

A DECREE ON MUSIC

POPE PIUS X. ADVOCATES MUCH NEEDED REFORM IN MUSIC OF CHURCH.

What His Holiness Recommends and What He Forbids in Ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church—Says Music Should be of Highest Quality.

Pope Pius X. has recently prepared a decree advocating much needed reforms in the music in general use in the church which has appeared in all the official Catholic papers of the United States and of the world.

The pope's decree is quite a lengthy one and deals with every particular of this department of the service. His Holiness advocates that the music should possess in the highest degree, the qualities proper to the occasion. The communication contains what Pope Pius X. recommends and what he forbids in ceremonies of the church. The communication which consists of twenty-five separate paragraphs is in full as follows:

The Communication. "1. Sacred music, being a complementary part of the solemn liturgy, participates in the general scope of the liturgy, which is the Glory of God and the sanctification and edification of the faithful. It contributes to the decorum and the splendor of the ecclesiastical ceremonies, and since its principal office is to clothe with suitable melody the liturgical text proposed for the understanding of the faithful, its proper aim is to add greater efficacy to the text in order that through it the faithful may be more easily moved to devotion and better disposed for the reception of the fruits of grace belonging to the celebration of the most holy mysteries.

"2. The sacred music should consequently possess, in the highest degree the qualities proper to the liturgy, and precisely sanctity and goodness of form, from which its other character of universality spontaneously springs. "It must be holy and must therefore exclude all profanity not only in itself, but in the manner in which it is presented by those who execute it. "It must be true art, for otherwise it will be impossible for it to exercise on the minds of those who listen to it that efficacy which the church aims at obtaining in admitting into her liturgy the art of musical sounds.

"But it must, at the same time be universal in the sense that while every nation is permitted to admit into its ecclesiastical compositions those special forms which may be said to constitute its native music, still these forms must be subordinated in such a manner to the general characteristics of sacred music that nobody of any nation may receive an impression other than good on hearing them.

"3. These qualities are to be found, in the highest degree, in the Gregorian Chant, which is consequently, the only chant which has inherited from the ancient fathers, which has been jealously guarded for centuries in her liturgical codices, which she directly proposes to the faithful as her own, which she prescribes exclusively for some parts of the liturgy, and which the most recent studies have so happily restored to their integrity and purity.

"On these grounds the Gregorian Chant has always been regarded as the supreme model for sacred music, so that it is fully legitimate to lay down the following rule: The more closely a composition for church approaches its movement, inspiration and savor the Gregorian Chant, the more sacred and liturgical it becomes; and the more out of harmony it is with that supreme model, the less worthy is it of the temple.

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not fashioned even in their external forms after the manner of profane pieces. "Among the different kinds of modern music, that which appears less suitable for accompanying the functions of public worship is the theatrical style which was in the greatest vogue, especially in Italy, during the last century. This in its very nature is diametrically opposed to the Gregorian Chant and the classic polyphony, which therefore, at the most important law of all good music. Besides the intrinsic structure, the rhythm and what is known as the conventionalism of this style adapt themselves but badly to the requirements of true liturgical music.

The Latin Language. "7. The language proper to the Roman church is Latin. Hence it is forbidden to sing anything whatever in the vernacular in solemn liturgical functions, except in the more important parts of the mass and office. "8. As the texts that may be rendered in music, and the order in which they are to be rendered, are determined for every liturgical function, it is not lawful to confuse this order or to change the prescribed texts for others selected at will, or to omit them either entirely or even in part, unless when the rubrics allow that some verses of the text be supplied with the organ, while these verses are simply recited in choir.

"9. The liturgical text must be sung as it is in the books, without alteration or inversion of the words, without undue repetition, without breaking syllables, and always in a manner intelligible to the faithful who listen. "10. The different parts of the Mass and the office must retain, even musically, that particular concept and form which ecclesiastical tradition has assigned to them, and which is admirably expressed in the Gregorian Chant. Different, therefore, must be the method of composing an introit, a gradual, an antiphon, a psalm, a hymn, a gloria in excelsis.

"12. With the exception of the melodies proper to the celebrant at the altar, and to the ministers, which must be always sung only in the Gregorian Chant, and without the accompaniment of the organ, all the rest of the liturgical chant belongs to the choir of le-vites, and therefore singers in church, even when they are laymen, are really taking the place of the ecclesiastical choir. Hence the music rendered by them must, at least in the greater part, retain the character of choral music. "By this it is not understood that solos are entirely excluded. But solo singing should never predominate in such a way as to have the greater part of the liturgical chant executed in that manner; rather should it give the character of hint or a melodic projection (spunto), and be strictly bound up with the rest of the choral composition. "14. On the same principle it follows that singers in church have a real liturgical office, and that therefore women, as being incapable of exercising

such office, cannot be admitted to form part of the choir of the musical chapel. Whenever, then, it is desired to employ the acute voices of sopranos and contraltos, these parts must be taken by boys, according to the most ancient usage of the church.

Organ Accompaniment. "15. Although the music proper to the church is purely vocal music, music with the accompaniment of the organ is also permitted. In some special cases, within due limits and within the proper regards, other instruments may be allowed, but never without the special license of the ordinary, according to prescriptions of the Caerimoniale piscoporum.

"19. The employment of the piano is forbidden in church, as is also that of noisy or frivolous instruments, such as drums, cymbals, bells and the like. "20. It is strictly forbidden to have bands play in church, and only in a special case and with the consent of the ordinary will it be permissible to admit a number of wind instruments, limited, judicious and proportioned to the size of the place, provided the composition and accompaniment to be executed be written in a grave and suitable style and similar in all respects to that proper to the organ.

"24. For the exact execution of what has herein been laid down, the bishops, if they have not already done so, are to institute in their diocese, a special commission composed of persons really competent in sacred music, and to this commission let them in trust in the manner they find most suitable the task of watching over the music executed in their churches. Nor are they to see merely that the music is good in itself, but also that it is adapted to the powers of the singers and be always well executed.

Cultivate Gregorian Chant. "In the seminaries of clerics and in ecclesiastical institutions let the above mentioned traditional Gregorian chant be cultivated by all with diligence and love, according to the Tridentine prescriptions and let the superiors be liberal of encouragement and praise toward their young subjects. He who cannot let a schola cantorum be established, whenever possible, among the clerics for the execution of sacred polyphony and of good liturgical music.

"26. Finally, it is recommended to choir masters, singers, members of the clergy, superiors of seminaries, ecclesiastical institutions and religious communities, parish priests and rectors of churches, canons of collegiate churches and cathedrals, and above all, to the diocesan ordinaries to favor with all zeal these prudent reforms, long desired and demanded with united voice by all; so that the authority of the church, which herself has repeatedly proposed them and now inculcates them, may not fall into contempt.

"Given from our Apostolic palace at the Vatican, on the day of the virgin and martyr, St. Cecilia, November 22, 1903 in the first year of our pontificate. Pius X. pope."

Real Estate Transfers. Real estate transfers furnished by Lowenberg & Co., real estate agents, 107 South Court street.

United States to William Bryant—Northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 24-71-15. Darner, F. W. referee, to Austin J. Morris—Part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 5-72-15; also part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 32-73-15, all in Twp. 15 N., R. 23 E., S. 15. Shadford, O. L. (trustee), to John McCabe—Part of lot 37 and part of lot 38, Kellogg & Wendell's subdivision, Ottumwa, \$500.

Dana, R. P. to Ruth E. Thayer—Lot 6, block 5, Fairview addition to Ottumwa (tax deed). Lewis, W. A., et al. to C. E. Norton—Lot 2, Brown addition, Ottumwa, \$1,250. Norton, C. E. to Mary E. Harper—Same as above, \$950.

Harrison, F. M. and wife, to W. W. DeLong—Block 57, Ottumwa, \$150. Hall, J. F. and wife, to Mary E. Harper—Lot 10, Conant & Chambers' addition, Ottumwa, \$1,410. Johnson, Gus E. and wife, to Mary E. Harper—Lot 6, Brown addition, Ottumwa, \$1,600.

Burnsted, Charles, to John A. Gustafson—Northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 16-72-15, and part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 15-72-15, \$1,150. Kindel, Thos. and wife, to E. S. Berry—Part of the south half of the southwest quarter of section 25-71-14, \$300. Gilmer, Alex. and wife, to Charles Sandus—Southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 29-72-12, \$2,200.

McGowan, Mary E. to Della Thorne—Lot 7, block 1, Manning's second addition to Ottumwa, \$1,100 and other consideration. Haslach, Josephine, to Caroline Theresa Haslach—Part of lot 154 and part of lot 151, block 12, Ottumwa, \$1,000 and other consideration. Coffman, Roe and wife, to Laura Strader—Part of lot 1, block 1, Smith's addition, Ottumwa, \$1,500.

Cole, H. P. and wife, to Belle Hodgson—Lot 1, block 15, Smith's addition, Ottumwa, \$2,000. Bonifield, W. B., (trustee), to H. P. Cole, Q. C. D.—Same as above, \$1,00.

LODGE MAN DEAD. Max Newman, Past Grand Master of I. O. F., Dies in Des Moines. Max Newman, past grand master of the Iowa grand lodge of I. O. F., passed away yesterday morning at the Mercy hospital in Des Moines. Death came quickly and unexpectedly and was a great surprise to the hundreds of business and lodge friends of Mr. Newman. Mr. Newman was grand master of the Iowa grand lodge at the time that the sovereign grand lodge of the world met in Des Moines in 1901. His position brought him into great prominence throughout the United States and resulted in his appointment to a position on the staff of Grand Sire Cables of the Patriarchs Militant. At the last session of the Iowa grand lodge Mr. Newman was selected as delegate to the sovereign grand lodge meeting in San Francisco to be held next September. Mr. Newman was a single man and conducted an extensive insurance underwriting business. J. B. Johnson, a bridge workman, was killed at Hinsdale, by falling bridge timbers.

CASSINI IS HAPPY

IOWA LEGISLATURE GIVES JOY TO RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR.

LOOKS FOR REACTION OF FEELING

Thinks That Pro-Japanese Sympathy in United States May Change—Pleased With Introduction of Russian Resolution in Iowa House.

(BY H. J. MAHIN.)

Washington Bureau of the Courier. Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.

"Tell the people of Iowa they have made me very happy. I shall never forget their kind words expressed at such an opportune time." When Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador at Washington, made this statement his face was beaming with pleasure and he was so animated and seemed less careworn than he was at any time since the Russo-Japanese war began. He held firmly grasped in his right hand a copy of the Iowa House of Representatives' resolution of friendship and sympathy for Russia being introduced in the Iowa legislature and after he had expressed his pleasure, he darted back into the private offices of the embassy to show the news to the countess, his adopted daughter, his secretaries and to any one else that happened to be around.

Count Cassini has been quite surprised and hurt at the wave of sympathy for Japan that has been going over this country and the action of the Iowa legislature was the first rift of sunshine he has had for many a day. He thoroughly appreciated it and talked it to his visitors during the week. He wanted to know all about Iowa and about its people. He has never been west and does not know much about the state but exercised the liveliest interest in "any little detail that was given him. There is no doubt that the emperor of Russia and his councilors in their capital, St. Petersburg, Count Cassini received that day all accounts of the doings of the Iowa legislature.

Count Cassini, who is the dean of the diplomatic corps in Washington and one of the ablest diplomats at the capital, has regarded the pro-Japan sentiment in America quite sensibly though he felt very badly about it. He has at various times asserted that he felt that the sympathy was a rather hysterical sentiment which would probably have a reaction. In fact after he had read of the Iowa resolution he consented for the first time to be interviewed by an Associated Press correspondent on the question at which time he spoke in part as follows: "It is fortunate that whatever may be the feeling here and there in the United States of sympathy for Japan, the traditional, and so far as Russia is concerned, the highly prized friendly relations between the Washington and St. Petersburg governments in no way have been interfered with. Every mail brings to the embassy from fifty to one hundred contradictions in the form of offers of assistance, medical and military, of the statement that Russia is without friends in this country. "It is so in this country as in every other that the analogy of Washington and St. Petersburg can count on a certain amount of sympathy arising solely from the fact of its minority, but it is a tribute to the fairness of your government that the official conduct of your government certainly has been all that either belligerent could be expected in the preservation of the strict neutrality that the President has directed shall be observed by his people.

"So numerous have been offers of medical and other aid," concluded the ambassador, "that I have felt it my duty to bring them to the attention of my government. It is possible that in recognition of the kindly spirit of humanity and friendliness which is evinced by the American physicians offering their assistance my government may find a way to accept some of them and that American physicians and nurses may aid us in caring for the wounded in the far east. I am daily expecting an answer from St. Petersburg on this point."

Fear that Minister Conger, the Iowa man representing the United States at Pekin, may ere long be again in the midst of an uprising of the bloodthirsty Boxers of China, seems to be gathering strength each day. The latest news from Minister Conger was that he had made an official request of the Japanese minister at Pekin that he cease to make public dispatches telling of Japanese successes because of the trouble such news is causing in the Chinese provinces. It is declared that this news seems to inflame the Chinese with a desire to get into the fight themselves and it has aroused more talk of the dangers of the "Yellow Peril."

Uneasiness in the provinces comes on the heels of the order from the Chinese court that all provincial governors are to remain neutral and shows that condition exist similar to those that preceded the Boxer troubles. United States Minister Conger has been exerting every possible effort to prevent the Chinese court from showing the flag at the situation by leaving Pekin. Under instructions from the state department as announced some time ago, he has continually advised against such action, which would not only encourage the element against China which resents the invasion of foreigners. It is said that such hostile movement if it did take place would be directed especially against the United States attitude about the neutrality of China in the present war has been greatly exaggerated and misinterpreted among the hordes of ignorant yellow men.

The Chinese minister in Washington tells the state department that he does not think the Chinese government will leave Pekin or that there

will be any trouble but Mr. Conger's request of the Japanese minister shows that there is good ground for the fears that the United States may entertain.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Chariton, Feb. 25.—Mrs. J.H. Nicholson of Laocsa came down yesterday for a few days' visit with relatives. Mrs. Ella Hawkins (Russell) was in the city yesterday for a visit with her sister, Miss Minnie Mary. Elmer Layton and family are moving this week into the Edwards property on Woodland avenue. Philip Cumpston returned the first of the week from an extended visit with relatives in Newton, Missouri. A small blaze was discovered yesterday morning on the roof of the Woods barber shop on the east side. An alarm was turned in but the fire was soon extinguished without the aid of the fire department. Mrs. M. M. Perry is seriously ill at her home on Grand street. Miss Myrtle Ballue went to Laocsa yesterday for a few days' visit. Charles Werts of Russell was in the city yesterday on business. Charles Miller left this morning for Boulder, Colorado, where he will reside in the future. The friends of H. G. Curtis will be sorry to hear of his continued illness.

Amador, Feb. 25.—Ira Hanning closed a term of school at Wellman Friday. Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Wellman and daughter spent Sunday with Mrs. R. W. Wellman. Mr. and Mrs. Newt Spenser visited near Blakesburg Sunday. Mrs. J. W. Wellman is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Al. Given.

Mrs. Ella Williams was a guest of Mrs. Roll Gosney Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Wellman and daughter, Maude were in Ottumwa recently. T. D. Williams has been slightly ill the past week. Mrs. John Schwartz is suffering from a very sore thumb. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cloyd visited with the family of W. S. Wellman on Sunday. A number of business men were in Amador Saturday. Mr. C. Lovelace and his step-daughter, Miss Lillian Schwartz, have returned home, after a visit with the former's parents. Lee Wilkinson is on the sick list. Messrs. E. Day, Fannie Hanning and Ella Williams and Marie McFarland and Misses Laura, Mary and Rosa Schwartz visited the Wellman school Friday.

Maple Grove, Feb. 25.—Rev. Smith filled his regular appointment at Miller Sunday morning. Miss Lottie Hicks entertained friends at her home recently. N. H. Coe and family will move in the near future to a farm near Hlattsville. Mr. and Mrs. Charles McFarridge of Moravia spent Sunday at this place. The social given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Woodruff Saturday night was attended by about fourteen young people and all report a pleasant time. Frank Shillie and Edward Derat delivered corn in Moravia Wednesday. Mrs. C. M. DuVal is seriously ill. Several friends attended the funeral of Mrs. Callen Wednesday at the Mt. Zion church.

Warren DuVal was a caller at this place Sunday evening. Mrs. F. M. Dodd is on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Coulson and daughters spent Tuesday with Mrs. Coulson's parents at this place.

Bloomfield. Bloomfield, Feb. 25.—Joseph Rouch has begun suit in the district court against J. H. Hining to recover the sum of \$83.20 together with an attorney's fee of \$48.70, which he alleges to be due on a promissory note. Mrs. Minnie King of Des Moines is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff, and other relatives in this city. A marriage license has been issued by the clerk of the district court to J. C. Walter and Ora E. Bain. Orlando Ogden of Moulton transacted business in this city Tuesday.

Foster. Foster, Feb. 24.—Miss Annie Peterson went to Ottumwa Saturday evening to visit her parents for a few days. Mrs. Hoody of Mystic was visiting his brother, Theron Hoody here last week. Mrs. Ivor T. Williams is still confined to her bed with sickness. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Burden died February 23 and was buried in the Selection cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. John Terry have both been confined to the house for the past six weeks with a severe attack of grip. Mrs. Terry is very sick at this time. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Decker were over Sunday visitors with relatives in Ottumwa.

Martinsburg. Martinsburg, Feb. 25.—Miss Myrtle Hutton of Oskaloosa, has been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hutton, returning home Saturday. Born, February 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wagon, a son; also on February 20, to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Teeter, a son. Mrs. Jas. McCuen is visiting friends in Centerville. Miss Gladys Watton is attending school at Burlington. Mrs. Louise Updegraph, who has been visiting relatives in Sigourney, returned home Saturday. Mrs. F. Sanchez and Mrs. T. J. Smith were in Ottumwa Saturday. Mrs. Leroy Glass and son, Max, visited at the home of O. W. Glass Sunday.

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Frightful Headaches Cured.

One of My Many Experiences with Such a Distressing Malady.



Too many disregard a headache. I find that many of my patients who suffer continually from such pains seem to think that it is nothing very serious. Such is not the case. I have found in my practice that headache is a symptom of something really dangerous. It shows a complete case of demoralization of the entire body. Where chronic and severe headaches exist you will find that the stomach is deranged, the bowels do not act properly, the blood is impure, and the nerves are fast becoming complete wrecks. All such troubles are serious, if neglected, dangerous, and I am sorry to say too frequently fatal. I have seen many unfortunates in my time, who have had plenty of warning, but having disregarded same, and refused to take advice of medical men, are today either in their graves, or absolute physical or nervous wrecks. Our insane asylums all over the world are filled with patients who have had plenty of warning of what was coming to them from headaches. I can cure headaches, no matter the cause, for it is what causes the headache that I get right after and endeavor to make a permanent cure. I know of nothing better than my valuable prescription, Dr. Kay's Renovator, for the cure of this very painful malady, and the demeritments of which it is the symptom. My Dr. Kay's Renovator is, as is now well known, a prescription that I perfected after much study and many years of experiment. The following is one instance showing where my Renovator accomplished great good. It is from Mr. Frank Cozzens, residing at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and reads as follows: "For many years my wife was troubled with an almost constant headache. Many physicians have treated her, and I have paid out large sums of money to relieve her headache. She began taking Dr. Kay's Renovator and after taking several boxes of the tablets, she is now able to eat anything that she desires without any inconvenience. She has not seen a physician in a year." "What I have done in hundreds of cases, I know and expect to do in thousands more. My advice to anyone suffering from Headaches, Backaches, Derangements of the Stomach, Kidney, Liver, Impurities of the Blood, Broken Down Nerves, is to try my Dr. Kay's Renovator. It will cure you surely unless your case is extremely exaggerated and has been long neglected. You will find it a most excellent tonic and rebuild it. If your case is an obstinate one I would advise you to write to me, and I will give you the benefit of my experience and advice, and I will also prescribe for you absolutely free. In the meantime you will be on the safe side by going to the nearest druggist and buying a box of my Dr. Kay's Renovator. It comes in 15 ct., 50 ct. and \$1.00 packages. If you cannot procure it I will send it by mail on receipt of price." "I have addressed to Dr. B. J. Kay, C. O. The Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., 24 Clinton St., Saratoga Springs, N. Y., will have prompt attention, and be considered in every way confidential. When you write me, I would recommend that you fully describe your symptoms and troubles. It will help me in diagnosing your case and enable me in bringing quick relief to you."

Galpin last week, the primary teacher, Miss Lou Truitt, had charge of his school, while the primary pupils were looked after by Miss Grace McCormick. Donald and Bonnie Sayles of Eldon spent Sunday here with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sayles. Miss Sadie Dodge of Bloomfield is visiting here at the home of her sister, Mrs. Harry Truitt, and her brother, Bert Dodge. Mr. Shaw and family are spending a few days visiting their many friends here before going to Oregon, where they will make a future home. Iden McDanie of St. Joe, Mo., visited last Friday at the home of C. R. Wilson. Misses Hattie and Gertie Sayles were in Bloomfield last Thursday.

Norwood. Norwood, Feb. 24.—M. Zike and S. Baker drove to Woodburn one day last week. Dollie Smith went to Indianola Saturday to visit her parents. She was accompanied by Dollie Smiggs. Ed Edwards will work for L. L. Harve this summer. E. A. Young of Bonton is the guest at the Shelton home. Stephen Arnold returned to his home in Ord, Neb., Wednesday last week, after a few weeks' visit here. Mrs. W. W. Clore is reported on the sick list. Lew Wallace and Dora Clore were county visitors last Saturday. S. S. Baxter is putting a new phone in his house. Effie Arnold closed her winter term of school at the Shelton school house last Saturday. James and Hazel Shelton gave one of their enjoyable parties at their hospitable home for the pleasure of about sixty of their young friends last Friday evening. It goes without saying that everyone had a good time. Mrs. George Triggs of Ayrshire received the sad intelligence of the death of her father, and she and her husband arrived here Tuesday last week.

The marriage of Harlus Enbank and Clara Crooks took place in Chariton Feb. 17. They left for their home in Ohio last Sunday evening. Martinsburg. Martinsburg, Feb. 25.—Miss Myrtle Hutton of Oskaloosa, has been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hutton, returning home Saturday. Born, February 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wagon, a son; also on February 20, to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Teeter, a son. Mrs. Jas. McCuen is visiting friends in Centerville. Miss Gladys Watton is attending school at Burlington. Mrs. Louise Updegraph, who has been visiting relatives in Sigourney, returned home Saturday. Mrs. F. Sanchez and Mrs. T. J. Smith were in Ottumwa Saturday. Mrs. Leroy Glass and son, Max, visited at the home of O. W. Glass Sunday.

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Burlington Route HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSIONS March 1 and 15, and April 5 and 19. On these dates the Burlington will sell first-class round-trip tickets from Ottumwa to many points in Nebraska, Kansas, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Missouri, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, Texas, Iowa, Wisconsin and Northern Michigan at the very low rate of one fare, plus \$2.00. On the same dates second-class one-way tickets will be on sale from Ottumwa to many points in Colorado, South Dakota, Kansas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, and New Mexico at half fare plus \$2.00. There is only one thing to do if you are looking for a new location — go and see for yourself. Ask the agent for full particulars about these rates and for free copies of our publications about Nebraska, the North Platte Valley and the Big Horn Basin. Do it today — now. W. S. PARKER, Union Depot OTTUMWA, IOWA.