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"Pinafore."

The comic opera "Pinafore" which will be given by local talent in the Club Hall, Friday, December 21st, for the purpose of making necessary payments on the high school piano, is a burlesque from the pen of the great English composer, Sir Arthur Sullivan, who has written "The Mikado," "The Pirates of Penzance," and others of the most popular operas. Probably no other opera ever written has been as popular as the "Pinafore." It has been played in every civilized country and translated into many languages and though thirty or forty years old and played by amateurs all over the world (it being especially adapted for amateur troupes, being easily staged and learned) yet it retains fully its old time hold on the people and if an opera troupe playing "Pinafore" comes to any city it is certain to receive a full house.

It appeals to all music lovers because it contains much high class music. It also contains its catchy elements which once heard are hummed and whistled by all. Many of its melodies will be recognized by those who have never heard the opera because they have become the themes of many of our best waltzes and lancers. Its popularity then may be said to be due to the fact that it contains much music that is within the comprehension of all even young children, and which is loved by all who know it.

When the words were written by W. S. Gilbert, many of the highest officers in both the English army and navy owed their positions entirely to rank or to favoritism. As a consequence the service was often inefficient and received much criticism from people and press. Thinking ridicule the best weapon with which to fight the condition, the burlesque was written. Probably no other agent did so much to produce the needed reform and to raise the British navy to the high position which it now occupies. People heard it, hummed its melodies, and sent their children to see it; but they thought of and discussed the condition and thus public censure brought the needed change. It might be said to hold the same position among operas that "Uncle Tom's Cabin" does among plays, both in its popu-

larity and in its accomplishment of a reform. As every one should see some of the great dramas of the world so every one should sometime see the "Pinafore."

The cast of characters has been changed somewhat since previously published. The principal parts will be taken by the following people:

Sir Joseph Porter.....Charles O'Neill
Ralph Rackstraw.....Duncan McLeod
Captain Corcoran.....A. C. Strange
Dick Deadeye.....Joseph Smelzer
Boatswain.....Randolph Ketchum
Boatswain's Mate.....Oliver Adams
Sergeant of Marines, Luther Moore
Midshipman.....Wilford Belknap
Josephine Corcoran.....
.....Mrs. A. C. Strange
Buttercup.....Verna Howard
Hebe.....Mrs. Alex. Thomson
Leader of Ladies' Chorus.....
.....Celia Nelms
Chorus of ladies, high school girls
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school boys.

Orchestra under the direction of A. H. Kennedy.

A synopsis of the story of the play will be given later.

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