

The Wagner Temple at the Capital of Bavaria

Munich Is Offering a Rival Attraction to Bayreuth for Lovers of Music.



We have so long been accustomed to consider Bayreuth the Mecca for Wagner pilgrims, it is a little difficult to remember that now Wagner devotees need not make the trip to the uninteresting, hot little city of Bayreuth to attend the great Wagnerian performances; but, in a remarkably beautiful theater in Munich, so long famous as an art center, they may be regaled with the master's works.

In the autumn of the present year, the Prinz Regent theater at Munich is to present a series of Wagner operas. This theater, in some respects the most wonderfully constructed building in the world, has been completed but a short time, being formally opened August 20, 1901. It is situated on the right bank of the river Isar, on a considerable eminence at the head of a wide avenue. Munich, famous for its palace, cathedral, museums and art galleries, may take added pride in the possession of the new Wagner theater.

The Prinz Regent theater is located near the spot King Ludwig II. years ago designed for a Wagner theater. It was in the days when Richard Wagner had taken up his abode in Munich with the intention of erecting a novel opera house, with the aid of his royal patron King Ludwig. This visionary royal person thought most highly of his "Word-tone-poet-Master," showered the richest of gifts upon him, and promised him the desire of his heart, an opera house to be built as a temple sacred to the "new school of music." King Ludwig gave Wagner a fine residence and a pension; it is estimated that he bestowed upon the musician at least 250,000 florins.

The king's gifts to Wagner were a scandal to the king's subjects, who were getting weary of indulging the million and one whims of their eccentric ruler. Mr. Natran Haskell Dole

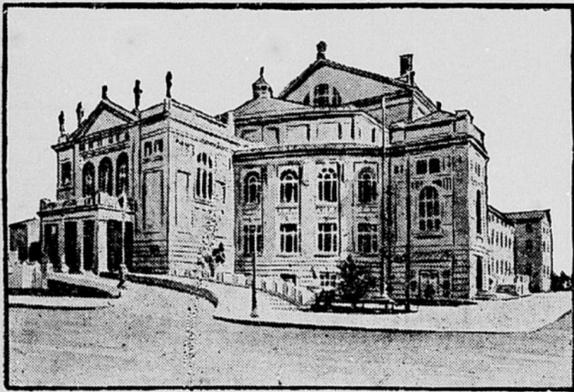
king, already made, being decorated by a subject."

And that subject one risen from the people, not of noble blood. Wilhelm Richard Wagner, German operatic composer and poet, was born at Leipzig, 1818; his father was a clerk in the police service, his grandfather a clerk in the customs service. His father died when he was six months old. The boy had little restraint, either at home or at school, and grew up impulsive, one given to extremes in everything. "A living paradox; impatient, nervous, irritable; noble and petty; never made a man more friends and more enemies. He was worshipped and hated."

He received his education at Dresden and Leipzig; matriculated at the University of Leipzig and studied music in Leipzig. His early dream was to be a poet. Music, until he came under the influence of the music of Beethoven, was a secondary consideration. For years he struggled against poverty and enemies, fought his way along, and at last won a success which cannot yet be measured. The following statistics are of import: In the year 1887 641 performances of Wagner's operas were given in 44 towns of Germany. In 1890 the number had swelled to 967. The popularity of the Bayreuth festivals is too well-known to need description, and now we have the Wagner theater at Munich.

Among his works are the operas of "Rienzi," "The Flying Dutchman," "Tannhauser," "Lohengrin," "Der Ring des Nieblungen" (including Das Rheingold, Die Walkure, Siegfried, Gotterdammerung); "Tristan and Isolde," "Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg," and "Parsifal."

The following are some of the terms that have been applied to Wagner: The Murderer of Melody. Fanatic of unmelodiousness. The Marat of Music. Charlatan.



THE NEW WAGNER THEATRE AT MUNICH.

writes thus of Ludwig and Wagner: "His (Ludwig) greatest pleasure was to dress himself in the costumes of the operas (Wagner's). On his lake at Starnberg, 20 years later, he had a boat like 'Lohengrin's,' drawn by mechanical swans. The man was crazy; but his craze was the making of Wagner."

Wagner had both powerful friends and powerful enemies, and the latter worked together to such purpose that the plan for the opera house at Munich was abandoned; although Ludwig had given an order to a distinguished architect to draw the plans and construct a model for a theater such as Wagner had in mind. The model of this model playhouse is on view to-day in the National museum at Munich.

When the Munich plan fell through Wagner's friends rallied around him and set to work to build, somewhere, a house in which "the creations of the master should find the full appreciation of all true lovers of music."

Bayreuth was decided upon, a little Bavarian town of no great attractiveness. Bayreuth donated the ground, and 300,000 thalers were raised to build the ideal theater. On Wagner's birthday, May 22, 1872, immediately after the close of the Franco-Prussian war, was laid the corner stone of the "Bayreuth Festspielhaus."

On this occasion, more than 2,000 musicians and singers were present. The artists, as well as Wagner himself, were beginning to believe that he, in a sense, represented the German nation; although his enemies were never more bitter than at this time. To show the opposite points of view held of him then, it may be mentioned that more than one looked upon him as a raving maniac, while, on the other hand, an offer of \$100,000 came to him from Chicago if he would go to that city and direct some of his works. He did not go to America, but he accepted \$5,000 for a march to be performed at the Centennial exhibition in Philadelphia.

And of his music, those that call names have said: A moral delirium tremens. Circus comedy. Wild chaos of tones. A caricature of music. Butchery in notes.

Those that acknowledged his sway but looked upon him rather as a comet than a fixed star, have not yet seen their prophecies fulfilled. After the death of Wagner, it was decided to hold the Bayreuth festivals every two years, instead of four, as previously; but, in spite of the increased number of performances, to secure a seat it has been found necessary to purchase tickets from four to six weeks in advance.

To visit the little town of Bayreuth during the festival and to see the operas, costs one somewhere in the neighborhood of \$100; not of much moment to a billionaire, but of considerable to the average music student.

The Munich theater was brought into being after the press of that city repeatedly dwelt on the enormous advantages of the Bayreuth playhouse. In 1899, there was proposed the erection of a new Wagner theater, according to the plans of the architect of Ludwig II. A stock company was organized, and Prinz Regent, Luitpold of Bavaria, was asked to become patron of the new theater. He consented, and in the summer of 1901, 18 years after the death of the master, the Wagner theater in Munich opened its doors to music lovers. MAX OWEN.

No Need of a Barber.

A gentleman called at a country manse in Scotland and inquired if the minister was at home. The servant who answered the door replied that he was not at present, and asked the gentleman who she could say had called.

"I'm Mr. Barbour," was the reply; "and you may tell the minister that I will call again."

"I'll deliver the message, sir," said the girl; "but I dinna think you need fash, because the minister aye shaves hissel!"—London Tit-Bits.

Evangeline's End.

A St. Helena teacher sends me the following verbatim reply received in one of their examinations. The question was: "To what state did Evangeline at last arrive, and what did she do?" This was one of the answers: "Evangeline at last arrived to the state of an old maid, and got wrinkles and gray hair."—San Francisco News Letter.

IOWA STATE NEWS.

Worst Storm of the Year.

Southwestern Iowa has been visited by the worst storm of the year. In several towns it amounted to a tornado and it is known that there has been a loss of life. The damage to corn and unharvested small grains has been very great. In some places the rain which followed the storm amounted almost to a cloudburst. At Rockwell City the rain fell in blinding sheets for an hour and the whole country is under water. Crops were beaten into the ground and are a total loss in many cases. At Oakland there was a deluge of water, accompanied by a heavy fall of hail, which did much damage. At Whiting half a dozen buildings were wrecked and severely injured Mrs. R. W. Campbell and two members of the family of William Barber. A number of live stock were also killed. Trees were blown down in all directions and crops were badly damaged. At Anthony, a town of 1,000 inhabitants, 20 buildings were entirely demolished and loss of life occurred.

Damage from Floods.

The flood situation in Iowa has been more serious than at any time in ten years. The Des Moines, Iowa, Racoon, Cedar and Skunk rivers were from seven to 15 feet above low-water mark and the lowlands were submerged. In Des Moines 200 persons were forced to abandon their homes. Elsewhere throughout the central section of the state rain fell for 24 hours, the precipitation at Boone and Fort Dodge being nearly four inches.

Crop Outlook.

The weekly crop report of the Washington weather bureau says for Iowa:

Large portions of state again drenched and some river bottoms flooded; warmer weather with drying winds improved crop outlook; three-quarters of the corn is well cultivated, and in normal condition; spring wheat promises average yield, with normal weather for ripening; oats somewhat impaired by lodging; potatoes making heavy growth; apples below average.

Warrant Drawn.

The treasury department has issued a warrant for \$465,417 in favor of the state of Iowa. The warrant covers the claim of the state for expenses incident to the raising and equipping of troops during the civil war, recently allowed by the comptroller of the treasury and for which congress made the necessary appropriation.

Street Car Blown Up.

Some person unknown to the authorities placed a stick of dynamite on the street car track in Fort Dodge and a car running at a high rate of speed struck it. The car was completely wrecked and three passengers more or less injured. No arrests have been made.

United for Life.

The wedding of Lieut. Harold Hammond, United States infantry, and Miss Mary E. Pierce, niece of Edwin H. Conger, minister to China, took place at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Ida C. Conger, in Des Moines, Dr. A. L. Frisbee, of Plymouth Congregational church, officiating.

Iowa Appointments.

The president has appointed J. U. Sammis, of Iowa, collector of internal revenue for the Third district of Iowa; Harry O. Weaver, of Iowa, collector of internal revenue for the Fourth district of Iowa, and Horace G. McMillan, attorney for the northern district of Iowa.

Killed by a Blow.

Fred Johnson, son of A. Johnson, county jailer at Avoca, was instantly killed by a blow on the back of the head by Carl Hector. The two quarreled, when Hector stepped behind Johnson and struck him.

News in Brief.

The following officers of the Society of Music Teachers of Iowa have been elected: President, Henry Ruffke, Des Moines; vice president, Jeanette Brown, Ottumwa; secretary and treasurer, Rev. Charles H. Bohn, Mount Pleasant.

Mrs. Robert Seney and 12-year-old daughter were killed and her son, aged nine, and guest, Mrs. P. Danty, were badly injured by a train which struck their carriage at Sioux City.

The survey of the Iowa & St. Louis, a railroad proposed to connect Centerville and Sioux City, has commenced.

Three children of Herman Offerman died in Davenport from eating green grapes.

The session laws of the Twenty-ninth general assembly have been published.

The summer meeting of the Northwestern Iowa Press association is to be held at Dubuque, July 24 and 25.

The Republicans of the Seventh district have renominated John A. T. Hull for congress.

The Algona Upper Des Moines and the Republican, of the same place, are now both under one management and will be conducted as a semi-weekly, by Messrs. Starr & Haggard.

W. S. Mitchell, of Ottumwa, a salesman for Egerly & Co., was robbed of \$150 while boarding an Iowa Central train.

Word has been received from the department of free rural delivery routes at Washington, that routes running out of Fort Dodge, which were laid out some time ago, will be placed in operation September 1.

The next meeting of the state board of health will begin August 6 in Des Moines.

Dr. Seth M. Wilcox, of Boone, has been called to a fashionable pupil in Milwaukee, Wis.

THE REVIEW DIRECTORY

NORTH-WESTERN LINE.

GOING WEST					STATIONS.	GOING EAST				
5	11	1	3	21		4	8	6	16	2
10:00	A. M.	4:50	P. M.	11:30	CHICAGO	8:30 P. M.	6:55 P. M.	7:50 A. M.	7:50 A. M.	11:30
5:10	.....	.....	.....	2:05	WEST SIDE	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5:24	.....	.....	.....	2:14	VAIL	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9:00 P. M.	5:45	7:04 A. M.	1:23	2:35	DENISON	9:31 A. M.	7:21 P. M.	6:55 P. M.	10:00 P. M.	.....
8:00	.....	.....	.....	2:52	ARION	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8:05	.....	.....	.....	2:57	DOW CITY	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8:18	.....	.....	.....	3:13	BOYER	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10:00 P. M.	7:40	8:55 A. M.	3:35	5:00	COUNCIL BLUFFS	7:45 A. M.	11:25 A. M.	5:30 P. M.	4:38 P. M.	5:10 P. M.

GOING SOUTH					STATIONS.	GOING NORTH				
57	51	45	43	41		50	56	42	44	46
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2:21	8:05	4:17	8:23	12:54	WEED	1:15	8:23	5:12	7:36	7:18
3:00	8:20	4:35	8:35	1:05	BOYER	1:05	7:55	4:50	7:25	6:50
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	DELOIT	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	DENISON	.....	.....	2:35	7:00	6:05
4:25	8:35	KIRON	12:48	7:45
5:15	8:50	SCHLESWIG	12:35	6:05
8:15	9:10	RICKETS	12:16	5:15

ILLINOIS CENTRAL.

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CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL.

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Eastern Star, Sylvan Chapter No. 207, first Tuesday after full moon. W. M., Mrs. A. Oswald; Sec'y, W. W. Cushman.	
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