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OPERA "PARSIFAL" ABLY INTERPRETED

Weber-Larkin Recital of Wagner's Great Composition Before Monday Music Club is Most Pleasing.

ONE OF BEST OFFERED

History of Opera and How it Came to be Produced in This Country is Interestingly Told.

[By Miss Clara Gertrude Fry.] One of the most educational and entertaining features presented in the Monday Music club course this season was given last evening at the Y. W. C. A. auditorium by the Misses Weber and Larkin in their lecture recital on Wagner's opera "Parsifal."

Occasionally the stinging lash of adversity drives genius from the beaten path and forces it through despair to leave the usual road and produce the fruits of its capabilities. Such a genius is usually a regenerator, a culminative quality which creates a new era in art.

It has been said "The musical dramas of Wagner have not only been the high school for orchestral virtuosos and conductors, but above all, for dramatic singers."

"Parsifal" was first produced in the United States in the city of New York under Mr. Conried, director of the Metropolitan, in the year Nineteen Hundred and Three, an act which made Mr. Conried's first year one long to be remembered.

According to Wreihel, "The ground of her appeal to Mr. Conried was that to perform the drama which had been especially reserved for performance in Bayreuth by the composer, would be irreverent and illegal. Its production was simply an appropriation of property for which the law, owing to the absence of a convention touching copyrights and performing rights between Germany and the United States at the time provided neither hindrance nor punishment."

So "Parsifal" has continued to be produced at different times since Mr. Conried took his bold step. The foregoing account of the opera and its composer is written to give the general public an insight into the vast amount of study and continuous reading, not only an opera but history and literature as well, that would enable the two artists on last evening's program to give such a splendid interpretation of so great a masterpiece.

TAKES RUN-AWAY BOY BACK TO HIS HOME

Paul Eugene Young, 11 Year Old Wanderer, Will be Returned to His Mother in Kirksville. Mrs. John D. Young of Ft. Madison, arrived here this afternoon and took back to Ft. Madison with her Paul Eugene Young, 11 year old boy who ran away from home Friday and who was found here yesterday by the police.

PERSONALS

Miss Nellie Harris goes each week to Hannibal, where she has a dancing class of seventy-five pupils. Mrs. C. H. Cook and daughter Miriam of Salem spent yesterday and today in Keokuk with relatives.

Society

The Orchard Lands of Long Ago. The orchard lands of long ago! O drowsy winds, awake and blow The snowy blossoms back to me, And all the buds that use to be Blow back along the grassy ways Of truant feet, and life the haze Of happy summer from the trees That trail their tresses in the sea Or grain that float and overflow The orchard-lands of Long Ago!

Blow back the melody that slips In lazy laughter from the lips That marvel much if any kiss Is sweeter than the apple's is. Blow back the twitter of the birds— The lip, the titter and the words Of merriment that found the shine Of summer time a glorious wing That drenched the leaves that loved it so In orchard-lands of Long Ago!

Or memory! alight and sing Where rosy-bellied pippins cling, And golden russets glist and gleam As in the old Arabian dream The fruits of that enchanted tree The glad Aladdin robbed for me! And, drowsy winds, awake and fan My blood as when it overran A heart ripe as the apples grow In orchard-lands of Long Ago! —James Whitcomb Riley.

To Give Dickens Program. On Monday evening, Dec. 21, the Students Auxiliary of the Monday Music club will present Dickens' "Christmas Carol." It is a worthy undertaking and an attractive one as well as instructive and profitable for the young people. The participants in the play and on the program are members of the auxiliary exclusively.

All members of the Monday Music club are urged to be present, the young people are putting a great amount of work into the program and should be encouraged for their efforts. The work of the auxiliary is under the direct supervision of the advisory committee: Mrs. Leonard Matless, Miss Eleanor Hughes and Miss Caroline Baldwin. Later in the week a full account of the entertainment will be published, containing complete list of names in the cast. All members and friends of the auxiliary and Monday Music club are anticipating the event with great interest and pleasure.

Shower for Holiday Brides. A miscellaneous shower for Miss Alma Spring and Miss Amy Richtman, both of this city, who are to be married during the holidays, was given last night at the home of Miss Ida Easley, 813 Orleans avenue, by a large number of the girl friends of the two young ladies. Miss Spring is to be married to Mr. Hurley Mertz and Miss Richtman to Mr. Louis Hawkins, both of Kansas City, Mo. A double wedding ceremony will be performed. The two young ladies received many valuable and useful presents at the shower last evening and received many warm congratulations. They are both very popular and well known in Keokuk.

St. Peter's Calendar Society. The Calendar society of St. Peter's church entertained a large company of friends at their hall this afternoon and will entertain again this evening. Mrs. John Crotty, Miss Mary Ganley, Mrs. Kate Hassett and Mrs. Henry Welsh comprised the committee in charge.

Klatter Klub Meeting. Miss Emma Clefford entertained the young women of the Klatter Klub last night at her home on Reid street. The house was attractively decorated in holly and in the dining room where a three course supper was served white chrysanthemums were used in decoration. This is the last meeting of the club until January.

Dancing Class Party. Miss Harris will give her annual Christmas party in the ball room of the Masonic building on Saturday afternoon to the little folks of her dancing school.

Bachelor Girls Club Last Night. The Bachelor Girls club was entertained last night by Miss Anna Connolly at her home 924 Bank street.

BASEBALL SCRIBES TO MEET AT WATERLOO

Sport Writers on C. A. Beat Will Hold Annual Session When League Moguls Meet.

The baseball writers' association of the Central association will hold their annual meeting at Waterloo January 13 at the time of the meeting of the C. A. moguls. M. E. Justice, president of the C. A., said this morning that the league would pay the traveling expenses of all the scribes, provided they held their meeting.

The sport writers organized in Burlington at the time of the annual meeting last year, practically all the papers on the circuit being represented at the session. Mr. Justice said today that as a result of this organization there has been less dissension between the cities of the league and that in his opinion the C. A. had greatly benefited by the organization.

—Read The Daily Gate City, 10 cents a week.

COMPANY STARTS MONEY CAMPAIGN

\$500 is Needed for Retention of Iowa National Guard Company in This City.

MAJOR BRADBURY HERE

Met Members of Company Last Night —Recommend Retention if Money is Raised.

A financial campaign was started here today by a number of prominent business men to secure \$500, necessary for the retention of Company L in this city. The campaign was started following the meeting held last night at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, when Major Bradbury, of Oskaloosa, met the members of the company and talked over the situation with them.

Major Bradbury stated after the meeting that he would recommend the retention of the company here if the necessary money is raised. It is believed by the members of the committee appointed to secure the money that they will be able to tell within a week whether or not it is possible to secure the amount or not.

The indebtedness of the company to about \$600, at the present time, Lieutenant Powell, who has charge of the company, said last night. However, if \$500 can be secured, that amount will be sufficient to guarantee the retention of the company.

If it is found the money cannot be raised, the members of the company will be mustered out and Company L will be a thing of the past for this city. Officers of the company today were confident the amount needed will be put up by local business men who have stated in the past that they were willing to back the company.

CITY NEWS.

—Try Ludwig for better shoes. —Christmas cookies Schouten's. —A marriage license has been issued to J. R. Roberts Jr., 26 and Miss Edna B. Noelke, 25, both of Keokuk. —Christmas napkins 5c doz. Holly stationery 25c and 50c at Collier's. —Store open evening until Christmas. H. S. Mills, jeweler, 504 Main. —Postmaster E. P. McManus addressed the pupils of Garfield school this afternoon on the workings of the parcel post.

—Bathroom mirrors, medicine cabinets, towel bars and other bath room fixtures.—King Plumbing Co. —Ludwig's shoes make good Christmas presents, 1004 Main street. —A nine pound son was born last night to Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Garrison of Sioux City, former Keokuk people.

—Ludwig can supply you in shoes of all kinds. He has a pretty Christmas line. 1004 Main. —Reading lamps of every style and color at lowest prices. King Plumbing Co. —Quincy Journal: A. H. Bitman, contractor on the wiring for power for the Marion county drainage district, today notified the Mississippi River Power company to turn on the electric current at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. This will be the first opportunity of testing the pumps and it is thought the entire plant will be in operation by tomorrow noon.

—Santa Claus cookies, springerle and food happy family for Christmas. Made by us. Schouten's bakery. —King Plumbing Co. open every evening.

—Informations under the compulsory education act were today filed in the superior court against Christina Chikine and Charles Bates, colored. The former was charged with neglect to send two of her sons, Frank and LeRoy to school for a period of two weeks. The latter was charged with failure to send his two sons, Charles and Merle, to school for a period of four days. —Dry battery lamps—all complete, \$1.50.—See King. —H. E. Watts, assistant general freight agent of the Wabash, was in the city today. Mr. Watts was here on some business in connection with the Wabash. He was a caller during the day at the Industrial association.

—The best electric toaster on the market for \$2.25 while they last.—King Plumbing Co. —Engineers Moving to New Building. Office of Government Engineers Today Moved to New Building on Dry Dock Plaza.

The offices of the government engineers are today being moved from the old quarters on the levee to the new government engineers office building on the plaza of the dry dock. The new office building has just been completed. It is a handsome two-story brick structure and is situated at the lower end of the dry dock plaza. The other government buildings on the plaza already have been completed. The machine shop, the only other one of the buildings constructed of brick, has been occupied for a number of weeks.

Post Election Pessimism. Fremont Tribune: What man is there who doesn't often find out at election time that the popular judge-

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FOUND FOUND—String of pink and black beads. Call at this office, prove property and pay notice. MISCELLANEOUS LOT to exchange for work team. B. F. Jones.

FOR estimates on plastering and repair work, call Red-1301. Stanley Johnson, 717 North Thirteenth street. AGENTS WANTED—Would you like to make \$15.00 to \$30.00 per week, with part expenses. Outfit free. Home territory. Experience unnecessary. Write the Hawks Nursery Co., Wauwatosa, Wis.

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LOST—Purse containing money, between Y. W. C. A. and Sullivan & Auwerda's. Return to this office. LOST—Old fashioned gold brooch, coral rose in center, three pearls each side. Finder please telephone Red 118, Reward.

ment is so radically different from his own as to make him despair as to the wisdom of the masses? Names of Honorable Origin. The surname Mouse denoted at first a man of great courage; while Mr. Ratt got his name from the fact that the first bearer of the name was a wise person, who gave "counsel" to the king.

Y. M. C. A. ITEMS

University Mandolin Club. It seems from letters received in advance that the University of Illinois Mandolin club is meeting with gratifying success at the cities and towns visited along the line en route to Keokuk where they will appear very soon.

Boys Cabinet. There was a meeting of the boys' cabinet in preparation for the boys' banquet to be held Friday night, December 18.

H. S. Bible Class. There were eighteen members present at the high school Bible class, the meeting of which was held last night and a gratifying interest was shown in the study.

Paxius Club. The Paxius club met last night and there was a good attendance.

Arranging for Christmas. The social committee met last night arranging for coming holiday events and the Christmas festivities generally.

Tonight the second round of the Commercial basketball league opens at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium at 8:10. Referee, Charles King.

The first game will be between Keokuk Electric company and C. B. & Q. On account of the C. B. & Q. team losing two of their men, it is generally agreed by the contending captains of the teams in the league to allow them a drafted player, and this will be Karl Klamm, one of the senior gym men.

HOSPITAL PLANS DISCUSSED TODAY

Board of Supervisors Meet with V. N. A. Representatives at Y. W. C. A. This Morning.

A conference was held this morning at the Y. W. C. A., between the board of supervisors of the county and the representatives of the Visiting Nurse association, and the health and hygiene committee of the Industrial association. The conference was in regard to a proposed tuberculosis hospital.

Present at the conference were Mrs. C. M. Rich, Mrs. J. J. Ayres, Miss Habenicht, superintendent of nurses, Dr. Frank M. Fuller, chairman health and hygiene committee of the industrial association, and the three supervisors, Young, Hosier and Scheffler.

Speaking of Hard Luck. Kansas City Times: Next to the Pelicans, wouldn't you say that the Turks had run into the toughest luck of a tough luck year?

Unprofitable. Vermillion Republican: Dick Richards is wondering why he spent so much time, money and energy. He sees nothing in the returns warranting the large investment.