

AT OPERAS AND CONCERTS

VERDI AND PUCCINI DELIGHT MANY PEOPLE.

Stojowski Plays a Historical Programme of Piano Music and Also Features French Music Again Under the Baton of Walter Damrosch.

The musical activities of the town were rather so numerous and so important yesterday as they frequently are on a Saturday, yet they were sufficient to occupy the attention of a large number of persons, gathered not only from New York itself but also from outlying districts most closely connected with musical centers. For the ardent pilgrims from these districts the Metropolitan Opera House is the principal shrine of adoration and the celebrated singers the deities of the gods.

For the delectation of the pilgrims the green opera was Verdi's "Aida," which had enjoyed a period of rest and reversion. The impersonator of the enslaved Ethiopian princess was Emmy Destinn, who has often been heard and admired in the rôle. Mme. Homer was again the Ismene, and again made it difficult to account for the taste of the Egyptian General who preferred the slave to her.

The representative of the enamored husband was Leo Slezak, who certainly was an imposing figure. The Amnaro was that well trained artist, Dink Gilly, who is not imposing, but nevertheless gives much satisfaction. With these four singers in the chief parts and Arturo Toscanini at the conductor's post the performance moved with much spirit.

Stojowski gave the second of his historical recitals of pianoforte music. Mr. Stojowski prefaced his playing by a series of about half an hour's duration. In this undoubtedly forth some valuable information regarding the composers presented and the compositions themselves. It would be interesting to know just what Mr. Stojowski said, but it was not always possible.

Meanwhile it may be said that there is encouragement in the fact that this earnest and well schooled pianist has taken the trouble to learn something more than the technique and repertoire of his instrument. It is a familiar and sorry truth that too many musicians know little or nothing about the history of their art, little about the purposes or possibilities of schools of schools, and less about the aesthetic basis of music.

LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

Perhaps the strangest business in the world, said a West Side matron the other day, is that in which a man who knocked at the door of my apartment this morning engaged.

"Have you an aquarium?" he inquired politely. I answered that we had, and then he said: "Well, I am the snail man."

"I thought he was a trifle mad and was about to close the door, when he explained: 'You see a great many folks have their snails die in the aquarium, and it's not for days that they notice the snails are dead, snails being naturally, that is, unobtrusive. It's hard sometimes to tell if they are alive or not. Now a dead snail spoils the water in an aquarium and makes the other things sick, so my business is to look at the snails to determine as to their death.'

"Any great calamity that is near enough at hand to excite our horror and sympathy helps the sales of newspapers," said the newsdealer. "So does a great prizefight that has been a long time looked for—people want to know the result; and the same is true of important elections. But it might surprise you to know that there is always a large extra demand for news papers containing reports of long talked about great weddings."

"There was \$105 in the left trousers pocket," panted a white faced man as he all but fell into the little tailor's pressing and cleaning shop.

The tailor glanced at the excited citizen and went on pushing the goose. "After a minute the new arrival got his breath, but lost his temper. 'I say there was \$105 in the left trousers pocket,' he repeated, shaking his fist. 'The little fellow said: 'Here is de pants. Mebby he iss dere yed,' pointing to a pair of trousers on a nail."

When he examines in view the pet question of a West Side teacher: "What would you do to cut down the expense of running the city?" That question appeals to youthful patriots and embryo financiers, and civic reformers evolve brilliant schemes for lopping several millions of dollars off the annual budget. But at the last examination the problem was tackled by an unimaginative youth who was unable to save the city by spectacular methods. Hard facts and grip on him, and he finally wrote: "But errands for the Mayor and not charge anything for it."

"In most respects a blind asylum moves at the same pace as the rest of the world," said a city missionary, "but in the matter of personal correspondence the inmates cling to antiquated customs. I write letters for a score of persons in different asylums. The old time salutations and phrases they employ sound prehistoric. I take my pen in my hand and begin writing of many letters. Before I became their secretary I had never seen a letter that began that way outside a museum. But the habits of those folk change not. Years ago, when they really did take their pen in hand, they said so, and affliction and new epistolary methods do not affect them. I am sure that I am right, and I hope you are the same. That is another of their quaint phrases. And I put it all down just as they dictate. I take my pen in my hand and make modern introductions to a letter, and when reading the correspondence that they receive I lay particular emphasis on up-to-date phrases, but those hints fall on deaf ears. There is every day correspondence, but their minds are still in the 'I take my pen in hand' period."

"Many people get stage fright at the general delivery window," said a post office clerk. "It is particularly likely to catch them on Sunday morning, when a big crowd is lined up waiting for mail. Most always they recover in time to give their name and address, but once in a while a man suffers such a severe attack of momentary aphasia that he has to step aside. Before he could remember who he is."

HEARD IN HOTEL CORRIDORS

A CHEERFUL VIEW OF FARMING IN NEW ENGLAND.

Editor of an Agricultural Paper Says That There Are No Indications of Farming Omitting a Profitable Industry Squirrel East at the St. Regis.

Editor J. G. Ulrey of the New England Farmer, which is published at Brattleboro, Vt., and is, according to Mr. Ulrey, the oldest farming paper in the country, having been established in 1822, is heard at the Waldorf yesterday with a host of good news. Mr. Ulrey says that farming in New England is looking up and that there is no such thing as an abandoned farm up there. The main difficulty is in getting agriculturists out of the ways in which they are used."

Mr. Ulrey doesn't look like a farmer-critic, but he says the reason why he moved his paper from Boston ten years ago was that he liked the country.

"There has been a great change in farming papers during the last few years," said Mr. Ulrey yesterday. "Now they are run more or less like regular newspapers, with some heads now and then. In the old days the agricultural paper was the family Bible in a rural community, and the children were educated on it. Now we follow up agricultural development as a daily newspaper follows up news. We ourselves watch what is being done elsewhere, and talk it up to our subscribers."

"To-day all New England is talking fruit, and particularly apple culture. Hundreds of thousands of apple trees have been set out in that section of the country during the last five years, where twenty years ago farms were neglected. Why, around Brattleboro fully 100,000 such trees have been planted in the last few years, though there it is the business men and not the farmers who are doing it."

"There is no such thing as an abandoned farm anywhere. Somebody owns such a property, so called, and somebody is putting hay from it. These are far away from the railroads."

"The competition agricultural papers have now is to get out the best order monthlies. We are trying to get our subscribers to ask questions, but the New England farmer is the most wonderful of all persons in the world. Still, agricultural conditions are looking up. People are coming from all over the country and settling in New England on the land of the low price of land. You can buy good farms for \$2000 such an acre such as you could not get in the West for less than \$200 to \$300."

"In certain sections Hungarians and Poles are coming here in a monopolizing way. This is particularly true in western Massachusetts, where hundreds of onion farms are owned by Poles. The soil in New England, and this applies to a large portion of the United States, is exhausted by having been cropped in the wrong way. In some cases this has been done by the use of the wrong fertilizers. Anyhow one or more elements necessary to growing has been destroyed, and on the soil left only weeds will thrive. The soil can be restored by the use of proper substances. There is no irrigation necessary in New England. One strong point I might mention is the interest in pure bred cattle of all kinds that is being taken in New England. We are not importing any more, and our cattle are as good as those anywhere."

KEITH-PROCTOR ROW.

Affidavits Submitted in the Effort to Vacate the Temporary Receivership.

PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 18. Leaders in the vaudeville theatre world with eminent counsel, including ex-Judge Morgan J. O'Brien of New York, appeared before Justice Peabody in the Supreme Court here to-day at a hearing on the disaffirmance which have arisen between B. F. Keith and Frederick F. Proctor in their theatre combine.

The hearing is on a petition to vacate the temporary receivership for the combine decreed on December 31.

Mr. Proctor has asked a dissolution, alleging fraud and mismanagement on the part of Mr. Keith, and Mr. Keith enters a general denial. As Mr. Keith is in Florida an affidavit was read from him. Others who offered affidavits partial to Mr. Keith's side of the case were Walter J. Donovan, general manager of the Keith circuit; Ethan M. Robinson, former manager for Proctor; John S. Clancy, U. Grant Blackford, Abraham L. Erlanger, Edward F. Albee, Lee Shubert and others.

The Proctor side of the case was outlined at the afternoon session. It was alleged that Mr. Keith is the chief owner in the International Amusement and Realty Company of New York, which bought the Fifth Avenue Theatre Building and then refused to give the combine a renewal of the lease. The outline also denoted that the Proctor houses were in poor condition at the time of the combine. It also said that the Proctor idea was to spend money on the acts, while Keith made a play for beautiful interiors to his theatre.

Affidavits tending to favor Proctor as a theatrical manager were read from Daniel Frohman, William Morris, Henry B. Joseph, M. Webster, William Harris and Joseph Bird.

The hearing was not at an end at 5 o'clock and was adjourned until Monday morning at 9:30.

SINGERS FOR VAUDEVILLE.

Leopold Wuellner and Ely the Walker for the Orpheum Circuit.

Leopold Wuellner, the famous leader singer, who has made two successful tours in this country, is the latest musical society to fall a victim to the Columbia. He has signed a contract to appear in the variety theatres controlled by the Orpheum Circuit. His tour begins next season.

Another noted singer to appear next year on the Orpheum circuit will be Ely the Walker, the American dramatic soprano who lately sang at the Coliseum in London. Miss Walker, who was a contract when she appeared at the Metropolitan Opera House, now sings dramatic roles at Bayreuth. Her first appearance in vaudeville was made in London last summer following Sarah Bernhardt's acting in vaudeville.

FANCY DRESSANCE AT TUOXEDO

Given in the Ballroom of the Club—Many Large Dinner Parties.

TUOXEDO PARK, N. Y., Feb. 18.—The fancy dress dance given by the Tuoxedo Club in the large ballroom was one of the attractive events of the winter season. In spite of the disagreeable weather a large number of society folk journeyed to Tuoxedo for the dance and over Washington's Birthday.

ACT ON NEW CARNEGIE GIFT

TRUSTEES ACKNOWLEDGE HIS \$10,000,000 ENDOWMENT.

Half the Income to Be Set Aside Yearly as a Reserve Fund and Special Attention Is to Be Given to the Work in Discovering New Stars at Mt. Wilson.

A special meeting of the trustees of the Carnegie Institution in Washington was held yesterday at the Belmont to take action in regard to the recent further endowment of the institution by the founder with \$10,000,000 in 5 per cent. bonds. Seventeen of the trustees were in attendance.

They included the chairman, Dr. John S. Billings; the secretary, Cleveland H. Dodge; the president of the institution, Dr. Robert S. Woodward; Attorney-General George W. Wickersham, Senator Elihu Root, Ex-Ambassador Andrew D. White, Robert S. Brookings, John L. Cadwalader, Dr. Henry S. Pritchett, William H. Fogg of Pittsburgh, Henry L. Higginson of Boston, Dr. Henry P. Walcott of Cambridge, Mass.; Dr. S. Weir Mitchell of Philadelphia, Andrew J. Montague of Richmond, Va.; Dr. Charles D. Walcott of Washington and Dr. William H. Welch of Baltimore.

The formal announcement of the gift in the form of a letter from Andrew Carnegie to Dr. Woodward was read. It was dated New York, January 18, 1911, and was as follows, including spelling:

"So great has been the success of the institution that I have decided to increase its resources by adding 10,000,000 of 5 per cent. bonds, value \$1,500,000, which will ultimately give you \$200,000 a year increased revenue.

I stipulate as a condition of this gift that unless expressly relieved, therefrom by me you set apart annually for the next ten years a sum not less than \$250,000 in cash each year to be held in a reserve fund as against losses, emergencies, reduction in income and the diminishing purchasing power of money.

"I also give the board more time to study suggestions made to it and avoid the danger of premature action. Better that new ideas should be tested upon a small scale before going deeply into them."

I hope the work at Mount Wilson will be vigorously pushed because I am so anxious to hear the expected results from it. I should like to be satisfied before I depart that we are going to repay to the old part some part of the debt we owe them by resulting more clearly than ever to them the new heavens.

Congratulating you and your fellow members upon the undoubted success of your labors, very gratefully yours, ANDREW CARNEGIE.

This resolution was unanimously adopted by the board:

Resolved, That in accepting the gift from Mr. Carnegie of an increase of \$10,000,000 to the endowment of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, the board of trustees desire to record their appreciation and admiration of this additional expression of the founder's wisdom in the advancement of research and of this additional testimony of confidence in the officers, all trustees and investigators of the institution to increase the stock of fundamental knowledge and to render it available and useful to all mankind.

The trustees will take no steps toward deciding how this additional income will be expended until their regular meeting next fall. The institution is in a flourishing condition. The work of surveying the southern stellar hemisphere, which has been going on for several years at San Luis, Argentine Republic, is almost completed, the staff which has been engaged in that work under the supervision of Prof. Boss of Albany making a record in stellar mapping. It is said that the latitude of Albany, north, so recently corresponds with that of San Luis, south, that a perfect map of the heavens will result, and for stellar mapping. A good part of the added income will be spent in that direction. Work is being carried forward on the 100 inch telescope and important results are expected.

Stern Brothers

Will hold To-morrow, Monday, A Special Sale of Entirely New, Women's Dresses

of Novelty Silks and Foulards, in new and effective designs, For Early Spring Wear at \$21.50, 24.50 and 27.50

Also a collection of very desirable Tailormade Suits

Walking Suits, of Black and Navy Serge, Man Tailored, satin trimmed, at \$22.50

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Black Satin Suits, with new braid effects, at 34.50

Advance Spring Styles in Women's Outergarments

are now being shown, including Copies of the Newest Foreign Models

Also the following Unusual Values

Coats, of Serge, lined throughout with peau de cygne, Full Length, strictly Man Tailored, at \$19.50

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Also To-morrow, an Offering of Imported Foulard Silks, 42 and 44 inches wide, in the newest colorings, including a large assortment of navy blue and white and black and white, at \$1.28

Actual Value \$2.00 Yard Printed Foulard Silks, 23 inches wide, in new designs and colors, also Polka Dots and Ring effects, at 65c

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Actual Value \$1.00 Yard To-morrow, a Very Important Sale of Men's and Women's Hosiery

Women's Black Gauze Silk Lisle, safety garter welts, and Black Plain Gauze, garter double welts, Value 60c Pair 37c

Extra Fine Black Gauze Lisle, hand seamed and Black and Colored Lisle with emb'd in steps, Value 75c Pr. 48c

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French Pure Thread Silk Hose, with self clocks, desirable shades, extra fine quality, Value \$2.50 Pair \$1.25

French Pure Silk Hose, of superior quality, emb'd or open work, black and colors, Value \$3.25 Pr. 1.98

Also Great Reductions in Real Lace and Hand Embroidered Silk Hose for Evening and Street Wear, at \$9.75 to 49.50 Pair

Formerly \$21.50 to 100.00 Pair Men's Hose, Imported Silk Lisle or Gauze Lisle, plain or with self clocking, Value 45c Pair, 23c

Pure Thread Silk, extra fine quality, black and colors, with cotton soles, Value \$1.00 Pair, 75c

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are now being displayed, consisting of the largest and most comprehensive assortment of English, French, Dutch and Austrian Printed Textiles

they have ever shown, embracing designs of every period, for the decoration of City and Country Homes.

In their Greatly Enlarged Rug Departments

large assortments of the most desirable class of Kirmanshah and Sarouk Carpets

are being shown, also a number of Persian Carpets such as Serapi, Ghorevan and Mahal Weaves, including extra large sizes, in choice colorings, at \$118.00, 145.00, 175.00 to 525.00

Former Prices \$165.00, 200.00, 250.00 to 650.00 Oriental Rugs, Value \$14.50 to 16.50, at \$10.25

And in addition a well known make of Axminster and Wilton Rugs 9 by 12 ft., at the following Specially Reduced Prices Axminsters, Value \$24.50, at \$18.50

Axminsters, Seamless, " 28.50, " 21.50 Wiltons, " 37.50, " 28.50

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Reception by Mrs. John Hays Hammond. Mrs. John Hays Hammond will give a reception at the Colony Club to-morrow afternoon to the officers and members of the New York and New Jersey section of the national woman's department of the National Civic Federation.

Mrs. Hammond has just been elected "Mother of the Woman's Department." Some of those who have been invited to Mrs. Hammond's reception are Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, Mrs. Francis M. Willson, Jr., Mrs. Andrew Carnegie, Mrs. John Low, Miss Anne Morgan, Mrs. John Murray Butler, Mrs. C. Ledyard Blair and Mrs. John R. Drexel.

LORD AND LADY DECIES SAIL

Will Be in London in June in Time for the Coronation.

Yale Glee Club Concert on Friday.

The Yale Musical clubs will be at the Waldorf on Friday evening. Whenever the glee and band clubs come down from New Haven the Yale alumni to turn out and give them a reception.

Prom Week and N. Y. I.

Prom week at New York University begins on Tuesday. A long list of tea, receptions and entertainments has been arranged, but the main event will be the promenade in the gymnasium on Tuesday evening. On the following afternoon teas will be held in the various fraternity houses and in the evening the Columbia-New York University basketball game will be the attraction. John E. Hart is the chairman of the prom being decorated for the ball.

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