



MUSICAL CIRCLES.

Little of musical interest has happened during the past week. I was disappointed in the performance of Arlington's minstrels which had been so greatly advertised...

The Philharmonic club has been unfortunate in having to postpone its concert more than once, owing to unavoidable reasons. The management now expect to bring it on in the second week of June...

The musical club will hold the last of their monthly "evenings" on Tuesday, June 21st. The string sextette will play, and every effort will be made to ensure a good programme...

FAIR PLAY writes to PROGRESS about musical criticism and criticism. He does not sign his letter, and should judge that he or his friends have been criticised at some time...

TALK OF THE THEATRE.

Sweet Lavender is one of those high class comedies in which a great deal depends upon the company. In good hands it is full of fun, not of the boisterous, exaggerated kind...

Sweet Lavender is the pretty daughter of Ruth Rolt, the housekeeper for Dick Phenyl and Clement Hale, barristers of Brain court, Inner Temple. Hale is an adopted son of Godfrey Wedderburn a rich banker...

Dr. Delavey calls to see Clement and makes the acquaintance of Dick, who has only a vague idea of what is going on around him until the doctor calls for a glass...

An interesting climax is reached when Minnie and her mother return from a trip abroad and find Clement and Lavender in about the same position that most lovers assume when they both confess their love for the first time...

Minnie understands the situation and offers herself as bridesmaid; but Mrs. Gillfillan takes the offensive. Lavy's mother also sees trouble ahead, and decides to take her daughter away...

The plot drags somewhat in the last act, but Dick Phenyl, who is the life of the play keeps the audience interested. In the end everyone is made happy...

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that, the audience would like to know what he is saying all the time he is on the stage. Tuesday evening his lines were at times almost inaudible in some parts of the house...

Sweet Lavender as played by Miss Lowrie, was the simple little girl, lovable and confiding, that the author intended. Miss Lowrie can claim the honor of being the first actress in her line to appear on the opera house stage...

The "between the act crowd" at the Opera house is increasing in numbers; and in view of this fact requires more time to get seated. If the electric bell in the smoking room tinkled a few minutes sooner it would be appreciated by people who want to hear the first part of each act...

The loyalty of the audience at the Opera house on Tuesday evening was fully demonstrated when "God Save the Queen" was played before the performance began. When the house is crowded there is a good deal of standing to be done before the curtain goes up...

The only drawback to the present season is the standing notice that "gilt opera tickets" will be sold as usual, and that the date of the drawing will be announced later. The people are tired and sick of the "gilt" business, and will soon be applying another term to it—not any longer but quite so complimentary...

The 62nd Fusiliers propose quite a novel entertainment in the shape of a young ladies drill, in the Palace rink, June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Quite complete particulars of the drill with the names of the ladies taking part will be found in the society column, and is interesting reading.

SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

The Shamrocks opened the baseball season in good shape on the twenty-fourth. After two days rain nobody expected good ball, but both games were worth making the journey to Indiantown to see...

In the afternoon game there was some fun when the visitors filled the bases and squeezed in several runs. The crowd began to get enthusiastic and excitement ran high. The Shamrocks held them down well, however, and did not go to pieces as might have been expected under the circumstances...

The Shamrocks have a very good team, but the fact that the visiting club was not a strong one, probably made the home players show up to better advantage than had the case been otherwise.

The crowd at the afternoon game showed that base ball still has hosts of admirers in St. John, and only needs the activity of a few good men to manage the clubs, get them together and keep them before the public to make the game as popular as ever. Although lacrosse is coming in to favor it has the disadvantage of being a new game which few people thoroughly understand...

Victoria School Alumnae Society. About a year ago several of the graduates of the girls' high school met and organized an alumnae society in connection with the school...

Tuesday evening a crowded house saw the comedy put on in a way that brought out all there was in it. In Mr. Frawley the audience recognized an old Lansdowne theatre favorite and gave him a good reception. When he put his hands so deep into the pockets of his sack coat that it was in danger of running down in corners, even those who might have forgotten him had their memories refreshed...

DENTISTRY IN THE WEST.

How the Frolicsome Cowboy Learned of His Mysteries. Many years ago a group of cowboys rode into the frontier town of Prairieville, and while cantering down the principal street came to a sign "Painless Dentist."

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"Very well," replied the dentist, with a slight laugh; "then you must take the gas, for this is a bad tooth, and will give you trouble."

The cowboy at first loudly protested, but finally yielded, and with a parting threat submitted to the respiration, and presently was insensible.

With great skill the man of the forceps pulled the tooth, and then, before his customer regained consciousness, he securely tied his hand and foot to the chair, which was firmly screwed to the floor.

The dentist finally cut his bonds on condition that his customer should restore the riddled sign outside the office. And, after paying a sovereign for the extracted tooth, which the dentist grimly declared to be the regular price for painless operations, the crestfallen cowboy departed, convinced that appearances are sometimes deceitful, and that even a quiet-looking person may have a nerve.

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