IN THE DOMAIN OF MUSIC

GOSSIP CONCERNING ROSSINI'S MOST POPULAR OPERA

SINGERS OF OTHER DAYS

Contrasted With Those of Today—Plans of Local Musicians—A New Symphony by Strauss.

Rossini's "Barber of Seville" has been added to the new edition of operas publishing by G. Schirmer. The opera is given in vocal score, with the recitation and accompaniment written out, an English version by Natalia Macfarren, a portrait of the company and an introductory essay by Mr. Krehbiel. The typographical outfit is most admirable. The introductory essay tells the story of the composition of the opera and its first performances in Rome, London, Paris and New York, and discusses Rossini's position in music eighty years ago. In it, also, we find the following bit of gossip touching the "lesson scene:"

It was an accident which gave to "Il Barbiere" the essentials of a scene which is oftener in the minds of the public when the opera is chattered about in the drawing room than any other episode in it. When Rossini wrote his opera the activity of publishers was not what it is today. An opera might have hundreds of performances without getting into print. Publication, in the modern sense, did not at all enter into the negotiations between manager and composer. The latter delivered his manuscript at a stated time, and when the opera had been prepared, conducted a prescribed number of representations. Then for a period the work belonged to the theater, in the archives of which the manuscript score and parts were preserved. Composers did not write for immortality, but for the stagione—the season—and were happy when a work outlived the carnival, the primavera or the quaresima, for which it had been written. There was nothing strange, therefore, if entire manuscripts or portions of manuscripts disappeared from the theatrical lumber room. So it happened that by the time that Rossini's "Barbiere" became a part of the musical assets of the world two of its numbers had been lost. They were the overture, for which an earlier work by the same composer has been substituted, as has already been explained, and a trio, which filled the incident now spoken of as the "Lesson Scene." Very welcome, indeed, has the hiatus caused by the loss of the trio been to the Rossinis from the early days, for it has enabled them all to interpolate the piece or pieces in which they appear to the best advantage.

Amusing have been the anachronisms which have resulted from these illustrations of artistic conflict and vanity, and diverting glimpses do they give of the tastes and sensibilities of great prima donne. Grisi and Alboni, stimulated by the example of Catalani (though not in this opera), could do nothing nobler than to display their skill by singing Rode's air and variations, a violin piece, in the lesson scene. It grew hackneyed, but nevertheless survived till a later day. Bosio, feeling that variations were necessary, threw Rode's over in favor of those on a polka tune from Alary's "Le Tre Nozze" ("Gia della mente involarmi").

Then Mme. Gassier ushered in the day of the vocal waltz—Venzano's of amiable memory. Her followers have not yet died out, though Patti substituted Arditi's "Il Bacio" for Venzano's, Mme. Sembrich, Strauss' "Voce di primavera," and Mme. Melba, Arditi's "Se saran rose." Mme. Viradot, with a finer sense of the fitness of things, but forgetful, possibly, or not apprehensive of the fate that befel her father at the first performance of the opera in Rome, introduced a Spanish song. Mme. Patti always kept a ready repertory for the scene with a song in the vernacular to bring the enthusiasm of her auditors to a climax and an end—"Home, Sweet Home" in New York and London, "Solovel" in St. Petersburg. Usually she begins with the bolero from "Les Vepres Siciliennes," or the Shadow Dance from "Dinorah." "Qui dit Rosina, pense Patti," wrote Von Lenz long ago, and many there be among the older opera-goers of today who find the saying apposite. Mme. Sembrich, living in a period when the style of song of which she and Mme. Melba are now the brightest exemplars is not as familiar as it used to be, has also found it necessary to have an extended list of pieces to satisfy the public. She may sing Proch's Air and Variations, but it will only be followed by a demand for more. Let her supplement it with "Ah! non giunge" from "La Sonnambula," the bolero from "Les Vepres Siciliennes," "O, luce di quest' anima" from "Linda," or the vocalized waltz from Strauss—still the applause remains riotous, and yields only when the Spanish lady of the past century sits down to a pianoforte of this and sings Chopin's "Maiden's Wish" in Polish to her own accompaniment. As for Mme. Melba, not to be set in the shade simply because Mme. Sembrich is almost as good a pianist as she is a singer, she supplements Arditi's waltz, "Se saran rose," or Massenet's "Sevillana" with Tosti's "Mattinata," to which she also plays an accompaniment.

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The St. Paul Choral association will give a sacred concert Sunday evening, Dec. 30, at the People's church. Selections from "The Messiah" will be sung. The Metropolitan quartette will also sing.

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Colonne will bring an orchestra from Paris the latter part of the season for a tour of the country.

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Mrs. Jane Huntington Yale leaves tomorrow for Fargo, where she will sing in concert.

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Jean Gerardy, after finishing his American tour in February, will go to Australia, thence to South Africa and the far East.

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Mme. Constance Locke-Valisi will spend the holidays in Chicago. Previous to her departure she will give a pupils' recital Saturday afternoon, Dec. 22, at her studio in Raudenbush hall.

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Mr. Tirindelli is being congratulated on the increasing success of his violin concerto, which had its first American hearing at the Symphony concerts of last season. The concerto has just been played in St. Louis, by Mr. Guy Parin, and was warmly received. On Dec. 4, Mr. Earle Drake, assisted by a part of the Chicago orchestra, will play the same concerto in Chicago, and Mr. Tirindelli will go up to conduct the ensemble.

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Mrs. Norman Nash McFerran will leave this week for St. Joseph, Mo. She will return Dec. 21.

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Miss Florence Marion Pace will be one of the soloists at St. Luke's church Christmas. Haydn's mass in C will be sung.

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A concert will be given at the Central Presbyterian church Thursday evening, Dec. 27, under the auspices of the entertainment committee of the State Federation of Teachers, which convenes in St. Paul the latter part of the month. The Metropolitan quartette will sing a number of solos and ensemble numbers. The Ridelsberger string quartette will assist.

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Mme. Emil Olund will return this week from Duluth. She will be accompanied by Miss Anna Dickenson and Mrs. Winton, who will be her guests during the grand opera season. Mrs. Olund has opened a studio at her home on Laurel avenue.

AMONG THE LODGE ROOMS.

HIBERNIAN KNIGHTS.

There will be a short business session of the knights this afternoon at 2:45, at Sherman hall, to receive report from the state president and to take action on the election of an assistant drill master to take charge of the new members. Division No. 9 will be on hand with a good representation. Those desirous of becoming members are requested to do so today in order to join the new squad. The regular drill will take place after the meeting.

DRUIDS.

North Star Grove No. 4 will have work in the first and second degrees at its meeting Dec. 15. Refreshments will be served.

The N. A. appointed the following entertainment committee to serve for the next six months: Bros. M. McNally, Charles E. Johnson, James Phillips, George H. Gregory and Richard Czekowitz. The grove expects some good work from them during the winter months.

UNITED FORESTERS.

Court Alpha No. 11 will give a progressive cinch party at Central hall, Sixth and Seventh streets, Wednesday evening, Dec. 19. The following is the committee in charge: Mrs. Theo. Bunker, Miss Marion Murray, Mrs. Charles Durand and Miss Jennie Lombard.

MACCABEES.

Unity Tent, at a meeting held Friday evening elected: Commander, Archie Matheis; lieutenant commander, Joseph Gorman; record keeper, A. J. Fetsch; finance keeper, C. L. Adams; chaplain, George J. Hotchkiss; sergeant, F. L. Morgan; physicians, Drs. E. Hubbell, J. J. Platt; master-at-arms, L. A. Fischer; first master of guards, M. Chouchois; second master of guards, T. A. McGlynn; sentinel, A. E. Larson; picket, E. V. Penny; trustee for three years, C. W. Ischer.

The following officers were elected Monday evening by St. Paul Tent No. 24: Commander, George S. McCoy; lieutenant commander, J. B. Marcoux; record keeper, G. F. Foster; finance keeper, J. J. Warner; physician, Dr. C. R. Ball; chaplain, George O. Berg; master-at-arms, C. B. Elliott; sergeant, P. Fishman; first master of guard, George Wood; second master of guard, H. Wood; sentinel, M. M. Morgan; picket, H. Cado; trustee for three years, George Luckett.

ROYAL LEAGUE.

Pioneer Press council, Friday evening, elected: Fred Johnson, archon; W. W. Stivers, vice archon; C. A. Van Dusee, past archon; Fred Froning, orator; W. D. Moulder, scribe; W. P. Crawford, treasurer; W. J. Derrick, collector; W. Ferguson, guide; L. H. Hoffman, prelate; F. L. Hayward, warder; L. H. Schultz, sentry; trustees, F. S. Daggitt, John F. Bruggemann and Joseph L. Woods; delegates to advisory council, Dr. C. A. Van Dusee; alternate, Fred Johnson;

SONS OF ST. GEORGE.

Pioneer Lodge No. 238 installed the following officers Monday evening at Central hall: President, John Shepard; vice president, Fred Stevenson; secretary, John Way; treasurer, A. E. King; messenger, Henry Proctor; chaplain, J. M. Smith; assistant messenger, G. W. Ball; inside guard, Thomas Sephton. B. E. Metcalf, district deputy, was the installing officer, and assisting him was Deputy Grand Messenger J. W. Smith. A message was read from London, Eng., acknowledging the receipt of $804.40, contributed by the lodge to the widows and orphans' fund of the British army.

IMPERIAL KNIGHTS.

St. Paul Commandery No. 2 met Monday evening at Odd Fellow' hall, Fifth and Wabasha, and elected the following officers: Commander, W. F. Peters; vice commander, G. Dodds; counsellor, Guy A. Wilbor; past commander, W. E. Owen; secretary, H. C. Baker; collector, O. F. Bailey; treasurer, W. A. Rudd; chaplain, L. F. Fairchild; marshal, G. A. Ekelund; guard, C. J. Peters; sentinel, Charles Pheeney; trustees, W. J. Footner, F. E. Perkins, J. H. Harris. The officers will be publicly installed in January. A social hour followed the meeting, W. H. Dunbar and Henry Roth winning prizes at cinch.

Minnewaukan Tribe No. 2, at its last council elected the following officers: Sachem, J. B. Marcoux; senior sagamore, A. S. Green; junior sagamore, William Lamb; prophet, George C. Jackson; chief of records, Ald. Van der Hoeven; keeper of wampum, John N. Thayer; trustee for eighteen months, A. H. Hanneman; medicine men, Drs. C. R. Ball and S. S. Hesselgrave.

The warrior's degree was given in amplified form, and at the next council sleep the adoption and chief degree will be conferred. Several applications are under investigation.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

Ramsey council held its annual election of officers Friday evening. Those elected were: Regent, Edward Parrish; vice regent, A. M. Wickwire; orator, J. H. Bruggeman; guide, E. M. Wolever; warden, M. N. Lundberg; secretary, J. W. Nattrass; treasurer, A. M. Rotert; collector, F. G. Warner; sentry, G. Messing; representatives to grand council, D. C. Campbell, F. H. Warwick. The officers will be installed the first Tuesday in January

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

At the annual meeting of the Knights of Columbus held in their club rooms on Robert street Friday evening, the following officers were elected for the coming year: G. K., Judge William L. Kelly; D. G. K., James J. Regan; P. G. K., Prof. John A. Hartigan; chancellor, Thomas D. O'Brien; chaplain, Rev. P. Danehy; warden, Matthew Marion; recording secretary, John Fitzgerald; financial secretary, Henry von Der Wener; treasurer, Charles E. Robertson; lecturer, John J. Dwyer; inside guard, Thomas E. White; outside guard, Dr. John Davern; trustees, James C. Nolan, D. H. Sullivan, Charles Pusch, P. J. Broderick, H. C. McNair.

IRON CHAIN.

Link No. 19 held election of officers last Tuesday evening. E. G. Hurbert was elected exalted ruler; to succeed C. H. Newcombe, who leaves to make his future home in California. Mr. Newcombe was highly respected and loved by all the members of the link, who are grieved to lose so efficient an officer and brother.

RAILROAD TRAINMEN.

St. Paul Lodge No. 122, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, will give its fifteenth annual ball Thursday, Dec. 20, at the Merchants' hotel. The committee in charge are:

Arrangement — C. N. Bowman, chairman; M. O. Graves, secretary; J. W. Harrison, Otto Nordman, Matt Ronan, George W. Walker, Harry Needham

Floor—J. P. Gallagher, chairman; D. O. Coleman, Frank Krutsinger, M. J. Hallard, J. J. Isabella, S. R. Farrell, George C. King, John Lemaster, Wallace Stockwell, E. J. Currell, C. S. Cleveland.

Reception—J. B. Williams, chairman, H. E. Jones, S. R. Farrell, John Garrity, James Killoren, Frank White, O. H. Cartwright, J. J. Mealey, C. W. Wack, S. B. Buchanan, Sig Larson, W. H. Bailey, Leonard Stebbins, A. L. Farrow, J. D. Hartley, J. D. O'Niel.

Ladies' Reception — Mrs. Mary Neff, chairman; Mrs. Rose Schultz, Mrs. Mathilda Boysen, Mrs. Nettie Land, Mrs. Lenora Bogart, Mrs. Carry Bowman, Mrs. Nettie Coats, Mrs. Mary Harrison, Mrs. Betsey Kiler, Mrs. Josephine Lavallee, Mrs. Hannah Noonan, Mrs. Kate Ronan, Mrs. Tillie Rodger, Mrs. Abbie Sloggy, Mrs. Nellie Sloggy, Mrs. Nettie Walker, Mrs. Katie Williams.

MODERN SAMARITANS.

Astoria Council No. 5 will meet tomorrow evening. The nomination of officers will take place and there will be initiation of candidates. All members are requested to be present.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

A new council is being organized in the city. The matter is in the hands of F. W. Baer, and it is expected that the institution of the council will take place early next month.

WAS THE KNELL OF BELL

THAT IS THE CHIEF OBJECTION OF THE REPUBLICANS TO THE ELECTION RESULTS

ONE-THIRD OF THE VOTES CAST

All of Them Were Received by the Man Who Is the Central Figure in the Contest Now Being Waged.

In view of the fact that the central figure of the contest now being waged by the Republicans to overthrow the expressed will of the voters of St. Paul, is M. J. Bell, formerly alderman of the Sixth ward, it may be well to recall that in the election held the first day of last May, he received but a little over 700 votes. M. J. Moriarty, his Democratic opponent, had a plurality of over 700, and as there was a third candidate in the field, the vote for Bell was about a third of the vote in his constituency. In the face of this Bell now has the nerve to try and defeat the will of the people, aided and abetted by the Pioneer Press.

The voters of the Sixth ward knew what they wanted to do with the man who is now trying, by a technical flaw, supposed to exist in the charter, to overthrow the plain purpose of the plain people of the community. This is the standing of Bell in his own community:

M. J. MORIARTY	1,465
M. J. BELL	754

READY FOR HOLIDAY SEASON.

Palace Clothing Store Is Already Elaborately Decorated.

There is one corner of the city that has already got on its holiday attire, Robert and Seventh streets, where the Palace Clothing Store stands. On the outer edge of the walk on both sides of the corner, are a number of white painted, square wooden archways. Above these arches, on both streets, are four eagles, making eight in all. The wooden images are about five times the size of a live bird, and are bronzed and decorated with American flags. Between the birds are evergreens, and on the pillars supporting the arches are evergreen trimmings.

The corner is so uniquely fixed up, and beautifully, too, that many people passing by stop to take a second look and enjoy the sight.

HIT BY COLD WAVE.

Zero Weather Expected to Arrive Here Today.

There was a decided change to wintry conditions in the weather late yesterday afternoon by the arrival of a strong northwest wind, that carried with it a flavor of the frozen North. The indications are that the thermometer will reach zero by morning, as the downward shoot last evening was very rapid, and the mercury had fallen from 20 to 8 degrees above from 9 o'clock to midnight.

VITAL STATISTICS.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Charles A. Widing, Jennie Leora Wall.

BIRTHS.

Mrs. J. Dorgan, 221 S. Wabasha, girl.
Mrs. J. Stein, St. Joseph's hospital, girl.
Mrs. A. Charlevois, 173 S. Wabasha, girl.
Mrs. J. Seymour, 1879 University, boy.
Mrs. P. Pewters, Bayliss, Boy.

DEATHS.

Carrie Brandt, 316 E. Congress, 29 yrs.
G. Anderson, Commercial hotel, 67 yrs.
Mrs. E. Murray, 132 Valley, 29 yrs.
Nelly Howie, St. Joseph's, 17 yrs.
Louis Revier, St. Joseph's.

DEATHS

M'NAUGHTON—At the residence of her sister, Mrs. E. G. Schultz, 714 Reaney st., Hanna McNaughton, Saturday, Dec. 8, 1900, at 1 p. m. Funeral services will be held Sunday, Dec. 9, at the above residence at 3:30 p. m. Interment at Duluth, Minn.

MATHEWS—In St. Paul, Saturday, Dec. 8, at 7 a. m., at family residence, 21 West Tenth st., Stellia aged 11 months, only daughter of Mark and Lulu Mathews. Funeral from above residence Sunday, Dec. 9, at 2:30 p. m. Interment at Calvary.

MORGAN—In Urbana, O., Dec. 8, 1900, at family residence, 213 Scioto st., Mrs. Mary F. Morgan, mother of C. S. Morgan. Funeral Monday, 16th inst.