

THE STORY OF "BOCCACCIO"

Opera Tonight at Fisher's Will Bring Out the Full Strength of Olympia Opera Co.

STORY OF OLD FLORENCE

Poet Ridicules Leading Citizens in Book of Poems and Is Set Upon Byirate Mob, Bent On Murder.

"Boccaccio" is a comic opera in three acts, written by that king of opera-bouffe composers, Frank Von Suppe. It is replete with harmony and comic situations, and stands at the head of lyric comedy drama, with a fine story and clever lyrics.

The story of "Boccaccio" is, briefly, as follows:

Boccaccio, a poet, who lived in Florence during the fourteenth century, set the entire city crazy with his characterizations of many of the leading citizens in a ridiculous book of poems, portraying graphically their political rottenness and pet sins to such an extent that finally the citizens gathered in a mob, determined to either kill or banish the author from the city.

The part of Boccaccio will be interpreted by Miss Lottie Kendall, which gives her a fine opportunity, both vocally and dramatically. Mr. Carrack Major, the baritone of the company, and who did not appear in "Olivette," will be seen as Leouetto, and Miss Therese Barker, the character contralto, who was not in the bill last night, will play the part of Perouella.

Alexander, who was the Marvijo, will appear as the leading spirits in the anti-Boccaccio movement. Miss Eleanor Jenkins' voice will be heard to advantage in the part of Flametta, and Carl Hayden is sure to make an ideal prince. Miss Edna Brunley and Mr. Leo Adde will both have important parts. In fact, "Boccaccio" brings out four more people in the cast than that appear in "Olivette."

Production of Olivette.

The comic opera "Olivette" was presented to only a fair-sized audience at Fisher's last night. However, it was a thoroughly appreciative audience, and the players were heartily welcomed to the city. The opera is interesting at all times, like all other comic operas, and the manner in which it was presented reflects much credit upon the performers.

Miss Kendall, who assumes the title role, is not only very pretty, but as well an accomplished actress and the possessor of a sweet strong mezzo-soprano voice. The Olympia company introduces specialties by way of diversion, and in her rendition of a song Miss Kendall made a decided hit, as she did also in her sob song. Her duet with Mr. Young in the second act was perhaps the best appreciated vocal effort of the evening, and three encores were necessary. Mr. Young, the comedian, is well up in his work, and last night kept the crowd convulsed with laughter. The crazy scene, in which he and Mr. Pitkin took part, brought down the house. Carl Hayden, the tenor, has a fine voice and an excellent stage appearance, and that the young gentleman will soon sign his way into grand opera is a prediction which his performance last night fully merited.

The company carries a pretty, well-trained chorus, and on the whole is a first class combination, well worth anyone's money.

CHARLES DICK ELECTED.

Akron Man Named as Successor to Late M. A. Hanna.

Columbus, O., March 1.—Charles Dick, of Akron, was today elected to the United States senate to succeed the late Marcus A. Hanna. He was given the solid republican vote of the house and senate, which voted in separate sessions. The democrats voted for John H. Clarke, of Cleveland. Tomorrow the house and senate meet in joint session to canvass the vote.

SOLDIERS TO HAVE HOME

Uncle Sam Provides Liberally for the Boys in Blue at Fort Stevens.

PLACE FOR RECREATION

Proposed Post Exchange Will Reduce Visits to Neighboring Towns, Making Home More Inviting.

Uncle Sam is good to his soldier boys, and with customary liberality is now preparing to build for those stationed at Fort Stevens a first class soldiers' home. Captain Goodale, constructing quartermaster, U. S. A., has just advertised for proposals for this new home for the men at the fort, and while it is officially known as the post exchange building, it will be in reality a soldiers' club. The building will cost between \$5000 and \$7000, and if satisfactory bids are received work on the structure will shortly be commenced.

The building will be located just to the northwest of the railroad depot, and will be built according to plans from the office of the quartermaster-general at Washington. The building is to be of one story and a basement and will be of 51 feet 10 inches front and 29 feet 10 inches depth.

The post exchange building will be a substantial addition to the post. It is to be fitted up for the especial benefit of the men of the two companies stationed there, and will be a place of recreation for them which will doubtless have the effect of curtailing their visits to Astoria and west side towns, and result in a greater number of re-enlistments at the Columbia post. Recently congress made an appropriation of \$500,000 for the purpose of building post exchange buildings, and the new structure at Stevens will be paid for out of this fund. Bids will be opened March 25. The post exchange will be conducted by the two companies, into the fund of which the profits of the establishment will go. These funds are handled by what is known as the post exchange council. The post exchange officer is to be appointed by the commanding officer and there will be a steward under him. Such fixtures as billiard and pool tables will be paid for out of the company fund, but the government makes an annual allowance of \$25 per company for magazines and periodicals. It is always the aim to secure for the exchange library local publications from all parts of the country, that all of the men may be kept thoroughly informed as to the progress of events in those parts of the United States from which they come. The \$25 allowance is made for the first company, and an additional allowance of \$15 yearly for each additional company located at a post. Under this arrangement the Stevens exchange will be entitled to \$40 annually.

Captain Goodale yesterday explained to a press representative the plans of the proposed new building. The basement will be entered from a cement platform 19 feet in length and 9 feet 6 inches in width. This entrance will lead into a hallway 10 feet 10 inches wide, from which stairs will lead up to the first floor. On the left of the hall in the basement is to be located the billiard room, which is to be 20 feet 10 inches by 15 feet 6 inches. On the right will be the lunch room, with the lunch counter. This lunch room will prove of particular convenience to sightseers at the post, who may leave Astoria too early for dinner and be unable to return to the city before the afternoon. At the rear of the lunch room will be a commodious kitchen, about 16x19, with cement floor, cooking range, sink, shelving and serving window connected with the lunch counter. At the rear of the kitchen will be an area 12 feet 10 inches by 7 feet 7 inches for storage and other purposes. Adjoining the kitchen will be the pantry, with cement floor, shelving and pantry closets. A toilet room will be provided at the rear of the hall, while the boiler room and coal bins are to be located just back of the billiard room. Back of the boiler room will be an area about 15x8.

The first story will be reached from the grounds by a cement porch 19x3 feet 6 1-2 inches, leading to a platform 10 feet 10 inches by 7 feet 8 inches, which gives entrance into the hall, on the right of which is to be the lecture and reading room. This room, which will probably press the billiard hall for first place in the matter of popularity, is to be 25 feet in length and 6 feet 9 inches in width. At one end will be a portable platform, to be used for entertainments, etc., and which may be removed at the convenience of the men should they desire to convert the hall

into a dancing pavilion. Adjoining the hall at the rear is to be the office of the post exchange officer, while on the left hand side of the first floor will be what is officially known as the public space, about 16 feet square, with counter and shelving. Here will be kept for sale such delicacies as the soldiers may desire and which are not provided in the regular government bill of fare. In the rear of the building on the first story will be a large platform for the receipt of goods, etc. Stone steps give entrance to the building from the rear at the back end of the lecture room. The building will rest upon concrete footings, with stone foundations, and will be roofed with the best quality of slate and wired for electric lighting. Sewer connections will be made with the main system of the post, and the building will be heated with hot water apparatus. The specifications call for the best of material and the highest class of workmanship.

"I am very much pleased with the prospect of erecting this building," said Captain Goodale, yesterday, "for it will fill a long-felt want. Such places for the men give great satisfaction in every part of the country, and I believe the soldiers at Stevens will find their club house an attraction which will prove of value to them."

ROBBERS ATTACK OLD MAN.

Fracture Coal Dealer's Skull and Set Fire to House.

Chicago, March 1.—Three robbers have followed Patrick Burke, a coal dealer, from a restaurant to his office, attacked him and after a terrible struggle, in which a stove was overturned, setting fire to the place, left him bound and gagged and unconscious with a fractured skull. They escaped with \$100. Burke, who is 60 years old, was almost suffocated by the smoke from the overturned stove before he recovered consciousness and broke his bonds. His condition is critical.

UNION LEADERS ON TRIAL.

Court About Convinced That Charge Is Put Up Job.

Cripple Creek, Colo., March 1.—Both the defendants in the conspiracy case against Sherman Parker and Thomas Foster, miners' union leaders, charged with attempting to wreck a passenger train on the Florence & Cripple Creek road, were on the stand yesterday. They made a general denial of the statements made by the principal witnesses for the prosecution. Charles G. Kennison, president of Miners' Union No. 40, swore to statements which tend to prove an alibi for Parker. Another witness testified to seeing a letter written by Charles McKinney to his wife, in which he admitted that his confession, which implicated the defendants in the alleged attempted train wrecking, was made for a price paid him by secret service men in the employ of the railroad.

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LEAVE	PORTLAND	ARRIVE
8:00 a m	Portland Union De-	11:10 a m
7:00 p m	pot for Astoria and	9:40 p m
	Way Points	

ASTORIA

7:45 a m	For Portland and	11:20 a m
6:10 p m	Way Points	10:30 p m

SEASIDE DIVISION

8:15 a m	Astoria for Warren-	7:40 a m
11:35 a m	ton, Flavel Fort	4:00 p m
5:50 p m	Stevens, Hammond	10:45 a m
	and Seaside	
6:15 a m	Seaside for War-	12:50 p m
9:30 a m	renton, Flavel,	7:20 p m
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Special	11:10 a m	6:45 p m
North Coast Limited	3:30 p m	7:00 a m
Tacoma and Seattle Night		
Express	11:45 p m	3:05 p m
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