

THE GODS ENTER WALHALL.

THE RHINEGOLD STORY TOLD AGAIN.

Beginning of Wagner's "Der Ring des Nibelungen" at the Metropolitan Opera House.

It is accepted as a musical custom of this busy town to enter once a year into the region of Norse fable as represented in the four dramas of Richard Wagner grouped under the general title of "Der Ring des Nibelungen."

Again there is that observance of certain traditions of the stage and that flash in representation which come from continual working together of certain beneficent influences guiding the performance.

Nor was the true spirit of the work wanting. Indeed it was in the presence of this rather than in the surpassing excellence of the individual interpretations that the representation was strong, and because of its presence, together with admirable stage pictures and a noteworthy delivery of the instrumental part of the drama by the orchestra.

Of these we have had a few performances of "Das Rheingold" in which every part was better acted and sung than it was yesterday.

The truth is that there were evidences of honest preparation. The stage requirements of "Rheingold" are so feebly formidable. They were met yesterday with skill and artistic taste.

Properties such as "worms" behaved themselves without depravity, and even "Don'ts" clarifying lightning looked like the real thing and sounded its thunders at the right instant.

The orchestra has not played better at any other time this season, nor has Mr. Hertz read any other score with more imagination, more variety of color, more beauty of tone.

Possibly no other cause of regret may be mentioned. "Aberich" is a dark and forbidding personage even when he sings.

Mr. Gortz ought to spare us his worst and give us his best. The full cast of the representation was as follows:

- Walter Soemer, William Hissman, Helen Allen, Otto Gortz, Albert Reis, Herbert Witherspoon, Basil P. Allen, Alma Gluck, Louise Homer, Lenora Sparks, Florence Wickham.

"LA TRAVIATA" REPEATED.

Miss Lipkowska, Mr. Smirnoff and Mr. Amato the Principals.

At the Metropolitan Opera House last night Verdi's "La Traviata" was offered for the delectation of the Theatre's night subscribers and a very few others. The principal members of the cast were Lydia Lipkowska as Violetta, Dimitri Smirnoff as Alfredo and Pasquale Amato as Germont.

Her coloratura had some good features and again it had others, such as the fascinating staccato, which were not good. The soprano sang resolutely in time even when her partner in duet refused to approach the pitch.

Mr. Smirnoff as Alfredo was good looking but not temperamental. And he sang the whole first act flat till he found himself behind the scenes, when he also for a time found the pitch.

William Watts Sherman taking Well. William Watts Sherman, who was operated for stomach trouble on Wednesday last at the house of Fifth Avenue, was said yesterday to be recovering rapidly from the operation.

RUSSIAN SYMPHONY CONCERT.

A Finnish Rhapsody by Kajanus Gives Much Pleasure.

The Russian Symphony Society gave an interesting programme at its fourth subscription concert last night at Carnegie Hall that included Tschakowsky's fourth symphony in F minor, Rachmaninoff's descriptive fantasia "The Cliff," opus 7, Wieniawski's D minor violin concerto, No. 2, played by Kathleen Parlow, and as a novelty, one of Kajanus's Finnish rhapsodies.

Robert Kajanus, presented last evening for the first time to an American audience, is one of some twenty or more Finnish composers. He was born in 1874, was educated in Leipzig and Paris and has since done much for the growth and spread of Finnish music both in his own country, Helsinki, where he is founder and conductor of the Philharmonic Society, and in several leading countries on the Continent.

The rhapsody heard last night is of light but good orchestration, with almost no employment of the brass and with an abundant vein of the melancholy suggestive of hopes unrealized which forms the current to the dominant key of all Finnish music.

NEWS OF PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Von Possart to Make His 350th American Performance Tonight.

The three hundred and fiftieth performance of Herr Ernst von Possart in this country under the direction of Gustav Amberg will be given to-night at the Garden Theatre. Herr von Possart will be seen in the last time this season as "Robbi Sichel" in Erchmann-Chatrin's "Freund Fritz."

Dustin Farnum, who created the title part in "The Virginian," is going into vaudeville. He will use the playlet "The Little Rebel" that had its premiere at the Marcus Mayer benefit, and will open at the Alhambra on February 27 to play the "Birthdays" matinee. Got-Rich-Quick Wallingford will leave the Gaiety so that a Cohen piece may open Cohen's Theatre. Its place at the Gaiety will be taken by "Excuse Me," a farce by Lynnet Hughes, produced by Henry Saxe.

MANUFACTURERS' DINNER.

Mr. Littleton Tells What He Will Stand for in Congress.

Martin W. Littleton and Seymour Van Santvoord, whom the toastmaster called two potential Senators, addressed the Manufacturers' Association of New York last night at its eighteenth annual banquet at the Union League Club, Brooklyn.

Speaking as a Democrat, Mr. Littleton lauded the courage and judgment of President Taft in appointing a Confederate veteran Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and in urging Canadian reciprocity against the feeling of leaders in his own party.

The real difficulty before this country today is uncertainty of the attitude the State and National Governments will take toward business prosperity and business development. If we only knew what the rules of the game were to be and knew that they were not going to be changed in the middle of the game, every one would be quite willing to play.

He gave a great showing that incorporation of industry was universal and had come to stay and he said that the only regulation called for was to prevent undue concentration arising from combination. The benefits of combination, efficiency of service or better and cheaper production, were to be fostered and not assailed without reason.

Mr. Van Santvoord spoke on "The Raw Material of Personal Integrity and Moral Courage," and he refrained from any mention of present duties as my brief term in office for the prosperity of the country," said Mr. Littleton, "with a due regard for honest organization. I shall try to serve the country, wherever it brings me out. After all, whatever be the name of his party, that man is the best public servant who instructs himself upon facts and conditions and acts accordingly."

SPRAGUE'S SUBWAY PLAN.

P. S. Commission Committee Holds a Conference With the Engineer.

A conference was held yesterday between a committee of the Public Service Commission and Frank J. Sprague, a consulting engineer of 145 Broadway, who last week submitted an offer for the equipment and operation of an independent subway to be constructed by the city. The route suggested by Mr. Sprague, who until about a year ago was associated with the Interborough Company, is practically the Interborough plan. Mr. Sprague told the commission that he is in no way interested in the Interborough company and that he has back of him "independent financial and engineering interests."

At the conference held yesterday, which lasted for several hours, Mr. Sprague went into further details of his offer and he also contended that his plan allowed connections with the present subway, and he said that when the city is prepared to take over the subway there will be only one underground system, city owned and controlled, and that the present subway is the natural nucleus of a larger system. Mr. Sprague said, "it should be expanded along natural lines, toward which expansion public money may properly be used."

Another conference will be held to-day between the commission and Mr. Sprague, but it is known that the commission will take no definite action until it has been decided by the Board of Estimate whether the Interborough's plan is approved or rejected.

ORITARY.

Hawthorne Hill, for ten years associate editor of the "Sun," was suddenly stricken yesterday at his home in this city. Mr. Hill was born in Marion, Connecticut, county, December 13, 1852, and was employed successively on the "Louisville Courier-Journal" and several New York newspapers. His wife and three children survive him.

HEARD IN HOTEL CORRIDORS.

COL. LYON OF TEXAS HERE TO SEE AN OYSTER BAY MAN.

In Expecting to Settle Some Details of an Excursion by a Well-Known Citizen in March, Mr. Watts Knows Huntington, W. Va., Gov. Spriggs on Bluffs.

Col. Cecil Lyon, Republican national committeeman from Texas and chairman of that State, is at the Waldorf. He came on to see a distinguished resident at Oyster Bay and spent a day in that neighborhood arranging about the details of a Southern excursion which is contemplated for March. Col. Lyon lives at Sherman, Tex.

"The newest thing down in Texas," said Col. Lyon yesterday, "is that we are going to vote on Statewide prohibition on July 2. That, sir, will mean nothing short of civil war in Texas. There has been a lot of agitation on the subject, and from what I have seen I incline to the belief that it will be a very strong in favor of prohibition as it was a few months ago."

A good many are going to vote for a dry State because they don't care to see Texas dominated by the brewers and the liquor interests, and they have the idea that it is being done at present. "Speaking metaphorically," the State was very dry last summer, but in spite of that the finances of the State were never in so good a condition as now. Immense immigration is coming into the State and in northern Texas, particularly bank deposits are larger than they have ever been."

C. W. Watts of Huntington, W. Va., told yesterday at the Waldorf how that holding borough had increased 162 per cent. in the last ten years. He said that it now has 35,000 inhabitants. "And Huntington," added Mr. Watts, "was only started in 1884, the late C. P. Huntington laying out the town. We are fighting now on getting a new lease, peak and Ohio river and the Ohio, and if we do that will bring four or five new railroads into the town."

"Everybody in West Virginia is satisfied over Clarence Watson's election to the Senate. We had a local candidate in our town and I was working for him, but I am not disposed to find fault with the result. Huntington, besides being in the coal country, has big C & O shops that employ 3,000 men and a big plant of the American Car and Foundry Company."

A woman came out of the elevator at the Gotham yesterday followed by a maid luging a big hamper filled with Irish lace. The woman was about to leave for Florida. "I want to put this lace in your safe," she said to the clerk.

The latter fell back against the letter box and called for the manager. He heard the request and immediately summoned one of the proprietors. "But, madam," said the last when her request had been repeated to him, "that lot of lace is far too big to go into any of our safe compartments."

"But this lace is an heirloom, and you must put it in your safe," persisted the woman. "Couldn't you divide it into small parcels and pack it that way?"

"Then you should have no room left in the safe for anything else," said the manager. The best they could do in the way of a compromise was to agree to tie the lace in a bundle and put a seal on it, and guarantee that it should be locked up in a safe place.

A. E. Spriggs, formerly Lieutenant-Governor of Montana, who is at the Waldorf, but whose home is in Butte, says that Montana is prosperous despite the drought of last summer, and that dry farming has proved a great success out there. "Butte is putting up a new county court house costing \$1,000,000, which will be finished in about three months," said Gov. Spriggs. "The town is prospering, and mining is still going on. One-quarter of all the copper produced in the world comes within a mile square of our court house. We are not putting up any skyscrapers. There is plenty of land about Butte, so eight stories is as far as we have gone up in the air as yet."

Information clerks at the hotels get some posers on the telephone as well as to their faces. Here is one that smote Joe Barry's tympanum at the Plaza night before last and was more strongly tinged with Teutonic accents than appears in "Hello! Hello!" that the information desk at the Plaza? Well, will you please tell me what is the woman who is being put up new in Erie ninth street, and what lives in Jersey?

RECEIVER FOR R. G. PETERS.

Sister's Suit Throws Suit and Lumber Concern Into Court's Hands.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 2.—Judge Dennison of the United States Court appointed to-day the Michigan Trust Company of Grand Rapids receiver for the R. G. Peters Salt and Lumber Company of Manistee and for R. G. Peters. The liabilities are about \$1,000,000 and the assets are believed to be \$300,000 in excess of that sum; but they are widely scattered.

Mr. Peters and the Peters Salt and Lumber Company failed in 1900 and the Michigan Trust Company appointed receiver then. At that time, according to \$3,000,000, were paid in full and assets of \$1,500,000 were turned over to Mr. Peters. That receivership was dissolved in 1906.

HURRY ORDER FOR GEORGE ADE.

Rushes Off to West Indies for a Play for a Frohman Star.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 2.—George Ade started to-day for the West Indies in search of material for a new play for one of the Frohman stars. It is a hurry order, and to comply with it Mr. Ade was compelled to postpone the new play for the Purdie Harlequin club until next year. He had begun a great musical production to be called the "Purdie Review."

Presbyterians to Listen to Peace Talks.

The next meeting of the Presbyterian Union of New York will be held at the Plaza Hotel on February 6, beginning with a reception at 8 o'clock. The occasion of the United States to the Peace of the World and "The Opportunity of the United States to Produce a New Civilization" will be the subject. The speakers being the Hon. David J. Foster of Washington, D. C., chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Hon. William S. Bennett of New York, chairman of the House Commission on Immigration, who will show the work taken in selecting and developing the foreign born citizens of America.

Young Girl Amnesia Patient.

There is a seventeen-year-old girl in St. Catherine's, New York, whose memory seems to be a blank. She entered the Stagg street police station late on Wednesday night and tearfully informed Desk Lt. Leonard that she couldn't remember her name or where she lived. Neither could she recall the names of any of her relatives. She was taken to the hospital and after a night's rest she was questioned again yesterday, but her mind was still a blank. She has a gold chain and a locket on which are the initials "A. M."

TO GET AUTOS TO BAR HARBOR.

Amendment to Law Proposed That Will Let Machines Reach the Resort.

ARGENTA, Me., Feb. 2.—The introduction in the Legislature of an amendment to the Bar Harbor automobile bill by Representative Shea of Eden may reopen the automobile contest as affecting this resort.

The present law prohibits automobiles from Bar Harbor. The new bill asks for the use of a road from the Trenton town into Bar Harbor proper. It does not ask for the use of the village streets for automobiles, but simply for a road over which these with automobiles can reach Eden. The bill asks that it become a law 100 days after the adjournment of the Legislature, which will give ample time for notice to the opposition to invoke the referendum if it pleases.

Sentiment has changed, say those behind the new bill, in regard to the automobile question in Bar Harbor. A petition started for the new bill has over 500 voters signed. Gen. Thomas Hubbard of New York is one of the most active opponents of the automobile in Bar Harbor and says that he would even open an underground route for their entry.

PLANNED TO WED.

Papers for the Ridders-Schneider and Heide-Amend Ceremonies Taken Out.

Joseph Edward Ridder of 22 West Seventy-fourth street, second son of Herman Ridder, and Miss Hedwig Schneider of 224 West 108th street will be married on Saturday morning, February 11, at 11 o'clock, at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Seventy-first street and Broadway. The wedding will be followed by a reception at the Hotel Plaza.

On Thursday morning, February 16, at the same church will take place the wedding of Herman Heide of 27 West Sixty-ninth street and Miss Gertrude Theresa Amend, niece of Supreme Court Justice Edward B. Amend, of 38 West Seventy-fourth street. The Ridders and the Amends are related by marriage. Mrs. Herman Ridder being a sister of Justice Amend and Mrs. Amend a sister of Mr. Ridder.

NEW SALVATION ARMY HOME.

Property for a Harlem Headquarters Purchased on 125th Street.

The Salvation Army has bought as a site for a headquarters for its Harlem battalion the property at 151 and 157 East 125th street. The property is covered with two old buildings, which will be torn down as soon as the present leases expire.

The army plans to erect a four-story fireproof building on the site, which measures 33 1/2 by 99 1/2. On the ground floor will be a store. The second floor will be taken up with an auditorium which will be used for religious services, and the third and fourth floors will be used as sleeping quarters. The property was purchased from Solon and Samuel Frank who bought it of the Bruce estate for \$30,300 at a recent auction sale. Leopold Weil was the broker in the sale.

CANADA SNOWED UNDER.

Blizzard Half Way Across the Continent Ice Race Meet Held Up.

OTTAWA, Feb. 2.—Ottawa is shut off from the rest of the world to-day by the worst blizzard in the history of the city. The train from Ottawa to Montreal, N. B., and passenger service on all roads is badly demoralized, while the freight service has come to a standstill all over Canada east of the Rocky Mountains. The street car service here is abandoned to-day. Several thousand visiting horsemen, bookmakers and their followers and others who are here to see the annual ice races are snowed in in their hotels.

The race meet was to have begun to-day, but will probably not open before Saturday.

E. L. WINTHROP, JR. AGAIN.

He Will Be Re-elected President of Board of Education.

The election of a president of the Board of Education at the annual meeting next Monday has stirred up considerable interest. Egerion L. Winthrop, Jr., has held the office for five years, the longest period for any one man since consolidation of all the boroughs. It has been looked upon as a difficult matter to preside over the meetings of the forty-six members of confounding interests and give satisfaction to all. Mr. Winthrop has succeeded in doing so. He is elected again as certain that he will be elected again at Monday's meeting.

CANADA FOREST RESERVE.

Parliament Sets Aside 28,228 Square Miles in the Western Provinces.

OTTAWA, Feb. 2.—The Dominion forest reserves and parks act, which passed to its third reading in Parliament to-day and will become a law, sets aside as forest and park reserves 18,604 square miles in Alberta, 923 in Saskatchewan, 2,114 in British Columbia, and 3,584 in Manitoba. This makes a total of 25,228 square miles which cannot be sold or conveyed upon except by an order of council.

Bradley Van Vleck.

MONTCLAIR, N. J., Feb. 2.—Miss Florence Van Vleck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edmund Van Vleck, was married this evening in the First Congregational Church to Harold H. Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Bradley, by the Rev. John Steen of the church of the Land and the Sea, New York. The matron of honor was Mrs. Charles E. Van Vleck, Jr., and the maid of honor was Miss Helen Van Vleck, a sister of the bride. The bride was Miss Myndia Henkle of Philadelphia, Miss Edna Boone of East Orange, Miss Florence Sheldon, Miss Marjorie Taube and Miss Annette Conover of Brooklyn. The groom is the son of a white suit and duckless lace and she wore a tulle veil edged with duckless lace. After the ceremony there was a reception at the home of the bride's parents, 37 North Mountain avenue, which was attended by the bride's friends. Upon their return from a wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Bradley will live in Montclair.

Gallagher Moore.

The wedding of Miss Isabella S. Moore and Ernest Vale Gallagher took place last evening in St. Matthew's Church in West Eighty-fourth street. The ceremony was performed at 8:30 o'clock and the bride was given in marriage by her uncle, William A. Parkie, who is attorney at law, 60 West 11th street. Mrs. Peter Gilley, by her maiden name, Mrs. Peter Gilley, by her maiden name, was matron of honor. There were no bridesmaids. Edward G. Gallagher assisted his bride, he being a brother-in-law of the groom. John Parroy Mitchell, Frederick Wells and Porter Albee were ushers. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher and Mr. A. Parkie gave a bride and groom reception at their home, 118 West Fifty-seventh street.

HOW TO SPEAK IN PUBLIC.

Give Greenville Kleiser, former of the "Sun," a copy of his new book, "How to Speak in Public," which will be published by the McGraw-Hill Book Co. It is a book that will be of great value to all who are called upon to speak in public. It contains a full course of instruction in public speaking, and is written in a clear, concise and practical manner. It is a book that should be in the hands of every man and woman who is called upon to speak in public.

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MAYOR BUSY ON CHARTER.

Meanwhile No Vice-Mayor Bill and the Like Have Any Chance.

Neither Mayor Gynor nor President Mitchell of the Board of Aldermen thought it worth while yesterday to take notice of the bill which has been introduced by Assemblyman Cuvillier for the creation of the office of Vice-Mayor, to get rid of Mitchell. Mr. Cuvillier did not consult any of the municipal heads before bringing in his bill, and the Mayor has been assured that neither this bill nor several others which have already been volunteered making new laws for the city will be considered by the Legislature.

The Mayor is hard at work on an amended charter, and as has already been explained in THE SUN it will provide not for the creation of offices by consolidation of departments and concentration of authority. It will be at least a month before even a rough draft of the new charter will be ready.

DINNER TO JOHN FOX.

National Democratic Club to Honor Its Retired President.

Ex-Senator John Fox, having declined reelection as president of the National Democratic Club, the members of the club will tender him a dinner on Tuesday evening, February 7, at the clubhouse. Among those who have signified their intention to be present are Archbishop Farley, Mgr. Lavelle, Supreme Court Justices O'Gorman, Amend, Platzer, Grogan, ex-Judges Alton B. Parker, Morgan J. O'Brien and D-Cady Herick, Judges Swann and Mulqueen of the Court of General Sessions, Chief Justice O'Dwyer and Justice La Fetra of the City Court, Charles F. Murphy, Gen. Daniel F. Sickles, Daniel F. Cohan and Martin W. Littleton.

Gov. Dix and Gov. Wilson have been invited. Ex-comptroller Theodore W. Myers, the new president of the club, will preside.

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