

MUSIC AND SONG.

The Minerva Society Gives a Musical and Literary Entertainment.

The basement of Bethania Church last evening was packed with an audience assembled to hear the musical and literary program prepared by the Scandinavian Young People's Society Minerva. The program was as follows: Address of welcome, President L. O. Belland; vocal duet, Miss Hilda Johnson and E. Nandrup; recitation, Miss Nellie Brakke; instrumental duet, Prof. Fredrickson and Mr. Luckseth; reading, Miss Hilda Lund; recitation, Miss Emma Erickson; instrumental selection, Astoria Mandolin Club; reading, Sven Gimre; violin solo, Mr. Luckseth; recitation, Peter Walde; music, Uppertown Troubadours; recitation, Miss Sather; guitar solo, Prof. Bonavie; dialogue, "Norway and Sweden," L. O. Belland; and E. Nandrup; selection, Astoria Mandolin Club; reading, Paul Stengeland; recitation, Miss Annie Gundersen; selection, Uppertown Troubadours; paper, Sofus Jensen; guitar duet, Professors Bonavie and Bain; recitation, Martin Mathsen; address, Rev. L. Nissen. At the conclusion refreshments were served, during which the Mandolin Club discoursed sweet music. The evening was much enjoyed by everybody present, and the Mandolin Club members fell in for a considerable part of the credit for the success of the affair.



A PROMINENT FIGURE.

Amos J. Cummings, of New York, an author, journalist, politician, and an all around man of affairs, is always an interesting figure. Just now as chairman of the house naval committee, his position is one of special prominence. Mr. Cummings was born in Conkling, N. Y., in 1841. He received a common school education, entered a printing office as an apprentice at the age of twelve, and has set type in nearly every state in the Union. In the war he was sergeant-major of the 26th New Jersey Volunteers, and his record was a creditable one. Mr. Cummings has filled editorial positions on the New York Tribune; Sun and Express, and was editor of the Evening Sun when elected to the 50th congress in 1886. He declined a re-nomination in 1888, but in 1889 was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of "Sunset" Cox. In congress Mr. Cummings has been an active supporter of all measures brought before the house in the interest of labor.

TREACHEROUS SAILORS.

The Nietheroy and America Disabled by Some of the Crews.

Montevideo, Feb. 3.—Dispatches received here from the Associated Press correspondent at Rio, January 30, seem to confirm the reports of the disabling of the cruisers Nietheroy and America by some unknown and treacherous members of the crews. The machinery of the Aurora has also been disabled in the same manner and the vessels are now in Bahia undergoing repairs which will make it impossible for them to leave for the south before February 8. Admiral Benham after having considerably cooled down the ardour of the insurgent sailors in the bay of Rio has demanded and received an apology from the newspaper there, which had acted in a manner calculated to offend the dignity of the American admiral. The Tempo recently published an official letter from Benham to Peixoto, with many interpellations considered offensive by Benham. The latter protested, and the Tempo promptly published an apology.

BLAND'S SILVER BILL.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The silver question is to be taken up in the house next Tuesday, according to the plans of Bland. He expects a debate on the seigniorage bill the last two days, so that a final vote can be taken on Wednesday afternoon. "There is no doubt about the passage of the bill," said Bland. "The feeling is far different now from that at the time of the repeal of the Sherman law."

PROBABLY A CANARD.

Seattle, Feb. 3.—A Post-Intelligencer special from New Westminster, B. C., says: Two men arrived by the Canadian express at Mission Junction Thursday from the south and left by train for the interior. They were observed by two Californians, who declared one was Evans, the notorious bandit and murderer, and that the other answered the description of Morrell.

THE SONS OF HERMAN BALL.

The list of prizes to be given at the grand masquerade ball of the Sons of Herman on February 6th, are as follows: First prize for ladies, elegant parlor stand lamp; second, silver steel carving set; third, silver-plated picket dish; first prize for gentlemen, a large and handsome clock; second, two German vases; third, complete toilet set. All of the prizes are both elegant and costly. The members of the lodge are doing their utmost to make the ball the event of the season, and the prizes, which are on exhibition at Ford & Stoker, will no doubt materially assist in accomplishing this result. Tickets for gentlemen maskers will be \$1; ladies free; spectators 50 cents; children unaccompanied by their parents will not be admitted.

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