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San Carlo Grand Opera Company Opens in Ponchelli's "La Gioconda."

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Nordica, the Bright Particular Star, Displays Splendid Dramatic Ability, Besides Magnificent Volce. Fashionable Audience There.

********************** "La Gioconda." Gloconda Mme, Lillian Nordica

La Cleca..... Mme. Contl-Borlinetto

BY ARTHUR A. GREENE. The abysmal depths and exalted heights of passion were portrayed through three hours and a half of vocal and orchestral music last night by the San Carlo Grand Opera Company, through the complicated ramifications of Ponchelli's tempestuous

part of the management that the curtain was finally rung up at 9 o'clock. Delayed trains from the South were responsible and although General Pas-senger Agent McMurtay and his assist-ants did everything possible and Mr. Russell, the impdesario, excited every effort, the delay seriously marred the opening of the angagement. Because of the latences of the hour the score was mercilessly cut and as a con-sequence the story was incoherent to those who were not familiar with the open.

opera.

No Excuse for Cutting.

There seemed little excuse for this, as the audience, having waited so long, was quite willing to have staid another half-hour for the opera in its entirety. On the theory that good nature is the better part there was little complaint, however. It may be safely said that the perform-ance proved as satisfactory as possible considering the conditions under which it was given.

arrival of the music, which made it necessary for Signor Conti to direct the whole first act with only the strings and plane answering to his baton. The long wait for the audience, which had arrived promptly at a quar-ter to 8, and the fact that it was not to hear the really good orchestra in the first act, made a great difference in the whole musical atmosphere, and people, though good-natured, were plainly disappointed. But no more so than were the singers and orchestra who were laboring under such great disadvantage and surely deserve all credit and forbearance for any short-comings.

toomings. I have not spoken of the chorus yet because nothing put them out-the typical grand opera chorus. Anna Held would not select the women for her show girls, but they all sing, every one of them. The opening chorus was good, rattling good, but their best work was in the second act, where, with full orchestra, they sang a song of the sea, a beautiful bit of music, well sung.

well sung. Madame Nordica, our American diva, Madame Nordica, our American diva, is always good, a beautiful woman, clever actress, and a great singer. Much of her singing in the first act, a long scene with La Cièca (her mother) and chorus back of the scenes was marred by the difference of pitch be-tween the organ accompanying the chorus, and the orchestra, so what few instruments that were being played at that time had to stop. In face second act. In her scene with Laura, her rival, she rose to vocal and dramatic heights that won her most en-thusiastic applause and curtain calls. Madame Nordica's solo in the last act was a gem, her soft work being ex-

Madame Nordica's solo in the last act was a gem, her soft work being ex-quisitely done. Signor Constantino Enzo has a pure, free tenor voice, has all the high notes he needs, and always ring true and clear. His solo "Cielo e Mar" in the second act won him recognition as an artist of high rank. The baritone, Sig-nor Fornari had a long arduous role in Barmaba, and he acted and sang every bit of it. Madame Monti-Baldini as Laura pleased the audience with a

bit of it. Madame Monti-Baldini as Laura pleased the audience with a sweet mezzo volce. Madame Conti-Bor-linetto, as "La Cleca" had perhaps the most beautiful aria of the opera to sing, and was accorded enthusiastic applause for her rendition of it. Signor Segurela as Aloise; Signor Valentini as Zuane were well cast in their respective parts. onrts

by drama, "La Gioconda," in the pres-cuce of a most fashionable audience which foregathered at the Hellig. A series of untoward circumstances came hear preventing a performance and it was only by the hardest work on the part of the management that the curtain and hear preventing and the series of the management that the curtain and be and be at the series of the management that the curtain and be at the series of the management that the curtain and be at the series of the management that the curtain and be at the series of the ballet music in the third act was most excellently given by the orchestra, under the able leadership of Signor Conti, who deserves all praise for his taking the opern through under such difficulties as opera through under such difficulti he had to contend with last night.-

> **Portland Society Hears** San Carlo Company

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JOHN R. HEGEMAN, President

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who desire to enroll themselves this year,
may know the conditions of membership,
the secretary says that the rule of the
association permits all persons who came
to, or were born in. Oregon up to and in-
cluding the year 1839, to become members
upon application to him by writing or in
persons, at the rooms of the oregon His-
torcal Society, in the City Hall.today. It held a short session in the
morning. There are some witnesses still
waiting to be called; but the fury did not
thought that the coming of Special As-
sistant Attorney-General Burch may have
caused the District Attorney to delay fur-
the arrives.Annual Reunion Will Be Held
on June 19.Furthermore, according to the rules of
the association, all who entered Call.Forced Her to Live Over Saloon.
OREGON. CITY, Or., April 2.--(Spe-
cial.)--Mary S. Keep has filed a suit
for divorce against Sildney Keep, to
whom she was married in this city. members of the association hitherto, and who desire to enroll themselves this year, may know the conditions of membership, the secretary says that the rule of the association permits all persons who came to, or were born in, Oregon up to and in-cluding the year 1859, to become members upon dmillication to him by writing ar in that political conditions including the agitation for closer government control of the railroads really have had nothing to do with the decline in prices which has

now residents of this state, may become members of the Association, if they so desire, upon application as already set forth. Wives or husbands of pioneers, and who may not be pioneers themselves, will be permitted to attend the annual reunion, provided a special permit is se-The Southern Pacific and the O. R. & N. have agreed to give the customary re-duced rates on the certificate plan of a round trip for one and one-third fare, provided 50 or more tickets over each line are sold. Announcements respecting other transportation lines will be made soon. her.

September. TACOMA FOR BELLINGHAM taken place in recent months in the New York stock market. Expansion in com-merce and industry beyond the ability of capital to finance it has been the funda-Bill Passes Both Houses and Goes to Governor for Signature. Bill Passes Both Houses and Goes to Governor for Signature.



In a dozen big scenes last night while she fairly woke the heavens with her swelling melody, it was dra-matic power that gave form and substance to the tragle recital of this Lath love fromy, which forms the mo-tif of the plece. I have never heard her sing as she sang last night.

Constantino, the Spanish tenor, has been proclaimed as a rival of Caruso and it must be justly so. Marvelous purity of tone, the sympathetic quali-ty, the range and other attributes of voice and execution of which I know only vaguely, he has, but some one else must hall him as great in the dramatic sense. I confess he seemed to me to underplay his role, for it cer-tainly has dramatic possibilities which he failed to realize.

Fornari Up to the Mark.

Barnaba, a sort of blundering, osten-sible Iago, as interpreted by Signor Fornari, was fully up to the necessary Fornari, was fully up to the necessary mark. It is not a dominating part but an essential one and could only be safely entrusted to a singer who also owns the acting gift. These three roles are the colorful ones that the dramatic interest feeds upon. The others may sing however ginia Wilson, Miss Clementine Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Cronin, Miss Katherine Cronin, Miss Anne Shogren, Madame Norelli, Mr.

and Mrs. C. F. Swigert, Miss Florence Wolfe, William Spanton, Miss Margaret Montgomery, Harry Corbett and many oon. The others may sing, however, ell they may. They are singing parts others.

only. The elimination of the much exploit-ed "Dance of the Hours," from the sixth meene of the third act was a genuine disappediment. "La Gloconda." is heavy enough in all conscience and the terpsichorian.activities of a premicre danscues or two would have been greatly appreciated. The chorus saug wonderfully and

Dereyne in "Carmen" Tonight. Two grand operas will be produced by the San Carlo Company at the Hei-lig today. At the matinee the curtain will rise at 2 P. M. and "La Boheme" The chorus sang wonderfully and looked-well it looked like most grand

opera choruses. orchestration was magnificent and will be produced with Alice Nielsen, the Pacific Coast's favorite prima don-na, in the leading role. Miss Nellsen's delightful soprano and strüking indi-viduality are admirably adapted to the securiorements of this second Tonich's The orchestration was magnificent and as was right and proper, will be remem-bored as a feature of prime importance. The San Carlos company is fully up to advance representations or periags it were truer to say it would be under normal conditions.

"This atternoon "La Boheme," with Aline Nielsen as Mimi, will be the bill, and tonight "Carmen," will Mile. Dereyne as the wicked eigarette-maker, will be



ers and orchestra were up against

E. J. Daly, Mr. and Mrs. J. Couch Fian-ders, Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Macrum, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore B. Wilcox, Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Holbrook, Dr. and Mrs. George Marshall, F. V. Holman, Mr. and Mrs. Poter Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McRae, Dr. George F. Wilson, Father Flacidus, Mr. and Mrs. James Malarkey, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wessinger, Mr. and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wessinger, Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wessinger, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Birrell, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Knight, Miss Delta Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sewell, Mrs. F. Eggert, E. M. Lazarus, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hart, Dr.

TWO GRAND OPERAS TODAY.

Nielsen in "La Boheme" at Matinee.

Jefferds, Miss Carolyn Burns, Miss Bill, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Fleischner, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lytle, Miss Helen Lytle, Mrs. Fred Stanley, Thomas Scott Brooke, Mark Mayer, of New York; Miss Lou Mark Mayer, of New York; Miss Lou Pfunder, Mr. and Mrs. Riehard Grace, Miss Genevieve Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. William MacMaster, Dr. and Mrs. Thomaid, Mrs. O. C. Leiter, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lang, of Oregon City; Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Downing, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Mayer, Miss Clementine Hirsch, Miss Flora Floiscnner, Major and Mrs. Cabell, of Vancouver Barracks; Miss Mao Fali-ing, Major and Mrs. Kendall, Miss Vir-ginia Wilson, Miss Clementine Wilson.

the Secretary, George H. Hintes, Isa, who has served 23 years in that position, was invited to prepare the annual address. Inasmuch as advancing years have ren-

Inasmuch as advancing years have ren-dered the hearing of ploneers less acute than in the early days when they bunted the wild beasts and were compelled to protect themselves from the red man, it is probable that Mr. Himes will be very strongly of the opinion that his address ought to be "read by tile"; at least it is very certain that portion of it which will be exceedingly short.

very certain that portion of it which will be delivered at the public exercises will be exceedingly short. It will be the policy of the committee of arrangements to give particular emphasis that is what the pioneers enjoy far more than anything else. Inasmuch as the regular Pioneer Day, Shreeder can zet his park ready by Antil

as marshal, with power to select his own

requirements of this opera. Tonight "Carmen" is the bill with Mile. Fely Dereyne, a famous French soprano, in the title role Both of the operas are admirably cast, as follows: Matinee, at 2 P. M .- Puccini's "La

Tonight, at 7:45-"Carmen:" Don Jose Mom Escamillo Sig. 11 Danedro Sig. Mons. Martin Sig. Galpirini

ATTENDANCE TO BE LARGE

Oregon's Early Residents Will All Gather in Armory From All Parts of State to Hear Programme and Renew Acquaintance.

At a meeting of the board of direct ors of the Oregon Ploneer Association held at the office of the president, Judge M. C. George, 1851, the preliminary steps

for the 35th annual reunion were taken It was decided that, inasmuch as no invitation had been received from any other place, the reunion would be held at the Armory in this city. Upon the motion of Director Frederick V. Holman, 1854, the Secretary, George H. Himes, 1853, who

of Tacoma last week. It will not be a slap at President Lucas, as from the expressed sentiment of a majority of the directors, Lucas' action will be heartily indorsed, a majority of the directors be-

Lad of 15 Held for Theft.

Grand Jury Waits for Burch. BOISE, Idaho, April 2.-(Special.)-Tha United States grand jury was quiescent

It will be the policy of the committee of arrangements to give particular emphasis to the social features of the reunion, as that is what the ploneers enjoy far more than anything else. Inasmuch as the regular Pioneer Day, June 15, comes on Saturday, it was thought best to defer the reunion until the next week, hence Wednesday, June 18 for the meeting of the Grand Encampment of Indian War Veterams. Rev. I. D. Driver, 1845, was selected to act as chaplain, and Joseph Buchtel, 182, as marshal, with power to select his own

CORNELIUS, Or., April 2 .- By only two

as marshal, with power to select his own aides. Committees were selected as fol-lows: Arrangements. George H. Himes, J. E. Magers, ISS, and Robert A. Miller, 1854: invitations, President George, Vice-President J. D. Lee, 1848, and Treasurer Charles E. Ladd, 1857; finance committee, George H. Himes, Frederick V. Holman and J. D. Lee; committee on transpor-tation, George H. Himes; reception com-mittee, Robert A. Miller, with power to choose his own aides, chairman of the Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Charlotte M. Cartwright, 1845, with power to choose her own assistants. All other matters of detail were placed in the hands of the general committee of arrangements. votes M. H. Henderson, dry candidate, defeated Charles B. Buchanan, head of defeated Charles B. Buchanan, head of the wet ticket, for Mayor of Cornelius yestarday. Ninety-eight votes were cast. The City Council however, went wet throughout, the four Councilmen elected being F. Shoen, A. Benson, George Holscher and William Merrell, William Vickers was geherded Becorder and C. P. Vickers was elected Recorder and C. P. Hancock Treasurer

OREGON CITY, Or., April 2.-(Spe-cial.)-Charged with stealing \$40 and a revolver from his uncle. Marvin Hubdetail were placed in the hands of the general committee of arrangements. Interest in the coming reunion is al-ready beginning to be manifest, as Secre-tary Himes is always daily in receipt of letters concerning it, from various parts of the original "Oregon County"; and many who have never attended a reunion, or enrolled themselves as members of the Oregon Ploneer Association, say that it is thir intention to do so this year. In order that those who have not been bard, at Sunnyside, yesterday morn-ing, A. W. Schröeder, aged 15 years, is in the County Jail awaiting a hearing at the April term of the Circuit Court.

2-CENT RATE IN MINNESOTA

Will Play Ball in Northwest League This Summer-Lucas Upheld.

dered and accepted the franchise in place

season on the local diamond this after-noon. Two more are expected to arrive tonight, three will be here in the morn-SFOKANE, Wash., April 2.-(Special.)on the eve of the meeting of the North-western League directors it seems safe to assume that Tacoma will almost cer-tainly be readmitted to membership in place of Bellingham, which city was tening and the other four will be here in a couple of days. Track Team in Training.

M'MINNVILLE, Or., April 2.—(Spe-clal.)—The track team of the college has now settled down to hard work. Walter Long has been secured in the capacity of coach and he has started rigorous training. The first meet scheduled is with Pacific College, May 1.

ST. PAUL, April 2 .- Both Houses of the Legislature today adopted the twothe joint committee which had been appointed to receive the compromise proposed on behalf of the railroads. The compromise did not complete the January 18, 1907. She alleges that im-mediately after their marriage her hus-band compelled her to live upstairs over a saloon at 755 North Twentyover a saloon at 155 North Twenty-third street, Portland, where she was ashamed to receive her friends and rel-atives, and where she was caused great bodily pain and discomfort by the noise. Mrs. Keep says her husband has failed to provide for her, and used profane and unkind language toward her. expectations of the Legislators, and as a result it was decided to recommend the passage of the bill making a flat rate of two cents per mile for passenger service throughout the state. bill now goes to the Governor

for his signature

Will Issue New Great Northern Stock

ern Railroad has issued a circular to stockholders saying that since the courts of Minnesota have awarded the case to the company in the suit to restrain the the carpenters since that has the de-ened the city for several weeks feil through this morning, when the employers conceded the \$4 rate for an eight-hour issue of its \$60,000,000 new stock, it will be issued at once. The dates will be as follows: Transfer books and books for assignments will close at 3 o'clock today; day. Only one firm refused the raise, their men walking out. assignments will close at 3 o'clock today; assignments of rights will be received up to the close of business April 6; the first four installments of 10 per cent each will be due April 9; the further 12 install-ments of 5 per cent each will be due monthly from May, 1907, to April, 1908.

Foreign Investors Not Scared.

NEW YORK, April 2.-Hans Schuster, director of the Dresdener Bank, one of the largest banks in Germany and the representative of that institution in the negotiations which resulted in the forma-

the Portland team, passed through Port-iand Sunday on his way to Denver, where he will play ball this season. When Engle played ball here he was a favorite with the fans. He spent the Winter in Seattle and says the fans in the Sound City are basing strat bound on the sound City are basing great hopes on Dugdale's team and are crying for Northwest League ball.



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Ball Men at Pendleton. NEW YORK April 2-The Great North-PENDLETON, Or., April 2 .- (Special.)-Manager Brown and eight members of the Aberdeen baseball team, arrived this morning and had the first work out of the

been expressed in some quarters here, of closer government control of the rall-roads, or even of government ownership, though he admits distrust has been created abroad by the manner in which the agitation for closer government control has been carried on in this country. In Mr. Schuster's opinion, prices in the stock market have seen their lowest

level, though some contraction in trade ems to him inevitable. Probably two ars, he thinks, will be needed fully to store the equilibrium in the relations of trade and capital.

NORTH , YAKIMA, Wash., April 2-

(Special.)-Through the inability of the

contractors to make a fight at this time

the carpenters' strike that has threat

Engle Going to Denver.

George Engle, formerly a pitcher on

Yakima Strike Averted.