

**AUDIENCE MYSTIFIED
BY MISS SHEPHERD**

Miraculous Performance of the Edison Demonstrated at the Cresco Opera House.

Probably a number of people who attended the recital given Wednesday night by Miss Betsy Lane Shepherd and Miss Powell at the Cresco opera house were at first puzzled and disappointed when they discovered a phonograph cabinet occupying the center of the stage. They felt that they had been beguiled into going to hear a charming singer and a clever violinist and naturally they thought that they had been imposed upon.

They hardly were reassured when the conductor appeared on the stage and commenced to talk about "reproduction" "Re-Creation" and other like matter. It finally became apparent the phonograph was at least to receive assistance from the singer but even then the mental outlook was not exactly bright.

The purpose of the recital was to illustrate that Thomas A. Edison, after years of work had achieved his ideal to perfect a musical instrument which would actually Re-Creation music so perfectly that the Re-Creation would be indistinguishable from the original.

This was a broad claim but it was established before the evening was over, for Miss Shepherd actually stood beside the New Edison Phonograph and sang in unison with Mr. Edison's Re-Creation—so called—of her own voice. This would have proved little as her voice might easily have overbalanced the tone of the instrument—swallowed it up—so to speak: but Miss Shepherd did more—or, to be accurate, less. She paused from time to time apparently at random and permitted her Re-Created voice to be heard alone. This gave an opportunity to compare one with the other and it is no more than just to state that there was no discernible difference in tone quality.

There must have been a slight difference in volume when Miss Shepherd stopped singing but it was not noticeable for the voice which came from the cabinet was round and luscious with all of the vibrant, pulsating quality of that which came directly from Miss Shepherd's throat. It was only by watching the singer's lips that one could be sure when she sang and when she did not.

Miss Powell offered similar comparisons with her instrument playing in direct comparison with the Re-Creation of her own performance. This proof was very convincing. If it were not another proof was offered. After Miss Shepherd had commenced to sing one number the lights were turned out—ostensibly so that the audience could not watch the singer's lips.

It did not seem difficult to determine in the dark when the singer sang and when she did not. The writer pretty sure about it himself until the lights were turned on again and it was discovered that Miss Shepherd was not on the stage at all and that the New Edison alone had been heard.

The program also included Re-Creations of a piano solo, a delightful number by a concert orchestra and a very charming rendition of Aloha Oe by Miss Frieda Hempel. Thus all types of musical sound were heard.

Music such as Mr. Edison has given to the world is especially gratifying and inspiring in these war times and it is interesting to know that several thousand new Edisons, especially encased in durable field cabinets have been furnished to the boys in camp and "over there" without profit to Mr. Edison.

The recital was arranged by Mr. R. J. Baldwin of the Cresco Music Shop.

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COUNTY NEWS.

RIDGEWAY.

Mrs. Clarence Leikvold of Waterville is now here visiting her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Jordahl.

Mrs. Arthur Griffith arrived here Thursday night from Grantsburg, Wis for a two weeks stay with relatives. A baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Greenblade Sunday, Sept. 28th.

Last Thursday at Decorah Miss Laura Kuntz and Verner Gustofson were united in marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Gustofson left on the noon train for a short honeymoon trip to Washington, after which they will make their home in Mitchell, S. D. The many friends join in wishing them everything good in life.

Cards have been received from Hope, N. D., announcing the birth of a little son to Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Ernest Sept. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reinhardt of Alta Vista came Sunday for a few days' visit among relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Freuchte of Lanesboro, were visitors in town the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Daniels were called to Ossian Thursday by an accident which their son Charley had when he had two fingers taken off in a corn binder. We hope Mr. Daniels will have a speedy recovery.

Leonard Rome of Hesper was an over Sunday guest of Miss Milly Orum. Oswald Orum returned the first of the week from Ferguson where he had been visiting his brother Paul.

There will be preaching services next Sunday evening at the M. E. church.

Mrs. Sam Ducken and son Martin of Dell Rapids came Wednesday for a visit at the Jake Jacobson home.

Alvin Fosse of La Porte City spent from Saturday to Monday with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Gordanier returned last week from Postville where they had been visiting relatives. Martin Ducken, Esther and Lillian Jacobson and Adela Fosse were Cresco visitors Monday afternoon.

Ed Ellingson and family visited with relatives at Calmar Sunday.

Mrs. Hathaway and Mrs. Daniels were at Cresco Saturday.

ALBION.

J. W. Wells and family spent Sunday at the homes of Mrs. Wells' brothers near Harmony.

Mrs. Ralph Peckham and little daughter of Cresco visited one day last week at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. R. Ashley.

Ed and Phil DeGraves and families spent Sunday at the Fred DeGraves home.

J. J. Johnson is building a chicken house on his farm near Granger where he will move in the spring.

Our community was shocked at the sad news of the sudden death of Mrs. John Michel of Cresco which occurred Wednesday at her home while operating the electric washer. Mrs. Michel will be remembered as Miss Carrie Bronner, whose girlhood days were spent in North Albion. The bereaved family have the sincere sympathy of the entire community.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ashley spent Sunday with Cresco relatives.

The J. W. Wells family was happily surprised Saturday by the arrival of relatives by auto from Indianapolis, Ind. The party consisted of Sam Pfendler, wife and daughter Anna and Mrs. Addie Ruschhaupt. Mrs. Pfendler and Ruschhaupt are sisters of Mrs. Wells.

Mrs. Mattie Holcomb is visiting relatives and friends of Arlington and Oelwein this week.

Peter Matthews has purchased a new Ford car.

Mrs. Will Reuter spent Saturday at the home of her mother, Mrs. Martin Volkman.

ELMA.

Evelyn Tierney left for New York city Saturday night where she will teach the coming year.

Mrs. Madames Rubley and Murray were hostesses Saturday so several ladies at the Murray home. The afternoon was spent in playing 500 and at the close a buffet luncheon was served. Everyone present spent a most enjoyable afternoon.

Lylah Tidgwell and Myrtle Diestler went to Fayette Friday afternoon.

Burton Casey returned home from service in the navy last Sunday. His many friends and relatives were glad to welcome him home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Weaklen of New Hampton were up Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mc Carville and family of Lourdes spent Sunday at the Jerry Conway home.

Mrs. Frank Regan of Chicago came Monday for a visit with relatives.

Burton Casey took a car load of chickens to New York city for John Whelan Tuesday.

Mrs. Nora Sisco and daughter Leona of Kintyre, N. D., are visiting Mrs. Charles Brandmill and family.

The public school was closed Thursday and Friday so the teachers could attend institute at Cresco.

Mrs. Irving Depres entertained the Lace club Wednesday afternoon.

LIME SPRINGS.

Mrs. Owen Owens came down from Minneapolis Wednesday for a visit with her aunt, Mrs. Evan Morris, and other friends.

Mrs. E. E. Obriham went to Decorah Thursday morning to attend the funeral of Mr. Obriham's niece's baby.

Mrs. Crogan, of Minneapolis, visited her uncles, L. E. and W. A. Sanborn Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cray and Jane were Chester visitors Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Bowers, of Volga City, were guests of V. S. Bowers and family Thursday.

D. J. Nagle has purchased the H. D. Haven property now occupied by W. R. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Truman autoed to Riceville Thursday and spent the day with friends.

Halver Dahly has purchased the Tom Richards property now occupied by Fred Elwood.

W. R. Jones returned home after spending the summer on his farm in Minnesota.

Louis Elwood left Monday for Madison, Wis., where she will attend the university.

Mrs. Henry Whitford came Monday from Volga, Iowa, for a visit with the Humphrey, Sanborn and Whitford families.

Viola Evans is home from Des Moines for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Byers and baby autoed to Chicago last week for a visit with Mrs. Byers parents.

Mr. Rink, of Austin, was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Floyd Stockdale loaded his car and shipped out for North Dakota, where they will make their future home. Mrs. Stockdale and the children left Wednesday morning.

Floyd Dunlap came home from Algona Saturday for a few days visit with home folks.

Born, Tuesday, Sept. 23rd, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Molsberry, at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gue.

Mrs. James Krall and two children, of Calmar, are spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Munkel, and children.

Rev. Shoemaker and wife and H. P. Anderson returned last Monday from Charles City, where they attended conference.

Pem Barnhart returned home after a few days visit with his parents at Monona.

Mrs. Glazier and son Raymond have gone to Cresco where they will make their future home.

Mrs. W. P. Reynolds returned from Wisconsin and will visit her sister, Mrs. A. Wells.

Mrs. E. A. Whitmarsh has been enjoying a visit from her sisters, Mrs. Barnes, of Chicago, and Mrs. Wm. Bauder, of Montgomery, Ill.

Last Tuesday at noon at the home of the bride, Elias Owen and Elizabeth Jones, both of Bristol Grove, were united in marriage by Rev. David Edwards in the presence of the immediate relatives. After the ceremony a wedding dinner was served and a pleasant time spent. They received a large number of valuable presents. Elias Owen is the son of Mrs. Edward Owen of this city and Elizabeth Jones is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jones, of Tyn Liwyn, Bristol Grove. They will make their future home at St. Paul. Both are well known in this community, and have the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

KENDALLVILLE.

Gale Warburton, wife and daughter Ethel, who have been visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity, returned to their home at Millford the first of the week.

C. Foley and wife are entertaining a sister from Montana.

The Alson Daskam and C. C. Brown families spent Sunday at Hawkeye.

There will be a social at the Dave Esaler home next Tuesday evening proceeds for the church.

Phil Todd from Sioux Falls, S. D., is spending a few days with his brother Steve and family.

Sam Pfendler, wife and daughter and sister-in-law came Saturday by auto from Indianapolis for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Roy Goldsworthy near Canton entertained the Kendallville L. S. S. last week Wednesday.

Mrs. Larson, from Mabel and a sister-in-law from Montana were guests at the A. E. Barnes home last week.

Olive Ellingson is spending a few days with home folks.

Mrs. Chas. Smith took her little son to Rochester for medical treatment. Her father, Wm. Reuter, accompanied her.

Joe Eddy has been on the sick list the past week.

Henry Barnes is painting and varnishing the inside of the church this week.

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**THE A B C OF THE
LEAGUE OF NATIONS**

By DR. FRANK CRANE.

1. What is the League of Nations?
A. A union of the strongest civilized nations formed at the conclusion of the great war.
2. What is its object?
A. First, to promote the Peace of the World by agreeing not to resort to war. Second, to deal openly with each other, not by secret treaties. Third, to improve international law. Fourth, to co-operate in all matters of common concern.
3. Does it presume to end war?
A. No more than any government can end crime. It claims to reduce the liability of war.
4. What will be done to any nation that makes war?
A. It will be boycotted and otherwise penalized.
5. How else will the probability of war be lessened?
A. By voluntary, mutual and proportionate disarmament; by exchanging military information, by providing for arbitration, by protecting each nation's territorial integrity and by educating public opinion to see the folly of war.
6. What else does the League propose to do for Mankind?
A. (1) Secure fair treatment for labor,
(2) suppress the White Slave Traffic, the sale of dangerous Drugs, and the traffic in War Munitions,
(3) control and prevent Disease,
(4) promote the work of the Red Cross, and
(5) establish International Bureaus for other Causes that concern the human race.
7. Who are to be Charter Members of the League?
A. The United States of America, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, British Empire, Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, India, China, Cuba, Czecho-Slovakia, Ecuador, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hedjaz, Honduras, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Serbia, Siam, Uruguay and the following states which are invited to accede to the covenant: Argentine Republic, Chili, Colombia, Denmark, Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay, Persia, Salvador, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Venezuela.
8. What other nations may join?
A. Any self-governing State which will agree to the rules of the League, provided the League accepts it.
9. What Agencies will the League have?
A. (1) An Assembly, composed of representatives of all the member Nations,
(2) a Council of Nine,
(3) a Secretary-General,
(4) a Mandatary Commission, to look after colonies, etc.,
(5) a Permanent Commission, for military questions,
(6) various International Bureaus; such as the Postal Union, etc.,
(7) Mandataries.
10. What is a Mandatary?
A. Some one nation designated by the League to attend to the welfare of "backward peoples residing in colonies of the Central Empires, or in territories taken from them." This is to be a "sacred trust," and in selecting a mandatary the wishes of the people of the area in question shall be the principal consideration.
11. Does the League mean a Super-nation?
A. No. It interferes in no way with any Nation's Sovereignty, except to limit its power to attack other nations.
12. Can any Nation withdraw when it wishes?
A. Yes. The League is Advisory and Co-operative, not coercive.
13. Does the League put Peace above Justice and National Honor?
A. No. It puts Reason before Violence.
14. Does not the League take away the Constitutional right of Congress to declare war?
A. No. The League can advise war; Congress alone can Declare war.
15. Does it destroy the Monroe Doctrine?
A. Exactly the contrary. For the first time in history the other nations recognize the Monroe Doctrine; and extend it to all the world.
16. Does it not interfere with Treaty Making Powers of the United States?
A. No. It is a Treaty. We can make any Treaty we please.
17. Would we have had the Great War if we had had this League?
A. No. That War cost the world over 7,000,000 lives and 200,000,000,000 dollars.
18. Of what importance is the League?
A. It is the greatest deed of mankind in the history of the world.
19. Has not anyone a right to object to the League?
A. Yes. This is a free country. Anyone has a right to any opinion he chooses.
20. Why is the League so bitterly opposed by a few?
A. Because, unfortunately, any Treaty or League must be made by the President, and a President is chosen by a political party and many members of the opposite Party think they must decry whatever he does.

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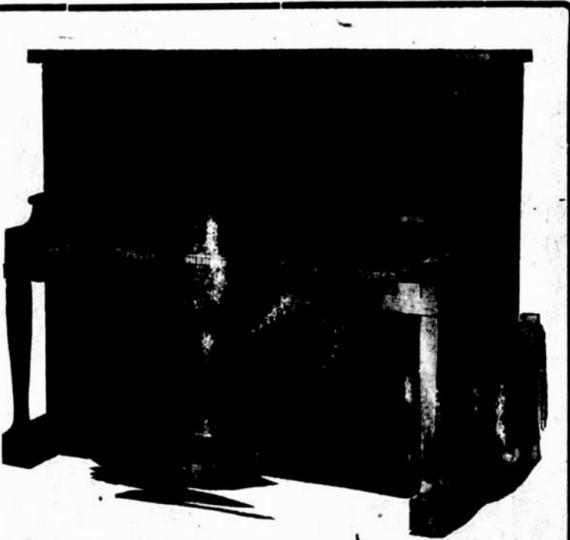
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