

LA FORGE'S GENIUS WILL SHINE ALONE

Young Pianist Composer to Be Heard in Chapin Recital Tomorrow Afternoon

Vocal Character of the Works of Greatest of Pianists Well Suited to Interpreter

By WALTER ANTHONY
Frank La Forge, who, among the younger generation of native music writers and interpreters stands well to the front, will give a Chopin recital tomorrow afternoon at the St. Francis Hotel in the colonial ballroom. The announcement is of more than ordinary importance because, as accompanist for Mme. Sembrich, the pianist has displayed somewhat, his talents being displaced second to those of the world famous diva. He will have the advantage of playing alone tomorrow afternoon, and the exhibitions of his skill as a soloist at the recent concerts are sufficient, I should say, to excite interest in the recital that has been planned.

CHOPIN'S MARVELOUS GENIUS
The genius of Chopin has tempted the greatest of pianists into the farthest reaches of emotional expression. Of all composers for piano Chopin is the most characteristically expressive. He never dreamed of the orchestra when he wrote for piano, and he understood the idiosyncrasy of his instrument as no other composer for the black and white keys did. His studies will remain to the end of musical time gems such as a jeweler sets; his B minor sonata an elegy; his nocturnes dream songs; his mazurkas dances of minor merriness; his waltzes triple beat music fit only for trios—these are Chopin's gifts to the world of music—gifts which have placed him in the very front rank of music writers.

As a writer of elegiac music he out-ranks any of the composers. He leads them all. His compositions have a mellancholic beat to them, too, as for instance his efforts in the polonaise form where he turns on batteries of Polish guns, though he weeps at their impetuosity.

There is something vocal about his instrumental compositions, too; something singable and human and touching. His musical phrases may be breathed, and his form is always vocal in clarity and beauty.

VOCAL CHARACTER MARKED
It is this vocal character of Chopin's music that makes him a particularly grateful composer to Frank La Forge's talents. The accompanist is so thoroughly imbued with the vocal side of musical expression through his professional experience as an accompanist and through his experience as a composer of song that Chopin must appeal to him above all other writers for the piano.

The graceful, poetic and elegant style of Chopin likewise appeals to La Forge's somewhat patrician attitude toward music. He plays with grace, as De Pachmann does, but without grimaces. His Chopin is emotional, but not morbid.

I predict a real treat at the St. Francis when La Forge sets his Chopin interpretations before us this Wednesday afternoon. Following is the program:

- Patriotic Impromptu.
- Prelude, A flat major, C minor.
- Ballade, A flat major.
- Nocturne, C minor, D flat major, F sharp minor.
- Etude, C flat major ("Butterfly"), A flat major and G flat major.
- Valse, C sharp minor.
- Marche Funere.
- Scherzo, C sharp minor.

HAY DEALERS ARE NOW PESSIMISTIC

Large Crop and Slight Demand Combine to Depress the Price

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, Jan. 17.—According to local hay dealers last year's high prices are not to be repeated this season. While the hay crop is large, there is little demand and warehouses are packed.

"The situation is peculiar," stated a local dealer. "Last year the dealers purchased the majority of their stock from the farmers, but this year the farmers have stored their hay and the warehouses are filled to their capacity. Farmers are asking \$1 to \$2 above the best quotations, and there doesn't appear to be any change in the situation so far as their demands are concerned."

"The demand is slight and inquiry has made evident some of the causes. In the first place, many of the vineyardists and orchardists to whom we have been selling hay raised their own this year. The mountain trade is also light. A number of farmers have had warehouses erected on their ranches and some have gone into the hay business."

The farmers throughout the country are engaged in planting, wheat and barley being planted primarily. There has been a little too much rain for the upland farmers, which has interfered with their planting. The island farmers are able to continue sowing their crops as they have pumps and drainage ditches by which the surplus water is removed from their lands. All indications are for one of the best crops in years.

RICHMOND WILL EQUIP ITS FIRE DEPARTMENT

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, Jan. 17.—Mayor J. B. Willis and Councilmen G. A. Pollett, E. J. Girard, J. J. Dooling, J. Harinett, Otto R. Ludwig, J. O. Owens, J. McDuff and W. E. Wyatt and City Engineer Hudson of Richmond visited this city yesterday to inspect the streets and the fire department. Chief Engineer McCann of the fire department met the visiting officials and conducted them through the various fire houses.

Richmond intends installing a fire department, and the officials learning that the local apparatus is to be disposed of if the proposed bond election for the purchase of auto equipment carries, requested that they be given first chance to purchase the discarded apparatus. They were satisfied with their inspection.

The mayor and councilmen examined the new asphalt and macadam streets and inspected some oiled thoroughfares.

BIG ICE HARVEST IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

BOCA, Jan. 17.—The ice harvest closed Saturday night. The crop this season totals 22,000,000 pounds, one of the largest ever harvested.

Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys

WOMAN DROWNS IN SACRAMENTO RIVER

Body of Mrs. Charles Flasch, Taken Out of Stream, Identified by Means of Rings

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
KESWICK, Jan. 17.—The nude body of a woman, which has been identified as that of Mrs. Charles Flasch, was taken from the Sacramento river yesterday by Frank Justin, a miner.

Mrs. Flasch was drowned on December 1, and was fully dressed when she disappeared.

It is presumed the water stripped the clothing from the body. The body was identified by rings on the fingers.

FARMERS ARE GRANTED REHEARING BY COURT

Outcome Awaited With Much Interest in Shasta County

REDDING, Jan. 17.—The second district appellate court has granted a rehearing in the case of the Northern light and power company of this city against 20 farmers living on Cow creek.

When the power company sought to condemn the riparian rights of the farmers living along the creek the court ruled in favor of the company.

The outcome of the rehearing is awaited with much interest, as it is the first time that the question at issue has been in court and several similar cases are awaiting the outcome of the Shasta county suit.

CONVICT PREFERS SAN QUENTIN TO FOLSOM

Claims He Was Abused by the Guards During Former Term

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
SACRAMENTO, Jan. 17.—Ignacio Allen, recently convicted of burglary, pleaded with the court today to send him to San Quentin instead of Folsom.

Allen said he had served a sentence in Folsom and had been abused by the other convicts and that when he complained to the guards the latter put him in the guardhouse. Judge Hughes gave Allen five years in San Quentin.

STATE MONEY IS NOT LIABLE TO TAXATION

Attorney General Submits His Opinion on Subject

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
SACRAMENTO, Jan. 17.—In an opinion filed today the attorney general states that it is not legal for cities and counties to tax deposits of state money in the banks.

Assessment, he says, was surely never contemplated by the legislature, as it is plain that such an assessment would practically defeat the purpose sought to be accomplished by such deposits.

FREIGHT TEAMS ARE HELPLESS IN DITCH

Heavy Snow Adds to Difficulties of Mountain Hauling

DEADWOOD, Jan. 17.—Three heavily loaded mountain freight teams conducted over the embankment on the Buckhorn road Saturday and all efforts of a crew of men during the last two days to get them up have failed. The snow is unusually deep.

A HEAVY WINDSTORM CAUSES DAMAGE IN NORTH

Several Houses Blown Down at Weed During Gale

WEED, Jan. 17.—The heaviest wind and snow storm of the season raged Saturday night and yesterday. The wind blew down several small buildings and lifted off the tops of three Southern Pacific boxcars.

ENGINEER IS SCALDED; FIREMAN IS TO BLAME

Railroadman in Serious Condition as Result of Accident

At New Orleans now in progress. Join Southern Pacific's personally conducted excursion to the Crescent City—leaves January 28th. Round trip \$67.50. Tickets good for 30 days. Season of fun and frolic. See Agents for details. Ticket Office: Flood Building, Market Street Ferry Depot, Third and Townsend Streets Depot, Broadway and Thirteenth Street, Oakland.

FIND SKELETON MINUS ONE LEG

Hunters Make Growsome Discovery; Clothing Removed, Excepting One Shoe

STOCKTON, Jan. 17.—Hunters near the Southern Pacific bridge over the San Joaquin river, 14 miles south of Stockton, yesterday found the skeleton of a man, minus the bones of one leg, in the tules.

One shoe remained, but no other clothing.

It is believed that the man was drowned up the river and that the body was washed down by high water. The coroner is investigating.

MODESTO CITIZENS WANT NEW CHARTER

Document to Contain Initiative, Referendum and Recall

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
MODESTO, Jan. 17.—Petitions will be circulated here this week asking that the city trustees call an election for the choosing of 15 freeholders to frame a new charter.

The matter has been discussed for several months and the majority of the citizens of this city are apparently heartily in favor of a new charter containing provisions for the referendum, initiative and recall.

Some favor the commission form of government, but the desire of all is to provide that the city officials be responsible to the people of the town. Under present conditions the city board of trustees is merely legislative and has no power to enforce the ordinances passed.

S. P. TO OPERATE BOATS FOR RIVER PASSENGERS

Will Cut Time in Half, Making Few Stops

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
SACRAMENTO, Jan. 17.—So important are the passenger traffic on the Sacramento river become that the Southern Pacific company contemplates putting two river steamers to handle nothing but passenger traffic on the run between San Francisco and Sacramento.

The Seminole and a sister boat, the Navajo, will be the two passenger boats installed.

They will cut the time to San Francisco nearly in two, as few stops will be made en route.

ASKS GUARDIANSHIP OF HER GRANDDAUGHTER

Charges Child's Mother Half Starves Little One

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
REDDING, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Mary E. Hoerler has filed a petition in the circuit court asking to be appointed guardian of her granddaughter, Eleanor Hoerler, whose parents live at Whitmore.

She alleges that the child's mother half starves and is cruel to the child. The mother was arrested a few days ago on a charge of beating the child.

WILL OPERATE FIRST THROUGH TRAIN JULY 1

New Road Rapidly Completing Construction Work

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
SACRAMENTO, Jan. 17.—G. W. Peltier, vice president of the Central California traction company, announces that the first through passenger and freight trains of the new road will run from Stockton to this city July 1. The company is pushing construction work ahead so as to be in a position to commence through traffic in the early summer.

ANDERSON PREPARING FOR MAY DAY FIESTA

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
ANDERSON, Jan. 17.—Anderson is preparing for the second annual May day festival. The festival a year ago was a great success. The chamber of commerce has named the following committee on arrangements: P. J. McKenna, Carl Munter, S. G. Roycroft, J. M. Tingley and A. C. Burbank.

PROXIMITY OF JAIL IGNORED BY CROOKS

OROVILLE, Jan. 17.—Working within the shadow of the county jail burglars robbed a tailor store here last evening. Several suits of clothing and some money were taken.

STATE FORESTER RESIGNS POSITION

Lull Quits Office and Will Engage in Service of Big Corporation

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
SACRAMENTO, Jan. 17.—State Forester A. B. Lull has resigned from the state service to engage in the rapidly growing eucalyptus industry. His resignation was handed to Governor Gillett today and is to take effect immediately upon the appointment of a successor.

Who Lull's successor will be is not known, although Chief Deputy Hodge is mentioned for the position.

"I hate to lose Lull," said Governor Gillett today. "He has made one of the most efficient officers the state ever had. However, I would not stand in his way if he has a chance to better himself. I have not thought of his successor yet."

Lull is to become forest and field manager for the North American hardwood timber company of New York, which owns the big Glide ranch in Solano county. He has been state forester since 1906, when he was recommended for the office by Gifford Pinchot.

MAYOR TO APPOINT CHARTER COMMITTEE

Will Frame New Sacramento Document

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
SACRAMENTO, Jan. 17.—A committee of 15 to draw up a new city charter for the city of Sacramento will be appointed shortly by Mayor M. R. Beard.

He proposes to select men of standing who have studied municipal affairs and municipal government elsewhere.

No attention will be paid to party affiliations, the idea being to provide a commission which will draw up a document which will be the best charter framed by any city in the country.

NEGRO AGAIN SUES THEATER FOR DAMAGES

Refused Admission to Sacramento Playhouse

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
SACRAMENTO, Jan. 17.—With his first suit for damages dismissed because personal service had not been made of the summons, Elises Grant Holland, a negro, has again brought suit for \$5,000 damages against the Pantages theater because he was refused admission to a show.

This last suit makes William W. Ely, local manager of the Pantages, a party defendant to the action. Holland was the host at a theater party when he alleges, he was denied seats in the reserved section after he had paid for them.

DEMONSTRATION TRAIN COLLIDES WITH FREIGHT

Caboose Smashed Into Splinters, but No One Hurt

PRESNO, Jan. 17.—The Southern Pacific demonstration train, which left here this morning, crashed into a freight train near Calwa, smashing the caboose into splinters, while the engine of the demonstration train was slightly damaged. Nobody was hurt nor were the exhibits injured.

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NOTORIOUS THIEF ACCORDED COURTESY

Pickpocket John Wilson Is Released on Nominal Bail Because of Influence

Forfeits Ridiculous Bond in Order to Escape Trial of Clear Case

John Wilson, a notorious pickpocket, failed to appear in Police Judge Shortall's court yesterday morning to answer to a charge of grand larceny. The court declared bail of \$100 forfeited and issued a bench warrant for the defendant's arrest, fixing the bond at \$10,000.

The police are indignant because of the low bail of \$100 on which Wilson was released. Inquiry elicited the fact the bail was fixed by Judge Weller.

Weller said that Attorney John J. Sullivan, contestant for the office of police judge, called upon him Sunday night and told him it was a simple case, as the police had not caught Wilson with "the goods."

Sullivan also agreed to hold himself responsible for Wilson's appearance in court.

Sullivan was not on hand when Wilson's case was called yesterday, but Attorney Taylor informed the court that Sullivan was engaged in another department and wanted a continuance.

"But," said Judge Shortall, "the defendant is not here, and I have no alternative but to declare his bail forfeited and issue a bench warrant for his arrest."

While Julius D. Bartow, lumber dealer, 230 Hugo street, was boarding a car at the ferry shortly before 7 o'clock Sunday evening he felt a man's hand in his hip pocket, where he had his pocketbook containing \$70.

He turned quickly and caught Wilson in the act of withdrawing his hand. The thief was held until Policeman McDonnell appeared and placed him under arrest.

AUTO BILL CONTESTED BY WEALTHY WOMAN

Thought Repair Work Done for Friendship's Sake

Estelle Keightley, who, with her mother, Alecia Keightley, owns valuable grain ranches near Davis, Sacramento county, contested a suit instituted by W. W. Jarrett for \$147 for automobile repairs, and tried before Judge Trout yesterday, stating that she always considered the work was done for friendship's sake.

Miss Keightley owned a Winton K machine and Jarrett replaced worn out tires, acted as chauffeur and performed other services, for which he is suing to be remunerated.

Besides stating that she understood all this was for friendship, Miss Keightley offered the automobile man by giving it as her opinion that the work was that of a carpenter rather than of an automobile expert. The case has been submitted to the judge for decision.

JAILED FOR SIX MONTHS

Herbert Paley, a jewelry peddler, who was extradited from Chicago on a charge of felony embezzlement preferred against him by A. Isaacs, 756 Market street, who accused him of embezzling \$200 worth of jewelry, pleaded guilty to a charge of petty larceny and was sent to the county jail for six months.

WIFE REFUSES TO BECOME JEALOUS

Affinity Rumor Originated by Yearning Husband Is Ignored

Pain Incidental to Unrequited Love Is Allayed by a Divorce

Because of a desire to persuade his wife to follow him from New York and make her home here, Abraham Wendell, a tailor, made false accusations against himself, he testified in Judge Van Nostrand's court yesterday during the trial of his suit for divorce from Mille Wendell. He had a friend write to Mrs. Wendell that her husband had an affinity in San Francisco, of whom he was very fond. This, however, did not kindle the hoped for spark of jealousy, and Wendell concluded to get a divorce. Judge Van Nostrand granted him a decree on the ground of desertion.

Edward Lyons, a railway clerk, suggested to his wife, she alleges, that he should go to El Paso and live there with a woman possessing \$30,000. She refused to give her consent and yesterday a divorce was granted Mrs. Lyons on the ground of cruelty.

The case of Rose Block against Sol Block for divorce was submitted to Judge Mogan yesterday.

The divorce granted some weeks ago by Judge Graham to R. Anita Coover from David R. Coover on the ground of willful neglect was vacated by the same judge yesterday. Coover stated that he loves his wife and desires an opportunity to contest the suit.

William J. Stark, a saloon keeper, who had been in the employ of Judge Trout to pay his divorced wife Annie \$25 a month for the support of their daughter Marie, was adjudged guilty of contempt yesterday. If he does not pay up by Wednesday Judge Trout will sign a commitment to the county jail.

"If I am going to pay for my child's support I want to have her with me," said Stark doggedly.

Divorces were granted yesterday as follows: By Judge Mogan—Elizabeth Ann Berry from John Joseph Berry, desertion. By Judge Van Nostrand—Mary A. McAfee from George McAfee, desertion.

Suits for divorce were filed yesterday by Minnie D. Spiller against Bela R. Spiller, cruelty; Maude R. Frank against John B. Frank, cruelty; Pauline Tennebaum against Charles Tennebaum, willful neglect; Jennie Dickson against Alfred Dickson, willful neglect; Isabelle E. Wiese against John Wiese Jr., cruelty; Friederike Igel against Rudolf Igel, willful neglect, and C. M. Wilson against D. L. Wilson, cruelty.

WOMAN BADLY HURT WHILE LEADING HORSE

Shoulder Dislocated by Sudden Jerk on Halter Rope

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
PETALUMA, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Edna Williams met with a peculiar and serious accident at Bloomfield. She was leading a horse while riding in a buggy. The horse made a sudden stop, drawing the halter rope through Mrs. Williams' hand with such force as to tear the flesh and dislocate her shoulder.



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