

A GREAT SUCCESS.

The Magnificent Concert of the Oratorio Society.

ORATORIO OF "THE HOLY CITY"

Created by a Large and Cultivated Audience. Mr. Paris R. Meyers and the Society Congratulated on the Success of the Event—The Soloists, Miss Clara and Hilke and Messrs. McKinley and Hughes Win Laurels—A Delighted Audience.

When at 8:15 last evening the curtain was rolled, the Opera House stage presented a brilliant scene, to a brilliant audience. After the evidence of delight from those assembled in the auditorium subsided, the Opera House orchestra artistically opened a concert which had been eagerly anticipated.

Miss Mary Louise Clary, America's greatest contralto, was the first of the evening's soloists to appear, and her beautiful voice, at once appealed to all. Her selection, "Noble Signore," from "Les Huguenots," was splendidly sung, and to enthusiastic applause, she responded with the now famous "Ben Bolt," and she sang it well. While Miss Clary did good work in the latter part of the programme—"The Holy City," she was at her very best in the first number, "Noble Signore."

Mr. J. H. McKinley, the tenor of the quartette, fairly fascinated the audience with his exquisite rendering of "Swallows," and his encore "Dreams," and "Tatters." Not in many a day has a stranger received such an ovation, and why because of much work, yet later to be done by him did the audience desire in their wild appreciation.

Miss Katherine Hilke sang "Villanelle," a song requiring much execution. The encore demanded, was very pleasing. Her voice is a clear soprano and her enunciation remarkably distinct, but Miss Hilke appeared better later on in the evening.

The last number of this part of the concert, was a quartette from Rigoletto, sung by Miss Hilke, Miss Clara, Mr. McKinley and Mr. Henry W. Hughes. It was well given and enthusiastically received, because of Mr. Hughes, who so nobly came to the rescue of musical Wheeling and its reputation abroad. No apology, however, for lack of time, for study is necessary, as his part throughout "The Holy City" was excellent. Wheeling has just cause to be proud of him. His voice is magnificent and his innate modesty on all occasions is simply charming.

After the intermission Dr. Paris R. Meyers, to whom the highest praise of all music-lovers is due, took his place, and at the lifting of the baton, the orchestra, with Miss Schrader at the piano, and Mr. Sommers at the violin, began the beautiful prelude to the cantata, and the work of the evening was done, and the work of the evening was done, and the work of the evening was done.

These soloists were admirably assisted in various parts by Mrs. Peebles Tatum, whose pure, sympathetic voice blended exquisitely in the trio sung with Miss Hilke and Miss Clara, and later on Mrs. Frank Le Moyne Hupp's clear and true soprano, together with Mrs. Tatum, proved that Wheeling can lay claim to vocal exponents of real merit.

The chorus work, (the foundation of the concert), was a revelation—intelligent throughout, and at times artistic—and while the ladies and gentlemen composing the Wheeling Oratorio Society deserve their share of praise for the success of last night, to Paris R. Meyers, the director and projector, all honor is due.

"THE MIKADO."

Gilbert & Sullivan's Popular Opera to be Sung at Mount de Chantal.

One of the most interesting musical events of the season will be the production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado," by the young ladies of Mount de Chantal, at the Academy to-night.

The dramatic personnel of the performance has been arranged as follows: The Mikado of Japan, Miss Blanche Joyce; Nanki-Pussie, Miss Marie Gutman; Ko Ko, Lord High Executioner, Miss Bessie Pomeroy; Foo Bah, Lord High Everything Else, Miss Elsie Gundling; Fish Tush, Noble Lord, Miss Elsie Gundling; Poo Poo, Lord High Everything Else, Miss Elsie Gundling; Katisha, an Elderly Lady, Miss Elsie Gundling; Court Attendants, Chorus, etc., by other members of the Academy.

A large number of invitations have been sent out to the friends of the pupils and the school. The train taking the visitors to and from the entertainment has been chartered and will leave the Mount immediately after the performance.

AMUSEMENTS.

In speaking of "Hands Across the Sea," which comes to the Opera House to-night, to-morrow matinee and night, the Haverhill Gazette, of a recent date, says:

"Haverhill theatre-goers did well last night in giving to 'Hands Across the Sea,' one of the greatest melodramas ever placed on the stage, the reception it deserved. Every seat in the house was well occupied, and a large gallery was present. Every one will remember the thrilling play as it was presented last year, with its wonderful scenic and mechanical effects, the plot with the bright comedy lines. The play presented last night was just as powerful as ever, and was well appreciated by the audience. The company is the same as presented the attraction last year."

The play is one that makes a great impression on the audience, as was shown in many instances last night. At the close of the fourth act the curtains were rung up and the leading characters passed across the scene. They were loudly applauded until Robert Stillwood, the villain of the play, appeared, and the audience forsook the actor, and thinking only of the character, hissed vigorously. It was the best compliment Mr. Pierson, who plays the part, could have desired.

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A NOTORIOUS DESPERADO

Breaks Jail, and After Driving Off One Poss, is Finally Captured.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Feb. 4.—

The steamer Alki from Alaska, brings news of a bloody chapter in the career of "Slim" Birch, the notorious young desperado, of Juneau, who, while awaiting transportation to serve a three-year sentence in San Quentin prison, California, was released by accomplices who waited the jail, over-coming the jailer, locked him in a cell and accompanied the escaping prisoner. No tidings of Birch were received until the closing days of January, when Indians brought news to Juneau that Birch and his companions were sleeping in a cabin, thirty miles from Juneau, on an island. Deputy Marshal Hale at once chartered a steamer and which the cabin this posse was situated. A terrible battle then began, Watts being shot twice. Hale once seriously and Baysee wounded in both legs. Ten minutes succeeded in starting all the posse excepting poor Watts on the back trail from the scene of the fight, to where the boat was anchored.

Watts being left at the mercy of the outlaws, on the hill, they shot him several times where he lay half dead between two logs. The steamer made all haste back to Juneau with the wounded men and a posse of twenty men started out, returning the next day.

Watts was found dead, frozen stiff in the snow, where his cowardly companions had left him. The search was continued for two days without success, but the desperados were finally located by Indians, lying asleep in a dense underbrush. Word was carried to two heroic fellows named Cheney and Olsen, in a cannery, who made the capture in a picturesque style. Unarmed, they climbed a ledge twelve feet above the sleeping and heavily armed pair of bandits, and at a signal jumped down on them. Both men were manacled, after a short resistance. Birch's lone companion was also an old offender named Snell, who robbed the Tredwell works some years ago. Both are in jail at Sitka. Cheney and Olsen will get the \$5,000 offered for Birch's capture.

REFORMS FOR CUBA

Have Been Signed by the Queen Regent. Tenor of the Provisions.

MADRID, Feb. 4.—The queen regent signed the plan for the reforms in the island of Cuba. The text of the document will be published on Saturday.

The scheme includes numerous and elaborate decrees and will occupy several pages of the Official Gazette. It is understood that the reforms consist chiefly in the creation of an assembly, to be called the council of administration, composed of thirty-five members, of whom twenty-one are to be elected by the people and six by the different corporations. The remainder will be one magistrate, one university president, one archbishop and five former senators or deputies.

The council of administration is empowered, firstly, to prepare a budget. Secondly, to examine into the fitness of officials appointed.

Thirdly, to make a tariff, subject to the conditions of Spanish imports having advantage over the general tariff.

The governor general will represent the home government and will have the right to nominate officials, who should be Cubans or Spaniards who have resided two years in Cuba. Nevertheless, he may freely nominate high functionaries such as magistrates, prefects, etc.

Other decrees concern the organization of the provisional municipalities, which are to be liberally representative.

The municipal councils general will be empowered to elect their presidents and will have exclusive control of public education.

According to another decree the government reserves to itself extraordinary powers in the event of any disturbance of public order, and Cuba will continue to elect senators and deputies to the cortes, as at present.

Altogether the reforms are much broader in the direction of decentralization than those granted to Porto Rico. The powers of the governor general are much extended, while the council of administration is fairly representative of all parties and interests.

The Spanish government will continue to vote budgets and treaties for the colonies.

The Spanish products, according to the reform scheme will be allowed a rebate of 40 per cent of the Cuban tariffs, compared with other imports.

Will Not Curtail Production. PAWTUCKET, R. I., Feb. 4.—It is authoritatively announced that the cotton mills of the Blackstone valley, which include the immense manufacturing estates of the Chances and Goldards, will not enter into any agreement to curtail production for the present at least. Ex-U. S. Senator Jonathan Chace, who is chairman of the committee which ordered the curtailment of production in all the mills in the country last spring, says the manufacturers of the Blackstone valley would not at present consider any agreement for reducing the output of the mills. "Business is bad enough," said Senator Chace, "but it is slowly recovering."

California Crops. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—With almost continuous rains for several weeks the crop prospects of California are considered excellent. This season's average of wheat has been largely increased over that of recent years and conditions point to a bountiful cereal crop. Fruit also promises well, but it is too early to predict the yield.

Shipyards Burned. GLASGOW, Feb. 4.—The shipyards of the Fairfield ship building company at Govan, near here, have been almost completely destroyed by fire. The damage done is estimated to amount to \$50,000 pounds (\$250,000). Four thousand persons have been thrown out of work.

Indeed! LONDON, Feb. 4.—Lady William Beresford, formerly Duchess of Marlborough, is presently in New York. Her husband, of New York, has been delivered of a son. Mother and child are doing well.

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