houghton, Mr. Houghton, Mrs. S. Redick, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Vale, Mr. Frank A. Vale, Miss Hattie Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. Fulton, Professor Rockle, Mrs. M. J. Kelley, J. P. Kelley, the Misses Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Smith, Miss Smith, Mr. and Mrs. M. Siegel, Miss Claybrough, Mrs. Lowile, Mr. and Mrs. E. Goodhall, Miss Goodhall, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Palmer, Miss Wall, Mr. Mitchell, A. S. Mann, Miss M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Coleman, Mr. H. L. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Webster Jones, Mrs. M. P. Jones, Mr. Milton Jones, Mr. and Mrs. L. Levy, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Green, Mr. and Mrs. J. Folheim, Mrs. H. I. Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. E. Fretwell, Mrs. K. N. McIntire, Mrs. N. N. Brown, Miss Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wolff, Judge and Mrs. Charles A. Low, E. Tausky, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bande, Miss Maude Bande, Mrs. W. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Seymour, Miss A. Wagener, Mr. and Mrs. M. Brown, Charles Brown, Miss Brown, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Reading, Donald Graham, Joseph Austin, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. P. Falk, R. Raphael, R. McMurray, E. Walter, E. L. Parker, Miss Sallie Maynard, Mrs. Gwin, Mrs. F. M. Pixley, Miss Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Murdock, Mr. and Mrs. Con O'Connor, the Misses Maude and Lillie O'Connor, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Baldwin, Miss Clark, Mrs. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bragg, Dr. Campos Connel of Venezuela, E. Charonnat, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Blum, Mrs. J. A. Reichert, Mrs. J. Router, Mrs. D. Parnell, Mrs. E. Router, Miss McKee, F. W. Keyes, Jr., and Mrs. J. V. Coleman, Miss Carrie Gwin, Mrs. C. W. Fox, Mr. Gillon, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sharon, Mrs. A. D. Sharon, Mrs. N. F. Seeley, Mr. Pawson, Mrs. K. Bowley, Miss Maud Bowley, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keith, Dr. and Mrs. Clinton Cushing, the Misses Ordway, Miss McLaughlin, Mrs. H. W. Higgins, Mr. George Gwin, Mrs. M. E. Deane, Miss Mamie Deane, Dr. and Mrs. M. Regensburger, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Newhall, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell, Miss M. E. Gleson, Mr. C. Bassett, Mr. A. Fleming, M. J. A. Durand, Mme. Durand, Miss Durand, Mme. Francisco de Ojeda, Peter Dunne, Thomas Garrett, Edmond Godlaiuse, Mr. and Mrs. J. Baffberger, Mr. E. Sonntag, Miss Lena Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Foerman, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hahn, Miss Hahn, Miss Agnes Hahn of Santa Cruz, Judge and Mrs. Hebbard, Judge and Mrs. Boalt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wainwright, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harvey, Frank and the Misses Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Green, Miss Ella Green, Miss Mary Darling, George Darling, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Fonde, Miss Eulinde, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. George Thompson, the Misses Mary and Rose Haley, Miss Ella Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Young, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Wakeman, Miss Josephine Wakeman, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Clarke, George T. Clarke Jr., the Misses Clarke, E. L. Wagner, Albert Hoogs, Mr. and Mrs. B. Well, Miss Lillian Hoogs, Mr. and Mrs. N. Williams, A. Rosenerantz, J. Levin, Solomon Levin, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Tausky, Mr. and Mrs. Defuo, Alfen Hall, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Dearing, Mrs. H. M. Tod.

THEY WANTED BIG PAY.

Grand Opera House Ushers Inaugurate a Strike.

For a brief space of time war-clouds hung heavy and low over the Grand Opera House last evening. Since the opening of the Bernhardt season, the managers, Messrs. Grau and Bouvier, have been careful to see that tribute has not levied on the patrons of the house by the young gentlemen in claw-hammer coats, who are supposed to conduct people to their seats. Gus Bilfinger, the efficient head usher of the Baldwin, who has had charge of the seating arrangements at the Grand during the present season, has been particularly careful to see that his subordinates did not break this rule, and thereby incurred their enmity. When the doors were opened last night all the ushers were on hand, resplendent in broadcloth and fine linen. The early comers were attended to as usual, but about ten minutes before 8 o'clock, just as the great rush began, they informed Mr. Bilfinger that unless they were paid $10 for their night's work they would strike. The head usher informed Mr. Bouvier of the situation, and as the latter declined to pay the sum demanded, the ushers, with the exception of three, whom Bilfinger persuaded to remain, quitted the house. The force of ushers at the Baldwin were sent for, and, by utilizing the programme and opera-glass boys, the large audience was seated without the least confusion.

"Shenandoah."

This thrice-told war drama was reproduced at the New California last evening in the presence of a fair attendance, with a good cast. The large dependence the management have on the drawing power of this popular play does not seem to be misplaced, so far as the theatrical circuit at large is concerned. On its reproduction in Ogden during the trip hither, the first night drew $928, and topped the dramatic record in that city. If "Shenandoah" can do this thing in the little neighbor to Salt Lake, what may it not do in the large and influential of San Francisco? This play has already made a fortune for its author and for those who have handled it before the public, and thus given another illustration of the oft-repeated remark that "success in management. The company and the scenic accessories are quite as good now as on previous productions, and there can be no doubt that the outcome will at least parallel, financially, former records.

"The Upper Hand."

Oliver Byron's third number in his sensational repertoire, was produced at the Alcazar last evening, in the presence of a large audience. The piece is full of adventurous experiences. Mr. Byron, who assumes the part of Jack Lamar, the central figure in the dramatic "trouble," divides his life into five sections. He is happy in the first, a convict in the second, a wanderer in the third, mad in the fourth, and honest, on coming to his own, in the fifth. In all of these situations opportunities in the world he has an opportunity to present different phases of individuality, and, it may be said, he makes the most of each chance. Byron may think it is an evidence of versatility to distribute himself over so broad an area. Perhaps it is. But it is not the best way to win with the theater-going public. Concentration is the best game. Fitz is attention on one character developed its possibilities. To illustrate: Take the example of Tom Keene and Louis James as against Lawrence Barrett and Edwin Booth. The support of Mr. Byron was good in its way, but the drama is so arranged that the different members were but contributors to his effects before the audience. It is useless to criticize subordinates in stage productions nowadays. They cannot afford, much as they desire, and are able to indulge in conspicuously good work, because they detract from the principal character in the estimation of the audience, and therefore the principal has no use for them. They must "feed" him in his dramatic hunger, or else their own grub in actual and material life will be only "short commons."

At the Bush.

Herrmann, the eminent prestidigitateur, aided by Mme. Herrmann, will be the attraction at the Bush-street Theater, commencing next Monday evening. Herrmann will introduce a number of new and fantastic tricks in legerdemain, together with his beautiful illusions "Strotelka," "New Black Art" and "A Slave Girl's Dream." Abdul Khan, an East Indian necromancer, is also with this combination of novelties. Sale of seats begins next Thursday morning.

Other Theaters.

"The County Fair" continues its popularity at the Baldwin, and will do so, we hope, till May 11th, when the new season opens with De Mille and Belasco's American comedy, "Men and Women."

"Kajanka" will run till next Monday evening at the Bush-street Theater.

"Amina," Brunswick & Wink's new opera at the Tivoli, has made a decided hit, and will be continued till further notice.

"Master and Man" is the attraction at the New Powell-street, and will remain so till Dion Boucicault's "Formosa" takes its place on next Monday evening, with several fresh faces in the cast. "Formosa" is a play full of delicate points and requires the neatest kind of acting.

New Organization.

Lovers of music will be glad to know that Mr. W. H. Holt has organized a choral society under the name of the "Beethoven Choral Society," meeting in the lower hall of the Metropolitan Temple on Wednesday evening of each week at 8 o'clock. This society is undenominational in character, and all persons who wish to take the study of the works of eminent musical composers are invited to become members. Miss Ernestine Goldman is the accompanist.

# LABOR UNIONS.

## Plasterers Stand by the Striking Lathers.

The members of the Plasterers' Union are idle on account of the lathers' strike and at the meeting of the union last night a resolution passed that no member should take a lather's place.

A National Charter Received.

The Journeymen Horse-shoers' Union has obtained a charter from the National Horse-shoers' Union and will be known hereafter as Horse-shoers' Union, No. 24. A special meeting will be held on Thursday night to complete arrangements for inaugurating the eight-hour day on Friday.

Women Shoe-Fitters.

President Fuhrman of the Council of Federated Trades addressed the Women Shoe-fitters' Union last night on the benefit of organization and presented them with $100, which was one-half the receipts of the brewery workmen's picnic at San Jose.

Painters' Conference.

A conference of the painters' unions and their employers was held last night, at which the former agreed to inaugurate the eight-hour day on Friday.

Will Help the Molders.

Carpenters' Union, No. 483, will boycott non-union iron if it is boycotted by Carpenters' Union, No. 22.

Deported "Scabs."

The Molders' Union sent eight "scabs" back to their Eastern homes yesterday.

More Hopes Entertained.

No change in United States District Judge Ogden Hoffman's condition was reported last night. His physicians now commence to think more favorably of his ultimate recovery.

Daughters of the Good Shepherd.

The weekly meeting of the Daughters of the Good Shepherd was held yesterday afternoon. A committee that visited the hospital last week reported an improvement in the sanitary arrangements, but the convalescent patients were limited to a half cup of milk, while for morning and evening meals they were deprived of molasses or butter. The Committee on Employment reported that they had been able to find places for some deserving women. After voting thanks to the Indianapolis Furniture Company for the gift of some chairs, the meeting adjourned.

A New Hotel.

Plans have been drawn and work will soon be commenced on the erection of a hotel, to cost $25,000, on the north side of Napa street, between Michigan and Illinois, on the Potrero. The work of filling in and grading for the structure has already commenced.

Theological Seminary Examinations.

The annual examinations of students in the San Francisco Theological Seminary began yesterday at 121 Haight street. They will be continued to-day, and will close at 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. All friends of the institution will be welcome during the services. On Thursday evening the anniversary exercises will be held at Calvary Presbyterian Church, when Dr. T. C. Easton will deliver an address on "The Inspiration of the Bible and Modern Rationalism," after which diplomas will be given to the graduating class.

# OAKLAND—ALAMEDA.

## The Books of the County Officers All in Good Condition.

Earnings of the Pacific Press Company—Trial Trip of the Electric Road—Mills College Alumnæ—Black Has a License.

At the meeting of the County Board of Supervisors yesterday, R. A. Hughes, the expert, presented a report as having examined the books of the various county offices from January 1st to April 1st, and found them all correct, with few clerical errors. His report concludes with the belief that every county officer is exercising especial care to conform to the requirements of the laws. The board concluded to appropriate $15 per month for the State Board of Trade, and appointed J. S. Emery as its representative. George E. Maloon, the old National Guard veteran, who lost an arm some years ago while firing a salute, was reappointed as night watchman at the Hall of Records, from which place he was removed some three years ago to make room for George Taylor. The resignation of Taylor was presented and accepted. The application of A. R. Crazzel for a license to sell liquors in the Piedmont district was withdrawn, because a number of his signers had taken their names from the petition.

The commencement exercises of the Pacific Theological Seminary will take place at Plymouth avenue Congregational Church this evening. There are six students in the senior class.

PACIFIC PRESS COMPANY.

At the annual meeting of the Pacific Press Publishing Company, held yesterday, it was shown that the net earnings of the year of the Oakland printing and binding department were $96,857; net earnings of the book and stationery department, $63,913; net earnings of the New York branch office, $67,743 and of the London branch office, $20,483. Charles H. Jones is President and Manager, William Saunders Vice-President, C. S. Stickney Secretary and E. A. Chapman Treasurer.

The trial trip of the Oakland and Berkeley Rapid Transit Company's electric road will be made on Grove street this morning, and the company expect to have the cars carrying passengers before the end of the week.

A motion for a new trial in the case of H. H. McNutt, found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, was denied yesterday and McNutt sentenced to serve eighteen months in the County Jail.

WILLIAM WALKERLY ESTATE.

The matters in the estate of William Walkerley went over yesterday until May 11th, Judge Greene declining to hear them and setting them before Judge Hunt of San Francisco on that date. Two notices of appeal from the order allowing F. E. Whitney $3000 as attorney for the absent heirs were filed by B. B. Newman, who claims to be attorney in faeto for the heirs.

The petition of Mary J. Storck for a writ of prohibition against the Berkeley Trustees to prevent the putting down of the bitumen on the sidewalks of University avenue was denied yesterday and the temporary injunction dissolved.

Charles Austin, a switchman of Fort Costa, has been brought to the railroad hospital at Oakland for treatment. He had his shoulder crushed and collar-bone broken between two cars while coupling at Fort Costa on Sunday.

The pool-room men have decided not to open in this city after all.

MILLS COLLEGE ALUMNÆ.

The annual reunion of the Mills College Alumnæ has been postponed from Saturday to the 9th prox. on account of President Harrison's visit to Oakland on the former date. The Old Folks' concert at the same place on Friday evening has been postponed one week for the same reason.

Virginia L. Frey yesterday sued for a divorce from Gustavus J. Frey on the ground of extreme cruelty. She alleges that he has property valued at $10,000 and has had a restraining order issued to prevent him disposing of it.

The temporary injunction against F. D. Black of the Piedmont Springs Hotel was dismissed yesterday in the Superior Court on the defendant's motion, the plaintiff offering no objection. Black has secured a license for one year.

Hugo Mansfeldt was not so well yesterday. He did not rest on Sunday night and it is now feared that he has been injured internally.

Alameda.

H. W. Bradley, a well-known resident of Alameda, died yesterday, aged 77 years.

The Oakland Gas Company has abandoned for the time being its intention to open a branch office in Alameda.

The removal of awnings from the front of Park-street business houses has commenced. F. Boehmer is taking those down in front of his building and other property-owners are expected to follow.

Joe Lewis, a dairyman on the North Alameda tract, had a row with two of the residents there on Sunday, because they objected to his pasturing his cows near their premises, and he had warrants issued for their arrest on charges of disturbing the peace.

At the meeting of the City Trustees an ordinance was introduced by Mr. Randolph prohibiting book-making within the city limits, but it was laid over for one week. D. Jewett was appointed City Official Numberer, vice Stanley Stephenson, resigned. All the bids to lay a sewer in Clement avenue were rejected, as the ground is too wet to put in the pipes at present. The official bonds of J. B. Barber as Treasurer, in the sum of $30,000, O. L. Rogers as City Marshal in the sum of $10,000, E. K. Taylor as City Attorney in the sum of $3000, and Charles Millington as City Clerk in the sum of $5000, were accepted and approved. Mr. Randolph gave notice that at a future meeting he would introduce an ordinance re-establishing the old names of the streets. The City Clerk was instructed to take the necessary steps for the improvement of Railroad avenue. Bids to do the work will be solicited.

# TURNOUT TO DIE.

## Another Scandal Furnished by the Hospital Officials.

Lying in the undergrowth of a clump of trees in the "panhandle" of Golden Gate Park, where he had gravely retired on Saturday, was found yesterday morning in a semi-comatose state John McDermott, a laborer. The discovery was made by a crowd of boys on their way to the park to see President Harrison and party, and until the police patrol wagon took the unfortunate to the City and County Hospital their fun engrossed their entire attention.

McDermott dislocated an ankle on Saturday, and managed by means of cars and kind conductors to reach the same hospital to which he was conveyed yesterday; but he was turned away, treatment having been refused him after he had made his case known. Not even an examination of the injured member was made. He then started to go to his home near the park and he had to rely on the same means of being helped along as before. The conductors did their uttermost and were patient with his forcibly slow progress.

At last he reached the Haight-street line, which took him near his home, but he had to cross the "pan-handle," and in crawling across that short distance he grew faint and became unconscious, where he was found yesterday. On Saturday night, with its chill and it was a cold night, Sunday with its heat and Sunday night's chill did not do much to invigorate his pain, and when found, after forty-eight hours of fasting he was in a condition nearly approaching death.

Officer Gallagher, who took him yesterday to the hospital, describes the treatment to the physician's trying to make McDermott walk on the swollen member as the most cruel sight he ever saw in a civilized country. Being taken there by the police, the authorities at the hospital could not well refuse to make a feign at giving him the necessary treatment. McDermott will live, but it will be some time before he will be in a condition to emerge from the merciful care of the county's hired samaritans.

# SLOGGING FOR BLOOD.

## Two Boatmen Have a Brutal Fight on the City Front.

The loungers about Vallejo-street Wharf were treated to a brutal prize-fight about 6 o'clock last evening. The combatants were Pete Williams, better known as "Bullet," and Dan Shay. Both are boatmen, and the fight plainly showed that there was no love lost between them.

For some time Williams has tried in every way to force Shay to fight, but until last night Dan paid no attention to the water-front Sullivan. Just what made him change his mind could not be learned, but having repaired to the end of the wharf, and after having jostled an old sounder known as "Dummy Mike" to watch for the police, they stripped to the waist and were soon hard at work trying to knock each other out.

For some time they stood up and smashed each other in a manner that would do credit to Jackson and Corbett, and Shay was having the best of the mill. Pete then closed, and for some time it was hard to tell who was on top. The crowd of spectators dancing around the men as they rolled over and over, biting, sticking and gouging like tigers. At last Pete closed his teeth on Shay's left ear, and Dan yelled until fear of the police prompted the crowd to interfere and separate the men.

Pete exhibited a pair of black eyes and is minus half a dozen teeth, while Dan will have to carry his ear in a sling for some time.

# THE CHILEAN WAR.

## Further Particulars of the Sinking of the Government Boats.

NEW YORK, April 27.—The Chilean legation has cable advices regarding the naval battle, stating that on the 22d the Government cruisers Lynch and Condell attacked in the bay of Caldera the ironclads Blanco Encalada and Huascar and destroyed them with Whitehead torpedoes. The attacking cruisers received no damage, and returned to Valparaiso, where they are preparing to cruise after the remaining vessel of the revolting squadron. This is considered a death blow to the rebellion.

LONDON, April 27.—A dispatch to the Times from Valparaiso says: The casualties on the Government boats were one killed and ten wounded. On the Aconagua 150 were killed.

Telegrams received from Paris from insurgent sources confirm the foregoing and add that the ground is too wet to permit hostilities. The Aconagua was hit seven times.

PARIS, April 27.—Chilean advices received here say that the insurgents have occupied Carrizal and Caldera and are now advancing upon Copiapo.

Advices received via Buenos Ayres say that during the battle at Cadera the monitor Huascar was sunk as well as the Blanco Encalada by the Chilean fleet. The war-ship Florence, which until recently has been loyal to President Balmaceda, has now gone over to the insurgents.

It is said the President is much in dread of being poisoned and his mother prepares all his meals.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The report of the sinking of the Blanco Encalada, one of the vessels taken by the rebels when they first fitted out of the insurrection in Chile, by a torpedo fired from the gunboat Almirante Lynch, has been read with the liveliest interest by all naval officers and specialists in naval warfare in this city. The Encalada was the best vessel in the Chilean Navy, and had done great service. She was about the size of the Boston or Atlanta of our navy.

The United States steamship San Francisco arrived at Payta, Peru, yesterday, en route for Chile. The cruiser is maintaining her reputation as a speedy vessel. There is no doubt she will cover the entire distance of 6200 miles in twenty days, as the department expected.

HUNT'S LYNCHING.

## A Rigid Investigation to Be Made—Death of Private Miller.

WALLA WALLA, April 27.—Inspector-General S. S. Sumner is in this city for the purpose of investigating the action of the soldiers of the Fourth Cavalry in lynching A. J. Hunt last Friday night for shooting Private Miller of Troop C. Sumner called on Prosecuting Attorney Blanford and Superior Judge Upton and informed them that he had come to thoroughly investigate the trouble, and wished to assure them that it would be no whitewash, but a rigid investigation. During the day he has been investigating and interviewing many citizens to gather an idea of the prevailing sentiment. It is stated that he will remain until the Grand Jury, which assembles to-morrow, has completed its labors, and will be prepared to assist them in their investigations. A telegram received to-day received a reply to his dispatch to the Secretary of War from that official which announced that orders for a strict investigation had been given. At 4:15 o'clock this afternoon Private E. Miller, who was shot by Hunt, died after lying totally paralyzed from the breast down for four days. At the request of the military authorities Coroner Blalock decided to hold an inquest over the remains at the garrison in the morning. At parade this evening the commanding officer had a telegraphic message read from General Ruger, commanding the Division of the Pacific, expressing the sense of grief of President Harrison at the act of the soldiers and declaring the necessity of better conduct in the future and a full explanation of the present crime. Hunt, the victim of Friday night's mob, was buried to-day. He was followed by a few friends.

VANCOUVER (Wash.), April 27.—The official report of Colonel Compton, commanding at Fort Walla Walla, regarding the lynching of Hunt on Friday night by soldiers, was received here today by Assistant Adjutant-General Ward, and was immediately forwarded to General Ruger at San Francisco. The contents were not made known here.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Secretary Proctor has replied to Prosecuting Attorney Blanford of Walla Walla regretting the lawlessness of the soldiers and stating that a searching inquiry will at once be instituted.

SLAVIN AND SULLIVAN.

## The Boston Pugilist So Bound That He Cannot Fight for Two Years.

ST. LOUIS, April 27.—Frank Slavin, the well-known pugilist, had a long chat to-day with John L. Sullivan, and this evening he said to a reporter that Sullivan had told him that he was no longer in the ring; that he was bound by contracts for two years that prevented his return to the ring, and furthermore that he liked his new profession better. Slavin acknowledges that Sullivan is champion, and intends to go for the winner in the Jackson-Corbett fight. He and Sullivan parted the best of friends, and Slavin said the man who made a bluff at Sullivan would have to fight him first.

Terry Fagan Again.

Terry Fagan was arrested this morning for stabbing Edward Stempel in the arm in front of the saloon at 11 Stockton street. He was charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

# BASE-BALL CHANGES.

## Lyons and Whitehead Released and Otto Young Signed.

There was a "shake-up" in the San Francisco Base-ball Club Sunday night at San Jose and it came in the nature of a surprise to ball patrons, and particularly the persons most interested, Manager Harris, at the conclusion of the game against Finn's men, informed Pitcher Toby Lyons and Milt Whitehead, who was signed one week ago, that their services would no longer be required in the team. Lyons did not expect his dismissal and was dumfounded at his manager's announcement. Whitehead accepted the situation with his usual indifference.

The cause assigned for the dismissal of Lyons was that he is not physically able to perform the arduous work of a pitcher and that his arm has lost its usef