

DAVID BISPHAM IN CONCERT

Distinguished Baritone Singer Opens
W. H. Cook Series of Con-
certs for Present
Season.

AT THE ARMORY OPERA HOUSE

Harry M. Gilbert, who Accompanies
Mr. Bispham, Gives Splendid
Piano Solos.

The appearance of David Bispham, the great baritone singer, at the armory opera house Friday evening, marks the successful opening of the series of high-class musicals to be given during the present season under charge of W. H. Cook. Mr. Bispham was assisted by Harry M. Gilbert, pianist and accompanist. Not all pianists are accompanists and fewer accompanists are pianists, but Mr. Gilbert is at home in either role.

Mr. Bispham's description of each song he sang was very interesting. His program was made up of two groups of songs, the first part being devoted to classical and modern songs by foreign composers, and the second part was composed of recent compositions by American authors. The vocalist gave quite a talk before beginning his musical numbers in which he roundly criticised the practice of vocalists in singing their compositions in foreign languages before American audiences. The great baritone said that it was very foolish to express the sentiments of a song in language which an audience did not understand and characterized such performances as nonsense. The idea advanced from some quarters that certain compositions could not be clearly expressed in English was ridiculed by Mr. Bispham. The audience was evidently in accord with the remarks of the speaker and heartily applauded the sentiment. It not only appealed to his auditors but they were evidently greatly pleased to hear a man of Mr. Bispham's high standing in the world of art give voice to such sentiments.

While Mr. Bispham is a strong advocate of the use of English on both the operatic and concert stage, he also appreciates the meritorious efforts of modern American musicians. The idea that all the real artists are from foreign countries is a fallacious one and while he would not underestimate the works of the old masters he says many Americans have fine musical minds and they are not given the credit their merit deserves. The speaker said American musicians are greatly handicapped in their own country because of this lack of appreciation on the part of their fellow countrymen. In Germany, England, France, etc., the people appreciate real talent from whatever quarter of the globe it may come, while here in America are to be criticised in this respect.

As to the ability of Mr. Bispham as a baritone vocalist there is little to be said. The fact that he occupies one of the highest positions as a singer in the estimation of the best critics, places him in a position where the technical terms of the musician need not be invoked to describe his work—a splendid voice, fine execution, phrasing, color, sentiment, interpretation, etc., all being massed and perfectly blended into the finished performance of the real artist.

Mr. Bispham has been rightly named the singing-actor and his large ability as a reciter and impersonator is self evident. Aside from his thorough musicianly qualities he is a great character. The final number on Friday evening's program, "King Robert of Sicily," by Longfellow, with music by Rosetta G. Cole, was a bit of dramatic work that was simply a masterpiece.

The audience was highly appreciative of Mr. Bispham's efforts and he graciously responded to two or three encores.

The first part of the program was closed with two splendid piano solos by Mr. Gilbert who was practically compelled to play two extra numbers. For his closing piece he played a selection with his left hand alone, a wonderful single handed performance.

A fair sized audience greeted these two artists. A packed house, however, would have been more in keeping with the merit of the evening's entertainment.

It pays to advertise.

Personal Briefs

From Saturday's Daily:

—Mrs. Alice E. Green left today for Indiana where she will visit her sister and other relatives before leaving on an extended trip through the south and west stopping at Kansas City, Mo., Friona, Texas, the Grand Canon of the Colorado and other points of interest along the route and making Pasadena her final destination where she will spend the winter months with her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Paine.

—A number of local people drove overland by auto to the Ames-Iowa foot ball game today. Among them were Mrs. F. E. Willson and son, Walter, E. P. Prince, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Austin and Mrs. Jessie Austin-Boys.

—Miss Bess Sidenstucker of Jewell attended the Bispham recital here last evening.

—Mrs. J. E. Parker and daughters, Katherine and Olive, are spending the day in Fort Dodge.

—Frank Cowles of Iowa Falls was among the out of town people who attended the concert here last evening.

—Miss Anna Peterson is spending the week end with friends in Eagle Grove.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Buell left yesterday for Aurora, Ill., and Canton, Ohio, to visit relatives.

—Miss Alta Bailey left yesterday afternoon for Ames for an over Sunday visit.

—Miss Popejoy of Popejoy visited yesterday in the city with Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Homan.

—Miss Vivian Williams returned to her home in Jewell yesterday for an over Sunday visit.

—Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Huff of Woolstock attended the Bispham concert last evening and are visiting relatives in the city over Sunday.

—Mrs. A. L. Hart went to Blairsburg yesterday on business.

—Miss Mary Gleason of Blairsburg was trading in the city yesterday.

—Mrs. Hannah Larson returned to Bloomington, Ill., yesterday following a visit at the home of Mrs. L. T. West near this city.

—Miss Helen Minogue of Fort Dodge is an over Sunday visitor with Miss Fannette Fassett.

—F. H. Burcham of Blairsburg was in the city yesterday selling stock for the Blairsburg Elevator Company.

—Mrs. Sarah Wallace, who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. Hannah Bell, left this morning for Dubuque, where she will visit relatives before returning to her home in Chicago.

—Mrs. Alexander Groves and daughter, Mrs. Ethel Groves-Fullerton and two babies, arrived home Thursday night from Gooding, Idaho, where Mrs. Groves has been visiting for some time. Mrs. Fullerton and children will remain here for an all winter's visit with her parents.

—Postmaster Taylor, J. R. King and O. I. Kleaveland of Jewell were business visitors in the city yesterday.

—James Mullen, Frank Mullen and John Murphy of Williams arrived in the city this morning to attend the funeral services of the late Mrs. Michael House.

—Mrs. A. H. Gurney returned yesterday from a week's visit with her mother in Onita.

—Forty-three local foot ball enthusiasts left on the morning train for Ames to take in the Ames-Iowa game this afternoon. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Will L. Clifton, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Cox, Gale Pearce, C. H. Currie, Herman Dietrich, Dr. N. C. A. Berg, O. J. Henderson, Misses Hester Huff, Jaunita Hall, Verna Bailey, Mary Kearns and Wynnie Zitterell.

—Misses Edna Olmstead and Irene Sterling are visiting in Kamrar over Sunday.

Social Affairs

MACCABEES ENJOY SOCIAL TIME

The Ladies of the Maccabees met in Elmo hall Friday night in regular session. The state commander, Mrs. Mabel T. La Rue, from Des Moines, was present and gave a very instructive talk. After the lodge hour a program was put on by the little "Bees" of the order which was enjoyed by all. At a late hour the social committee served a two course luncheon from prettily decorated tables in the dining room. About sixty guests were in attendance.

EVENING SPREAD.

A number of young ladies enjoyed a spread and evening of good fun at



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Des Moines, Nov. 16.—Don't buy homogenizer ice instead of ice cream

by Miss Stevenson were "A Perfect Day," sung by Cecil Fanning with piano and cello accompaniment. "L'Africano—O! Paradiso," with Enrico Caruso as soloist, accompanied by the Victor orchestra, two records by David Bispham, "The Wanderer" and "The Erl-King," and other songs rendered by such artists as Tetraxini, Melba, besides various orchestra selections of equal merit. Among the out of town guests were Mrs. Lager of Oregon and Mrs. Macgoey of Nebraska.

the home of Miss Katherine Kelly Friday evening. Music, flash light pictures and story telling furnished the sources of a merry time and the usual spread of good things was served at the close. Those present were:

Misses
Ruth Maag Leah Wyatt
Marie Brown Elsie Heiden
Eunice Lee Maitred Whitham
Katie Stafford Katherine Kelly

CHRYSANTHEMUM LUNCHEON.

Mrs. Ella Burleson entertained a company of forty-five ladies at her home on the corner of Prospect and Bank streets Friday afternoon at one o'clock luncheon. Yellow and white chrysanthemums decorated the rooms and prettily appointed tables and the same color scheme was cleverly carried out in the four course luncheon. Mrs. W. J. Zitterell, and Misses Tressa Treat, Ruth Stevenson and Helen Whitacre assisted the hostess in the serving. Following the luncheon the guests were treated to a delightful musical program given on the victrola, operated by Miss Ruth Stevenson. Among the records chosen for the program

for dessert. A great many people in Iowa have been cheated by the purchase of the former instead of the latter. One of these days it is going to be required that the imitation stuff be branded for what it is or be taken off the market.

It's the new thing, this use of the homogenizer product in the making of what is sold for ice cream. The average ice cream buyer doesn't know the difference, but a big difference shows up in the bill which the vendor pays to the manufacturer, for the homogenizer product, with a very small percentage of butter fat as compared with real cream, can be sold for about half the price of the genuine.

The homogenizer is a newly patented machine. There is one in operation in Des Moines, just one, but if nobody should ever complain about it, there would soon be a number. The machine is for the use of butter dealers and by its use the butter that has become unsalable is re-worked not into "process butter" but into a substance like cream which is being sold to restaurants and other large consumers at a low

rate. It is thick and looks like 17 per cent cream, but in fact has about 5 or 6 per cent butter fat.

Latterly it has come into great use in the ice cream factories. Out of it can be made a fair product that has all the appearance of ice cream, but is far below grade. Some of this stuff was found by the state dairy inspector in a city of Iowa and the state dairy commissioner ordered prosecution of the dealer for selling cream below grade. The county attorney made an argument that a conviction could not be had. Commissioner Barney gave preemptory orders for prosecution, whereupon the dealer promptly pleaded guilty and paid a fine.

It is probable that steps will be taken to put a stop to the use of the product of the new patent homogenizer in the making of ice cream, or what is sold for ice cream, for the state law is very specific as to what is ice cream, and the definition does not include any product of the kind mentioned.

Look at, think of, do and memorize something beautiful each day.—Alice Freeman Palmer.