



MUSICAL & THEATRICAL

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Amongst other things, all the Philharmonic Club music was in close proximity to the fire; this, however, was luckily saved, and the damage was but slight. The pianoforte was entirely unharmed. The Philharmonic of the Club will meet at these rooms for rehearsal tonight at 8 p.m.

I was extremely pleased with the rendering of the beautiful and pathetic "Story of the Cross" at the Mission church on Sunday last. The music used is by J. E. Eberington. The solo part was taken by Mr. M. Gullod, who sang the solemn "Appeal" with reverence and feeling. This is to be repeated on Sunday.

Speaking of church music, there was a very readable article in a local paper recently on the relative merits of Gregorian and Anglican music, in which a quotation is made from an essay by Dr. G. F. Cobb of Cambridge, England, who is considered a great authority in church music. For a parish church the question seems to be this: Which style of music is best suited for congregational singing? People are very much divided in their opinion on this matter, and I think the real answer is, that style is the best to which a congregation has been accustomed. The Gregorian music is the most suitable, in theory; but theory and practice do not always coincide.

The "Snowflake" minstrels had a highly successful entertainment on Wednesday evening last in the Temple's hall, German street. It is a gratifying fact to find that there are so many of our young men and boys ready and willing to devote themselves to getting up wholesome and amusing entertainments of this kind.

The gift opera is definitely announced to open on Monday, the 18th, with the Sargent Aborn company of 35 members.

I had heard that there was a possibility of the Duff company coming here; in fact they are going to Halifax before long, so that they may perhaps pay us a visit on their way. If they do come they are sure of a welcome.

TALK OF THE THEATRE.

Bears, dogs, seals and reindeers, and "a carload of special scenery," amused a large audience at the Opera house last Friday night. Nobody who saw the parade expected to see a great dramatic performance, but the whole affair was exciting, to say the least. There was enough shouting to satisfy anybody, and make nervous people uneasy, while the shipwreck in the first act, with all the thunder and lightning of a full grown storm made the gallery howl as it never did before, and excitement ran high. The seals played tamborines and a drum, the dogs tore the villain to pieces, while the bears drank from a bottle and the reindeers walked upon the stage without knocking over the iceberg. It was realism with a big R. Of the company, not excepting the star, the less said the better. But the audience had a chance to hear "Ta-ra-ra boom de-ay."

Since leaving St. John the Josie Mills company have been playing to good houses at Fredericton and Moncton. Tuesday evening they will appear at the Opera house in Held by the Enemy. This play has proved a popular attraction during the tour, and the company promise to put it on with even better effect Tuesday evening than on its last production. The cast will be the same as when last produced here, except that the company having become more familiar with the parts and the play, will probably give a better performance.

Little Miss Scribner, who played the child's parts for the company while here, went with them to Fredericton and Moncton and won hosts of friends.

The grand gift opera season opens at the Opera House, April 18, and the managers are busy making preparations for it. A good company of 40 people has been secured, and the cast contains a number of names that are familiar to St. John people, although some of those who claim they have never appeared in St. John. The Sargent Aborn company is highly spoken of, and the representative of the Opera House company who engaged them says that it will be the strongest troupe that ever visited St. John. The comedian is Raymond Hitchcock, who is well known as a wit of the opera stage, and as the comedy part is always a very important one in the estimation of St. John people, they will probably have very little reason to feel dissatisfied.

Miss Minnie Taylor is the prima donna, and it is said that Julia Calhoun will probably be in the company. The troupe promises new costumes and handsome ones too; and that the grand marches by the company will be on a magnificent scale. Following are some members of the troupe: Miss Minnie Taylor, Julia Ernst, Lottie Gilman, Etta Bartlett, Messrs. Wallace McCreary, Raymond Hitchcock, Jas. Donnelly, H. H. Mayer, Clarence Rogerson, Kirtland Calhoun. The latter will be stage manager and his work with the Graun opera company will give some idea of his ability in this respect.

To New York Direct.

"St. John and New York" sounds good, but a direct steamship service between the two places is better. It brings the city nearer to the commercial centre of the continent, and being in touch with its business activity is of incalculable benefit to St. John. Merchants recognized this when the steamers were running last year, and the announcement that the service would be discontinued was heard with regret. Now, that the service will be resumed, St. John people should make every effort to ensure its success, for it means a good deal to the city in the future. The new managers, Messrs. C. H. Mallory & Co., have the experience and ability to make the line a success, and are making great preparations for the opening of the new service. The Winthrop will be put on the route, thoroughly overhauled and refitted, and will probably add to her popularity as a passenger steamer. The Winthrop will leave Pier 20, East River, New York, on her first trip, May 7, at 5 p. m., calling at Eastport, and will continue the sailings every

Saturday. It is proposed to develop the business so that semi-weekly sailings can be made at as early a date as practicable. Beginning with June 7 calls will be made at Bar Harbor, Me., and continued during the summer. Mr. T. M. Bartlett, formerly president of the N. Y., Maine and N. B. S. S. Co., has his office at Pier 20, E. R., New York, and will issue maps and folders this month.

A Rushing Advertiser.

Mr. Mylius, of Messrs. Hattie & Mylius, Halifax, arrived in town Saturday on an advertising jaunt, and by the way he got to work Monday he got credit for being an old hand at the business. Bill posters and boys soon proclaimed the merits of their new and taking preparation, "Powell's Pimple Pills" and the dead walls were painted red with wonderful rapidity. Every householder in town had a circular thrust in his hand by lads who never had a chance to choke the catch basins with their armloads of literature. Mr. Mylius had a good stock of the three "Ps" with him and before he left he had to order more.

One Of the Best.

One of the brightest ideas in illustrated advertising that PROGRESS has seen for some time is sent out by the Wilmot Spa Springs company. It is a lithograph above the average in regard to coloring and attractiveness, and tells a story in two pictures. A pug dog to satisfy his curiosity gets too close to a bottle of ginger ale and the cork flies out with disastrous results. The effort is striking and appropriate.

The Berton House.

The Berton Boarding House, so well known under the management of Mrs. Chapman, will be occupied by Mrs. A. Daniel on May 1st, whose reputation in the same direction needs no praise from Progress. Mrs. Daniels' announcement appears on page 7 and will interest those looking for that rare article—"a good boarding house."

Measured and Cut to Order.

W. W.—We charge ten cents a line for publishing obituary poetry. We make no extra charge for writing it when required, and will at short notice supply an elegy of two lines or a column. All you have to do is to send us the cash and a catalogue of the shining virtues of the deceased. Should the deceased object to the quality of the poetry, or complain of its not doing justice to his merits, the money will be refunded.—Chatham World.

The Champion Coincidence Story.

Among the stories of extraordinary coincidences, writes the London correspondent of the Leeds Mercury, not the least curious is the history of a letter, for the accuracy of which we can vouch. A short time ago a lady in London wished to write to a friend in America, whose address she did not know. The only means she had of procuring the address was to write to a mutual friend, who also lived in America. This she accordingly did, and the letter was duly despatched. The ship which carried the letter was wrecked, and the mails for a time lost. They were eventually recovered and brought back to England, the letters, now much damaged by sea water, being returned through the dead letter office to the senders. The letter in question was sent back to the lady, who naturally examined it minutely. To her surprise she found that another letter had become closely stuck to it. Holding up the two-fold missive to the light, she deciphered the address on the one side which was stuck to her own. It was a letter addressed to the friend to whom she had wished to write, and to discover whose whereabouts her own letter had been despatched. Her letter thus literally brought back its own answer.

Cats as Swimmers.

Many cats are fond of, rather than averse to, water, and take to that element freely. Some years ago, when residing on the banks of the Thames writes a correspondent of Land and Water, I had a cat which used regularly to swim across the river to an eyot which was infested with rats, the distance being about forty yards. I often used to carry her across the broadest part of the stream, opposite my house, at least one hundred yards, in a punt, and land her on the opposite bank, when, regardless of weather or flood, she would boldly follow the punt home. She always swam very low in the water, with tail erect, and used to shake herself like a dog upon coming ashore. She was well-known in my neighborhood, and many people used to come and see the performance. Although a dread of water is instinctive in cats, if brought up on a riverside they lose all fear of wet, and, once the aversion is overcome, love to dabble about and swim.

Spare Your Kisses, Girls.

I have known young men to resort to every artifice their minds were capable of conceiving to kiss some girl of their acquaintance. The more strongly she refused, the more ardent they were in their wish. But when they secured it? Well, it is just in such a case we see aptly reflected the truth that the most desirable things in this world are those we cannot get. Once secured, however, how much of their value is lost! "Pshaw!" said a girl, lightly, to me once, "what is in a kiss? It doesn't hurt a girl to be kissed." No, it doesn't hurt her exactly. But it is astonishing how much of the freshness of a girl's lips is absorbed in that first kiss in the mind of the young man; he never strives so eagerly for the second one. And, somehow, or other, his esteem for her decreases just as his energy diminishes. Young men soon lose their respect for such a girl exactly in proportion as she allows them any familiarity.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Why Irishmen Love the Green.

The early Celts worshipped the dawn and the sunrise. It is more than probable, therefore, that their liking for the color green, which we see in their flags, sashes, etc., arose from a mistake among those who had lost a thorough knowledge of the Irish language. The sun, in Celtic, is called by a word pronounced exactly like our word "green," and it is likely that the Irish fondness for that color arose through the striking similarity of the two words. In the same way, when we talk about a greenhouse we think they are so called because plants are kept green in them during the winter; yet it is far more probable that the word is derived from the old Celtic word for sun, because greenhouses are so built as to catch the rays and heat of the sun and store them for future use.—Republic.



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MISS E. W. MORLEY, (Silver Medalist will shortly open classes for Painting, in either Oils or Chalk. Also, having resided many years in France, she will open classes for French in May.

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Ferguson & Page Always carry a large stock and are continually receiving New Goods in Watches, Jewelry, Solid Silver, Electro-Plated, Clocks, Bronzes and all goods pertaining to the Jewelry Business. Call at 43 King Street.

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All Books and Tickets out must be settled for at once to ensure seats and drawing.

Gift Opera Tickets for sale at the following places: Victoria Hotel, King St. Smith's Drug Store, Charlotte St. Wm. Murphy's Music Store, Union St. McCarthy's Drug Store, Waterloo St. Hazen Dick, Charlotte St. James McKinley's Drug Store, St. James St. Crawford's Book Store, Main St. Hoban's Drug Store, Main St. W. G. Brown, Post Office, Indianatown. W. C. R. Allan's Drug Store, Carleton.

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MELISSA IS THE BEST beyond a doubt, and it is not only the best but it is the only thoroughly reliable, healthful, porous, odorless, Rainproof Fabric in the World. Now, that is pretty strong language, but it is as true as it is strong. The season for rainproof wraps is here again. There are several, so called, Porous, Odorless, Waterproofs in the market, some of them will be found absolutely worthless as Waterproofs; others will appear to stand one or two showers, but then it will be discovered that the proofing substance has washed away entirely and left the fibre of the cloth hard and brittle. Another, the most unreliable and useless of the lot, will be discovered to be proofed only in spots; the tail of a garment may be all right while the shoulders let water through like ordinary cloth, one shoulder may be right and the other all wrong. Wearers themselves will have to find out the WHEN YOU BUY A RAINPROOF GARMENT YOU WANT THE BEST NOT ONE THAT IS PROOFED ONLY IN SPOTS YOU WANT "MELISSA."

Assessors' Notice THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS OF TAXES of the City of Saint John, in the present year hereby require all persons liable to be rated, forthwith to furnish to the Assessors True Statements of all their Real Estate, Personal Estate and Income, and hereby give notice that Blank Forms, on which statements may be furnished under the City Assessment Law, can be obtained at the office of the Assessors, and that such statements must be perfected under oath, and filed in the office of the Assessors within THIRTY DAYS from the date of this notice. Dated this first day of April, A. D. 1892. WM. F. BUNTING, Chairman, Assessors of Taxes. JOHN WILSON, URBAN DIXIE, RICHARD FARMER, Assessors of Taxes.

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Office for Agriculture, Fredericton. Extracts from "The St. John City Assessment Law, 1889." SEC. 118.—The Assessors shall ascertain, as nearly as possible, the particulars of the real estate, the personal estate and the income of any person who has not brought in a statement in accordance with this notice and as required by this law, and shall make an estimate thereof, of the true value and amount to the best of their information and belief; and such estimate shall be conclusive upon all persons who have not filed their statements in due time, unless they can show a reasonable excuse for the omission. SEC. 128.—No person shall have an abatement unless he has filed with the Assessors the statement, under oath, within the time hereinbefore required; nor shall the Common Council in any such case sustain an appeal from the judgment of the Assessors unless they shall be satisfied that there was good cause why the statement was not filed in due time, as herein provided.

Harry Wilkes, 1896. THE Standard Bred Hambletonian Stallion HARRY WILKES, the property of the Government of New Brunswick, will make the Season of 1892 at St. John. TERMS—\$35.00 for the season, to be paid at time of first service. Harry Wilkes, 1896, is by George Wilkes, 519, dam Belle Hill, by Whalsh. He will stand at Ward's One Mile House on the Marsh Road. The intention is to send the stallion down about the first of May. Should he be required before that time, arrangements may be made to send him down earlier by applying at this office. JULIUS L. INCHES. March 30th, 1892.

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