OPENING OF BRILLIANT OPERA SEASON

Dazzling Audiences of New York Ultra Fashionables Greet Excellent Operatic Offerings.

ciety bul an absolute necessity. The house was fairly ablaze with gema and gorgeous costumes of every descrip-tion, and there was not an empty seat. The surpassing excellence of the com-pany perhaps, rather than (the opera se-lected for the opening night, elletted more enthusiasm than might be expect-ed from the ultra fashionable audience. because the "smart set" knows the vol-garity of allowing the feelings one mo-ment's freedom. Be this as it may there as in a body to the occasion, and also there were many ille-timed outbursts of applause which were as gall and worm-wood to the goodly sprinkling of musi-ticlas who really went for the musical side. The opera was Fonchielli's "La Gib-ment's volces can hardly be told in type, and when they were suppl-reated with such art as that of Scotti and Plancon, to say nothing of the ex-part work dong by Mmes. Hommer and Plancon, to say nothing of the ex-part work dong by Mmes. Hommer and Plancon, to say nothing of the ex-part work dong by Mmes. Hommer and production may be realized. Mme-and placeby who ang the role of La Cleat the bind mother, was admirably cast

cellent work dong by and degree of the magnifi-and Jacoby some degree of the magnifi-cent production may be realized. Mme. Jacoby who sang the role of La Cieca, the blind mother, was admirably cast and her superb voice was never heard to better advantage. Who need be told that there were curtain calls galore and that both before and behind the foot-lights the excitement was intense? In the face of such an overwhelming

lights the excitement was intense? In the face of such an overwhelming triumph it is needless to indicate that triumph it is needless to indicate that Heinrich Conried is the man of the hour, and not without reason, as it is only two years since he stepped into the difficult position he now occupies with such credit. On Menday night he showed no small degree of emotion with such credit. On Monday night he showed no small degree of emotion even though it was done in the quiet and almost taciturn manner which is his distinguishing characteristic. He made a number of visits behind the mide a number of visits behind the scenes always bearing a word of en-couragement, and after the performance he gave evidence, in looks rather than in what he said, of deep satisfaction, not only with himself but with his singers. Mme, Nordica confided the fact that she felt inspired, not so much by the house and the and enders

N EW TORK. Nov. 25.—(Special Cor-respondence.)—On Monday night the opera gason of 1905-6 opened with greater brilliancy than ever be-fore in the entire history of opera in this country. No doubt the name of the opera made very little difference for it has become not only a fad in so-clety but an absolute necessity. The house was fairly ablace with gream and gorgeous costumes of every descrip-into the desert where he perishes. In the role of Assad, Heinrich Knoce, who was

that goes with the play-artistic atmosphere phere, coloring, and "all that sort of thing"-in other wards, accourtement. The first suspicion of this strikes you the moment you enter Belasco's Theater, where you will be greeted by a gorgeous row of huts and cabins a stone's throw from the great ferryhouse of today. These shacks are fast being transformed into magnificent buildings, but some of them retain enough individuality to make us realize the spirit of '0 anywhere in Cali-formia

sharer. More Nordica confided into the fact inspired in watch by the house and the audience as by a visit with the same buildings, but some of today. The reader buildings of roman distributions of roday is the reader buildings of a supervisers in call. The spirit of 2 and supervisers in call. A mining canno sales at the foot of the spirit of 2 and supervisers in call. A mining canno sales at the foot of the spirit of 2 and supervisers in call. The spirit of 2 and 3 and 2 a

fur figure that she is in this play is due to two things: first, she is a great actress; second, while she was not born in the atmosphere. It was the next thing to It, as those who knew Portland in the early days will remember that she was born there during an engagement of her moth-er at the Oro Fino Theater. The mining or at the Oro Fino Theater. The mining upfrit must have been there and in Call-fornia, where much of her early life was spent. The story is one of the girl who lived among these men as their salcon-keeper. All she knew about life was as accept. All she knew about life was as abe saw it there, and what she was keen enough to glean from a trip to Monterey and Sucramento. Being the only woman and one who commanded their respect, it was but natural that all should love

It was but natural the Sheriff in partic-her in general, and the Sheriff in New Orleans her is general, and the Sheriff in partic-ular. That he had a wife in New Orieans was not the reason she refused him-li-was simply that she did not love him. When Dick Johnson, the stranger, came along, she saw in him qualities which were different from those she was accus-tomed to in the men around her. It was but natural she should bealtze these and the man as well, and when necessary pro-tect and defend him as only a woman of her type would. She told him about the her type would. She told him about 1000 "boys" money, and showed him about the "boys" money, and showed him the key wherein she kept their wealth, explain-ing that "the boys say that if a road agent came along I would offer him a drink and a smile and he would treat me like a lady."

Meanwhile the Sheriff, Jack Rance, and is men go out to search for the road gent, Ramerrez, who, of course, they do ngent, find, he being safely stowed away the girl's cabin, where he was receiving all the hospitality possible. Being caught in a terrible mountain blimzard, he can-nut leave the cabin, as the door is banked by with drifting snow. Through his horse the Sheriff and his posse track Ramerret until the blizzard cuts off the trail, and they return to her cabin. Nick the bar-tender, finds a cigar stump on the floor, but exceeded the state of the state of the state. has done, norms at nim all the rough in-vectives her life has taught her, and turns him out of doers. A shot outside causes a revulsion of feeling, and again she opens the door to take him back. Now wounded and bleeding, she showers upon him all the sympathy of the woman, in-creased by her lows for him and hiding him all the sympathy of the woman, in-creased by her love for him, and, hiding him in the loft, receives the Sheriff, who takes for granted that whoever has been shot had failen outside. At this point he forces his affection upon the girl, until drops of blood failing through the eracks in the loft bring him back to his duty as Sheriff. The girl then proposes to settle the matter in the accepted manner by pinying a game of poker for the life of the object of her love, and of course she

the object of her love, and of course she wing him. Ramarrer was captured again by the Wells-Fargo agent, who brings him back to camp to prove that the Sher-ff lied when he claimed to have killed The prisoner is allowed one more nterview with the girl, and when the ooys of the camp understand the situa-tion they give him another chance to es-ape, and this time with the girl. As cape, and this time with the kirl. As stated earlier, there is not much in the plot, per se, but it is handled in such a musterly manner that the play is a worthy successor to the gorgeous produc-tions that have gone before it in the Be-

The cast is as follows: The G Banche Bates: Wowke, Harriet Sidri Dick Johnson, Robert Hilliard: J Rance, Frank Keenan; Sonora S The Girl. Jack Dick Johnson. Rance, Frank Keenan; Sonora Silm, John W. Cope; Trinidad Joe, James Kirkwood: Nick, Thomas Joe, James Altk-wood: Nick, Thomas J. McGrans: The Sidney Duck Horace James: Jim Lark-ens, Fred Maxwell: "Happy" Hallday, Richard Hoyer: "Handsome" Charite, Clifford Hipple: Deputy Sheriff, T. Hayes Hunter, Billy Jackrabbit, J. H. Benrimo: Hunter: Hilly Jackrabbil, J. H. Benriner, Ashby, J. Al. Sawtelle; Jose Castro, Ro-berto Deshon: Rider of the Pony Ex-gress, Lowell Sherman: Jake Wallace, Ed A. Tester: Backing Billy, A. M. Beattle; The Lookout, Fred Sidney; A Faro Deal er, William Wild: The Ridge Boy, Ira M. Flick: Joe, H. L. Wilson: Concertina Player Jamato Blandi

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fendants shall be held for special sessions. Arnoid Daly was the only one of the com-pany in court, the others liaving been told by their lawyer that they did not need to appear. Daly was paraled pending the pro-duction of \$500 ball. Magistrate Whitman announced that unless the other defendance were in court on the adjourned date he would issue warrants for their arrest.

ALL DISTRICT



Mayor Schmitz Gets His Revenge on Bay City Merchants

Snubbed When Secretary Taft Visits City, He Now Returns Compliment

monthly dinners selected as the subject for discussion "The Present Needs ject for discussion. The Freens seems the probability inderstood that in the eyes of the mer-organization may render it possible for blast a change in the control of the organization may render it possible for him at no distant date to meet the mem-bers in a social way. Mayor. Schmitz, of course, was aware that the discussion would consist of an that the discussion would consist of an arraignment of his administration, and addressed a letter to the association nsking that he be permitted to name a first boost and then labored 20 hours of

as a grafter and a scoundrel. It was not long after this that Sec-retary of War Taft had occasion to visit the city. The Merchants' Association gave a dinner in his honor and the Mayor was not invited. This aroused dverse comment throughout the city, for it was felt that the affhir, being a for it was felt that the affir, being a semi-public testimonial to the Secre-tary of War, should have been rounded out by a speech of welcome by the Mayor. In the recent campaign this dinner was one of the most powerful vote-getters for Scamitz, Cards were circulated bearing the picture of the guests at the dinner table with one vacant chair and in the corner a pho-tograph of the Mayor at, his fireside surrounded by the members of his family. fam'iy.

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S ^{AN} FRANCISCO, Cal. Nov, 20.-(special.)—Mayor Schmitz has had his revenge upon the business men of the cliv, who have so steadily op-posed him since he became the chief crecutive of the city four years ago. The Mayor has declined an invitation to a banquet of the Merchants' Associa-tion and in sending his regrets has found the opportunity of saying the words he has longed to express for several months. The controversy is deep-rooted and has been at the best rock of city politics. The trouble assumed definite form a hittle over a year ago, when the Mer-chants' Association at one of tis monthly dinners selected as the sub-

The Mayor concludes by assuring the as-sociation that it shall always receive just treatment at his hands and expresses the

The members who are in control and to addressed a fetter to the association men who gave fusion its New York. Mr. Stone has made several first boost and then labored 29 hours of the day in their efforts to defeat Schmitz. The association was indig-nant and sharply declined to accede to the wishes of the Mayor was denounced us a grafter and a scoundrel. It was not long after this that Sec-it was not long after this that Sec-it was not long after this that Secevery movement that has for its aim a better San Francisco.

> The railroad rate policy of the Presi-lent has already brought bleasings to Caldent has already brought ifornia. The two great roads which share ifornia. The two greats the Southern Paifornia. The two great roads which share the traffic of the state-the Southern Pa-cific and the Santa Fe-have sniffed the smoke of danger and have announced re-forms calculated to appease the growing wrath of the shippers, who have seen more than 50 per cent of their legitimate profits dumped each year into the coffers of the great railways. The most far-reaching reform is the new rate on oranges.

oranges. The charge for transporting oranges to any point outside of California, by a pool

California, where most of the oranges are raised, but Northern California has of inte years become enough of an orange-producing region to profit largely by the The size of the orange industry in this state is one of the wonders of the Golden state is one of the wonders or target west in 1880 two oranges were raised in the state. This was at an experimental

This has been a most busy semants fo the little blind god. He was never more rushed, even in the month of June. Miss Grace Spreckels, the daughter of John D Spreckels, and the grandfaughter of John D. Spreckels, and the grandfaughter of Chuns Spreckels, the sugar king, became the bride of Alexander Havnilton, a well-known business man, this week. Miss Spreckels is one of the richest helresses in the West. Her sister a few months ago became the wife of Harry Holbrock, also a well-known business man. Miss Mary Elizabeth Kohl was joined in

Alles Mary Editation Root was poore in marriage to E. S. Pillshury at San Mateo yesterday. Miss Kohl is a daughter of Captain Kohl, who amassed a fortune in operations in Alaska. Miss Juliet Garber and Frank D. String-

ham were married in Berkeley this week. Miss Garber is the daughter of Judge Gar-ber, the recognized head of the bar in California. Mr. Garber was one of the first men offered a place on the Panama Canal Commission by the President, but

he declined to serve. Of international interest was the mar-riage of Miss Alice Hoyt, who was wedded in Onkiand this week to Andrew J. Stone. the millionaire scientist and explorer, of New York. Mr. Stone has made several

as American Consul

The engagement of Miss Julia Coman, of Portland, and Charles Jones, of Ala-meda, Cal., has been announced.

BEHIND THE CURTAIN

Edna Wallace Hopper, who underwent an occution for appendicitie on November 12, is peration for appendict sported out of danger.

Dina May, when she returns to London in March, is to assume Juliet in a modernized version of "Romeo and Juliet."

The Pollard Opera Company, which was at one time looked on as a New Zealand organi-cation, disbanded in Melbourne a few days are