AMUSEMENTS.

The Full Cast in the "Gypsy Baron"

Achieves a Triumph. "Gypsy Baron" was greeted by a very large and brilliant audience last night. It ran much smoother and with vastly better effect than on the opening evening, owing to the fact that the full and regular cast, with the exception of DeLomme, was on. As rendered last night there is no wonder that the "Gypsy Baron" is one of the most popular operas on the stage. Dramatic and rich in color, it is unsurpassed, and the charm of its music is adequate in recommending it to enduring favor. The chorus, too, always full and excellently trained, was heard at a much greater advantage. Laura Bellini's Saffi, the gypsy girl, is a very artistic piece of Saffi, the gypsy girl, is a very artistic piece of work—the quality of her work being peculiarly adapted to the work. She looked the part, sang it splendidly and invested it with the warmth, dash and piquancy necessary to a truthful and impressive interpretation. Marian Langdon took the part of Arsena, and was well received. Jacques Kruger, in the buffo part of the pig dealer, made a tremendous hit, keeping the audience in a continuous roar. Kruger is an old friend, and one of the best comedians on the stage. He is always received with extreme condinity. the best comedians on the stage. He is always received with extreme cordiality. Taglieri again took the part of Barinka in the absence of De Lonne. He was in fine voice, and his acting was of a refined and artistic description. The sweet face and artistic description. voice of the winsome Lydia O'Neil was greatly missed in the cast. Helene Doenhoff, Jennie Rufferth, Barold Leslie, Fred Urban, are deserving of repeated mention for their graceful work.

MY GERALDINE. The second presentation of this beautiful Irish play twas even more satisfactorily accomplished than was that of the first on Thursday night. The piece moved more smoothly, the actors seemed to enter more warmly into the spirit of their roles and the pretty airs in which the play abounds, sounded more gratefully on the ear. Every sounded more gratefully on the ear. Every tableau was heartily applauded. Mr. O'Rourke's humor, singing and acting made a decided hit. He has an excellent voice, a handsome though robust presence, and a graceful bearing, which make him an ideal Irishman. All the other performers acquitted themselves in a very satisfactory manner. The play and company are worthy

FIREMEN AND POLICE. Several Members of Both Branches of

the Service Dismissed. A meeting of the police and fire commission was held last evening at the mayor's All were present. Chief Galligan preferred charges against George C. Couper, captain and engineer of No. 5 engine house, for drunkenness and absence from duty. Coulter was present and offered an explanation. He was let off with merely a repremand. William Webb, of No. 3, recently reduced from the rank of captain for improper conduct, is now chrrged with kicking up a disagreeable row. Last evening he sent in his resignation. The commissioners refused to accept it, and instead they dismissed Lim in disgrace from the force. The petition of the W. C. T. U. through Mrs. D. C. Bryant, asking for a matron for the female prisoners at the central station, was placed on file. A communication was re-ceived from L. K. Felton asking for police protection for Walnut Hill and Orchard Hill.

This was placed on file.

The commission decided to hold another t cettag next Tuesday night when they will receive personally the applicants for positions in the fire department, so that the commission can form some opinion as to the personal qualifications of these

Chief Seavey preferred charges against Officer George Raworth, charging him with stealing a pair of gloves from the cloak room while at a ball in Forest hall recently. The chief says that Raworth has been off duty for sickness more than any other officer on the force and that on the night in question, when he was attending the Forest hall ball, he had been excused from duty on the same plea. The commission decided to take no action on Raworth's case until it was first settled in the police court, there being a warrant now for his arrest.

Charges were preferred against Officer G. W. Lowry, charging him with being asleep and off of his beat. The charge was brought by Captain Green, who found Lowry asleep and had stepped up quietly and removed his and had stepped up quietly and removed his star, turning it over to the chief. Lowry was dismissed from the force.

The Convicted Perjurer May Escape

Going to Prison. Dr. Tilden, of the county commission for the examination of the insane was seen yesterday by a BEE reporter and questioned as to whether he had formulated a report to send to Washington, in obedience to directions to examine Peter Gross, convicted and sentenced some days ago in the United States court on a charge of subornation of perjury, as regards the man's sanity. Ever since his conviction Gross has been confined in the county jail and has displayed all the individues of a mad man. He is flighty and

indications of a mad man. He is flighty and imaginative, and in his unsettled moments imagines the most ridiculous things.

"Gross," said Dr. Tilden to the reporter, "as near as I can learn, has been a sufferer for twelve years or more with epilepsy, and experts on insanity tell us that on being thus afflicted is not responsible for any act that may be committed by him or her. Murderers have been excused on these grounds and so may be committed by him or her. Murderers have been excused on these grounds and secured the sympathy of an otherwise biased public. I have been watching Gross pretty closely, and though he is gaining and is much better than he was some weeks ago, he is by no means a well man. I examined him thoroughly a few days ago in accordance with instructions from Washington, but I do not feel justified in yet sending a final report to the authorities there. In a few days I will to the authorities there. In a few days I will make another examination."

"Do you consider him a fit man to be in prison?" was next asked.
"No, I do not. He should be sent to some private asylum and cared for, and in all prob-ability that will be the outcome."

Vagrants Sent to Jail.

When Danbaum's cook, at 1416 Farnam sireet, went down to prepare breakfast yesterday morning, she was surprised to see a couple of tramps, one black and the other of doubtful color, stretched out on the floor en joying a good sleep by the red hot stove. By their side were remnants of chicken and other delicacies to which they had helped themselves. The cook was frightened at the sight, and ran out and called a policeman. The intruders were locked up at the central station and the charge of burglary preferred against them. On being arraigned this charge was dismissed and that of vagrancy charge was dismissed and that of vagrancy substituted. This was sustained, and Hen-derson, the negro, was given fifty days, six-teen on tread and water. Flynn, a most in-ferior looking specimen of the Caucasian race, was given thirty-five days, sixteen on bread and water.

Ryan Held For Grand Larceny. Jim Ryan, the sneak thief who stole several pairs of spectacles and other articles from the Continental store and Miss oKeith stood before the police judge yesterday to answer the charge of grand larceny. He had the stolen goods on his person at the time of arrest and refused to account for their possession. He was pronounced guilty and put usider \$500 bonds to appear before the district court. Ryan is a hard man and carries numerous hideous scars as souvenirs of the various desperate fights in which he has figured.

The Judge's First Attempt. Yesterday afternoon Judge Shields had his first experience in marrying a pair, and for the first attempt went through the ordeal in capital style. The two hearts thus made to beat as one were those of Christian Iverson, twenty-three years of age, and Kate Sorenson, who has seen twenty winters. The only familiarity the dignified judge took with the bride was to take her hand and wish her well

FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

Senate. WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 .- The bill to credit and to pay to the several states and territories and the District of Columbia all money collected under the direct tax of August 1861. was taken up, the question being on the verbal amendment offered by Hoar when the

bill was up some days ugo. Mr. Sherman regarded the proposed amend

ment as mere surplusage and while he had no objections to it, still he preferred to take the bill just as reported from the finance committee, as prepared some years ago by the first comptroller of the treasury and as it twice passed the senate. After a general debate which lasted an hour, Mr. Rid-dieberger made a motion to go into executive session, his purpose being to forward action on the nomination of Mr. Lamar. The motion was lost by a tie-36 to 26, the division being upon party lines ex-cept that Mr. Riddleberger voted with the democrats. A few minutes later he renewed the motion stating his understanding that there was an agreement that the senate should go into executive session to-day.

notion was lost this time by a vote of 26 The direct tax bill was then laid aside and Mr. Vance proceeded to address the senate on the resolution offered by Mr. Brown proposing to abolish internal revenue taxation After the direct tax bill had been discussed awhile it was laid aside and Mr. Vance addressed the senate on Brown's resolution, to abolish internal revenue taxation. He said the next presidential contest would be over surplus and taxation. The question was where should the reduction of taxes begin? The proposition of most democratic senators following the lead of the president, was to begin and end with tariff taxation. The republicans, on the other hand, proposed to begin by reducing, only in part, the internal taxes and by adding to the free list those things coming from abroad which did not compete with the things made in this country. For himself, he proposed to begin with both evils as he found them—excessive in-ternal taxes and excessive tariff taxation. He believed in repealing or greatly modifying existing taxes as the exingency for it had long since passed away. He declared that the central theory of the tariff was an injurity and he was opposed to the whole thing not make the central theory of the tariff was an injurity and he was opposed to the whole thing

out and out. The Blair educational bill was then taker the Blair educational only was then taken up and discussed by Mr. Gray who opposed it. He fought the provision in the bill which required copies of school books to be filed with the secretary of the interior. He held that the people of the south wanted their school histories of the late war to read according to their belief the secretary as not there. cording to their beliefs the same as northern people desired theirs to be written, and that if the secretary of the interior reported for or against any certain book the waves of sectional hate would run high. Adjourned until Monday.

Washington, Jan. 12 —The committee on agriculture reported the bill making appropriations to carry into effect the provisions of the act to establish experimental agricultural stations. Committee of the whole On motion the house proceeded to the con-sideration of the bill relating to permissable marks, writing or printing on second, third and fourth class matter. Mr. Hatch of Missouri, reported a bill mak-

ing an appropriation to carry into effect the provisions of the act to establish experimental agricultural stations. Referred. Mr. Crisp of Georgia, chairman of the committee on elections, reported that E. A. Redstone, claiming to have been elected from the Fifth California district had no grounds for contest. Adjourned.

Crooked Importers.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18 .- [Special Telegram to the Beg. |-What promises to be an inves tigation with exceedingly interesting results is now being made by government officials, particularly by special treasury agents and appraisers. They are investigating all departments of the appraisers stores, and so far their efforts have resulted in the discovery of crooked work by at least five importing firms. The device which has been resorted to to avoid onerous tax of tariff charges has been what is technically known as "under-measuring." Practically it is under-valuing. The method adopted has been to ship more yards of cloth, or a greater quantity of any other goods than the invoice on the shipment called for. For instance, a packet containing silk would be invoiced at 100 yards. It would have pieces of goods in it, each supposedly of twenty yards' length. That would be the length of the piece most likely to be examined at the appraiser's store, but the other four would, if measured, contain five or six yards more apiece. On a good sized shipment this difference be-tween the invoice and goods would amount to a very comfortable item. To carry the scheme out successfuly, of course, there must be an understanding between the shippers on the other side of the ocean and the receiver on this side, and the investigation so far would indicate that the working details of the scheme are pretty well understood here. The investigation was originated on account of the discovery made by governaccount of the discovery made by govern-ment detectives abroad, that the shipments being made there did not correspond with fitting accuracy with the invoices prepared at the same time. The officials think there are still more discoveries ahead of them and they are therefore unwilling to make public anything more definite about the fruit of their labors. No goods have yet been seized, although a good sized amount has been held although a good sized amount has been held for a searching examination.

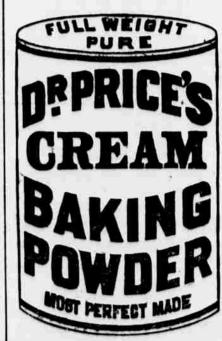
Capture of a Noted Swindler.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 .- After eluding detectives for years, the man who, representing himself as a brother of Marcus B. Mayer, so successfully swindled the residents of the city of Mexico out of nearly thirty thousand dollars by spurious advance sale of tickets for a series of concerts by Patti, has been arrested, and is now locked up. He is one of the most successful and dangerous confidence men, and has operated successfully all over Europe. If the Mexican authorities do not want him, or if his crime is not extraditable, he will be held to answer to some of his other many offenses.

Governor Hill's Suggestion. ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 13.-Governor Hill sent a message to the legislature yesterday suggesting that the law be so amended as to exempt the soldiers' home at Bath from the list of almshouses and other asylums, the inmates of which under existing statutes are not permitted to become voters in the county in which such institution is located.

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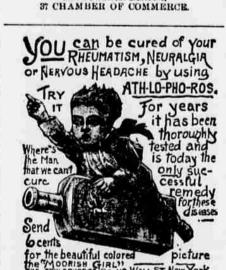
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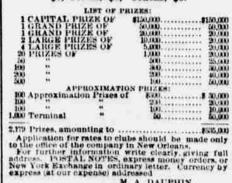
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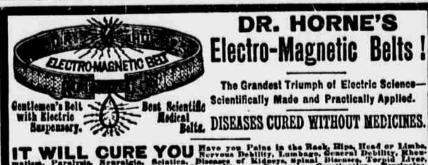
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