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Amusements This Evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—"Aileen Aroon; or, the Prideof Killarney."—Mr. Murray as Lanty O'Lahey. Miss Josephine Findlay as Aileen Aroon.

Monday Evening.—A drama entitled "A Change of Fortune; or, The Golden Bubble," and "Born to Good Luck."

VARIETIES THEATRE.—Monday Evening.—"Much Ado About a Merchant of Venice," with Mr. Brougham.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—Monday Evening—"Jealousy," and "A Quiet Family."

## MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

As the time approaches for the assembling of the Legislature which is expected to revolutionize the city government, there is considerable uneasiness among contractors and their friends in the Council. They know that their tenure of office and their contracts will be brought to a speedy close, for them an untimely close, when the General Assembly has convened. Their mismanagement, they are aware, has at last brought about an almost unanimous conviction on the part of the tax payers, that the only remedy for the condition of our municipal affairs, particularly for the financial situation, is one which uproots the system of the city government as at present administered. The opposition which the Chairman of the Finance Committee has made to the loose and unlawful manner of approving requisitions for material in the Street Commissioner's Department and approving bills for services never performed, which has been customary with the Finance Committee, has not increased the agitation of the elements around the City Hall, and we see that complaints against Mr Prados, the Chairman of this Committee, find expression through the columns of a cotemporary. This gentleman has been accused of throwing obstacles in the way of the proper performance of the contracts in the Street Commissioner's Department, and we have been at some pains to enquire whether or not these accusations are founded in justice. Our investigation satisfies us that Mr Prados is actuated by the very best motives in withholding his approval from requisitions and bills for work which it is pretended has been done in the Street Commissioner's Department. In the course of our examination we have become acquainted with the very accommodating manner in which unjust and illegal demands upon the City Treasury have been habitually met by our City Fathers. We find that important ordinances of the City Council which were devised and enacted for the express purpose of protecting the city treasury, and securing faithful service on the part of contractors and other agents of the city, have been systematically ignored, just as if they had no existence on the city's statute book. We find that the monthly reports to the Council which it is the duty of the Street Commissioner to make, have been almost entirely discontinued. At all events they have not been made for many months. We find that it has been customary for the Committees of the Council, in their secret sessions to order expenditures on account of the city which the ordinances require should be authorized only by the Council itself, in open session of that body. We have been informed by trustworthy parties that a large portion of the expenditures in the Street Commissioner's Department, during the incumbency of the members of the present Government, have been made unnecessarily and that the work done in that Department has been greatly overcharged. From the same sources we learn that the payrolls have been drawn up and certificates for work done have been issued before the work had been completed and for more than supposed when the work was not even in the course of being done. It is within the knowledge of each of our readers as are conversant with these things that the bridges of the streets have been left unrepaired when repairs were urgently called for and our impression is that after a survey made in certain portions of the city, it has been discovered that certificates have been issued during the time the repairs of such bridges were under contract, without the repairs being done, and that after the contracts had expired, requisitions for lumber to make these repairs have been made by the contractors and approved by the officers of the city, when the bridges were required by the contract to be left in good condition at the expiration of the same. A custom has also prevailed, it seems, with the agents of the city to purchase material before any requisition had been obtained according to law, and in anticipation of its issue. No material should be purchased, as these parties well know, until a requisition has been presented to the proper committee and regularly approved by them.

We have also been informed that certificates for work done, which has not been done, and requisitions which should not be issued, because they are not filled up according to the regulations of the city, and are otherwise defective. Instead, therefore, of censuring Mr Prados, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, for his vigilance in guarding our interests we commend him for that very rare fidelity with which he is representing his constituents and setting his face against the irregularities—shall we so call them?