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FORMER BUTLER GIRL CAPTURES LONDON

Miss Elizabeth Parkinson Scores Great Success at Convent Garden Opera.

Melba Intensely Interested in the Young Singer, and Says She Expects "Parkina" to Succeed Her.

New York, May 15.—Dispatches from London to-day told of the success achieved by a young American girl, Miss Elizabeth Parkina, at her debut in the Royal Opera, Convent Garden, but not many persons on this side of the water know what a personal triumph it was for a young artist.

Miss Parkina's success was not a sudden or chance thing, but the outcome of five or six years of the hardest kind of effort, in which she might have lost heart, had it not been for the constant patience and encouragement of an elder sister, who unselfishly sacrificed several years of her life that the younger might have a chance of becoming a great singer.

"Parkina" is only a stage name, for the young singer in private life is Miss Elizabeth Parkinson. She is the daughter of Judge Parkinson, who is well known and greatly respected as a lawyer and jurist in Missouri.

Several years ago a great opera star, who was in Kansas City heard the young girl sing and said that her voice had great possibilities. Miss Mary Parkinson, the elder sister, though still in her teens, was teaching in one of the public schools of Kansas City, and she resolved that her sister should have the opportunity to study abroad. So, saving of her salary what she could, she obtained some assistance from a relative and took the young girl to Paris.

There Miss Parkinson began to study under Mme. Marchesi, who, during the more than eighty years of her life, has trained scores of operatic stars. Sessions were expensive, and for ten years or more their slender resources were severely taxed. Finally Miss Parkinson got an engagement to sing at an "afternoon" at the residence of a prominent member of the American colony, and then Ambassador Porter, Consul Gowdy and some of the other Americans in Paris began to take an interest in the young girl.

Miss Parkinson thereafter sang frequently at such entertainments, and by the most careful husbanding of their resources the sisters were enabled to keep on until an engagement was finally obtained at the Opera Comique.

There Miss Parkinson made her debut in the title role of "Lakme" in the autumn of 1902. Nearly everybody prominent in the American colony was in the audience, and there was tremendous enthusiasm. The critics praised her warmly. Shortly after Miss Parkinson went to London Mme Melba became interested in her, and devoted much of her time to coaching the young girl in various roles.

"I expect Elizabeth Parkinson to succeed me when I shall sing no more," the great artist told several friends. It was through Mme. Melba that an engagement was obtained at Convent Garden. Miss Parkinson, as the dispatches say, made her debut there as Siebel in "Faust." Mme. Melba was an interested auditor. It was at Mme. Melba's suggestion that Miss Parkinson adopted the name of Parkina.

Miss Parkinson is rather petite and is considered quite pretty. She is about 33 years old. Her voice is a very high soprano.

Made Young Again.

"One of Dr. King's New Life Pills each night for two weeks has put me in my 'teens' again" writes D. H. Turner, of Dempseytown, Pa. They are the best in the world for liver, stomach and bowels. Purely vegetable. Never gripe. Only 25c at Frank T. Clay's Drug Store.

Ballard Breezes.

B. F. Teeter and Miss Maud Robinson were united in marriage last Wednesday. Mr. Teeter is a son of the late C. N. Teeter and is one of Bates county's most enterprising young farmers. The bride is one of the most popular young ladies of the community. We wish them a long and happy married life.

Walter Arbuckle went to St. Louis last week and will spend the summer slight seeing.

The Ballard social club will give a strawberry festival in the next few weeks. Watch for the announcement.

D. T. Crow and wife of Henry county, visited relatives west of here Sunday.

Mrs. Hammond has been employed to teach the winter term at Fairview. She is a teacher of several years experience and is a sister to Miss Ella Bowden, who taught here a few years ago.

Mr. Funk, of Mound township, spent a few days the first of the week visiting his brother-in-law, G. G. Gartin.

Several of the boys from this neighborhood went fishing Monday. Mr. Fox's father from Iowa arrived last week and will spend the summer with him. WINDY.

Mound Items.

Everything is quiet in Old Mound. The Republicans say they want to bring the best men to the front to defeat some of our candidates, but they will have to wait until some other time.

Uncle Jesse O'Dea returned home from a visit to his sister, Mrs. M. A. Harlow, in Kansas City. He says everybody is for Jos. W. Folk for Governor.

Tom Kayburn was in Elkhart, looking after the interest of Mrs. Rayburn's estate.

Rev. Robert Stewart, pastor of the Passaic circuit, was summoned to his father's bedside. He is not expected to live. Mr. Stewart with his family will remain a month.

Bro. Kelley, of Foster, will fill Bro. Stewart's appointment at Altona on his regular day. Come and hear him. Hood Barnett, of Rich Hill, paid his sister, Mrs. J. B. Rice, a visit near Passaic.

Judge Long and the writer were out sometime ago looking after the interest of the roads, but failed to find good places. Plenty of mud.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kennedy and little daughter, of Texas, came up to visit his sister, Mrs. J. W. Packer, at Passaic. He reports times and grass good in Texas.

Walter Crews, who has been at home for the past four weeks helping his father to plant corn, returned to school in Nevada.

As we passed J. O. Brown's place, he was at hard work building a hog fence.

As soon as we get our corn planted, J. B. Rice and parties are going fishing and will have a good time. L. C. E.

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know It.

How To Find Out.
Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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JAPANESE ARE CLOSING IN ON RUSSIAN ARMY.

Battles Are Raging at Outlying Points Near Port Arthur and Troops Are Engaged in Conflict in Hills Near Hsiu Yen.

Tokio, May 14.—Reports indicate that a battle is raging, or has been fought, in the hills surrounding Hsiu Yen. The first reports indicated that the battle commenced Thursday, but no definite report of the result can be state authoritative.

The Russians are said to have lost more than 1,500 men and to have withdrawn, leaving the town to the Japanese.

Hsiu is directly in the path of the Japanese first army corps and a battle at that point was to be expected. The country is very hilly there and the outcome of the battle would depend largely upon strategic positions.

Hai-Cheng would be the objective point. Reports also reach here constantly of fighting in progress at points near Port Arthur, but reports of the fall of that city after a bloody battle and the loss of 10,000 men are undoubtedly premature.

It is believed here that the Russian forces on Liao-Tung peninsula are between the advancing armies of the Japanese and are sure to be caught as the trap closes.

Program for Decoration Day

The Bates County Post, W. R. C. and children of the flower brigade will meet at 9 o'clock sharp on Monday May 30, 1904. Post members will meet at their hall with W. R. C. Children taking part in the flower brigade will assemble on the east side of the court house square.

The procession will march under the command of Grand Marshal T. J. Wright—north to Pine street, thence east to cemetery where the graves will be decorated; then return to the city and again assemble at 1:30 o'clock p. m. and march to the Ohio St. M. E. church, where the memorial address will be delivered by Rev. Barker.

J. N. OWEN, Com.
W. F. ROSSER, Sec.

Approved by D. W. Jennings, Commander.

Virginia Items.

We heard it and jotted it down.

What happened in and out of town.

Miss Mollie Watkins returned last Tuesday from Harrisonville, where she had been attending school. She reports scarlet fever among the students.

Harley Drysdale and sister, Cora, Rudolf Jackson and wife, of Butler, dined with O. M. Drysdale and wife Sunday.

Pete Denning has his new house painted.

Rev. Sapp will preach at Mount Carmel church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night.

Elder Sharp preached to a large audience at Virginia last Sunday.

Children's Day at the Christian Church the first Sunday in June.

Amsterdam sends the news through Virginia to Butler by phone.

The following phones in different places are posted: McFadden's store, Amsterdam, Amoret, Mulberry, Merwin, Adrian, Austin, Burdett, Butler, Mo., for Pleasanton, Mound City, LaCygne and Paola, Kan. The bell is ringing at all hours. It keeps one busy closing the switch all the time connecting west with Butler.

Quick Arrest.

J. A. Gullede, of Verbena, Ala., was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles causing 24 tumors. After doctors and all remedies failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly arrested further inflammation and cured him. It conquers aches and kills pain. 25c at Frank T. Clay's Drug Store.

Robbers Nearly Murder the Lillider Family.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 25.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lillider and their son, Joseph Lillider, Jr., who live two miles north of this city, were attacked by masked robbers early this morning, and rendered unconscious in a fight that lasted for more than an hour.

The object of the robbers was to secure a large sum of money which they believed was concealed in the house.

Mr. Lillider, who is 72 years old, to-night is in a critical condition, and the attending physicians think that death may result at any time.

The robbers got nothing.

Accident at the Gee Mine.

Joe Merchant met with a painful accident at Jas. Gee's mine late yesterday evening. In working about the cage his foot became fastened in some manner and was badly mashed. Mr. Merchant will be laid up several days as result of the accident.—Rich Hill Review.

Couldn't Digest Commoner.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 15.—A big steer brought in with a herd of Nebraska cattle to Herr's Island Stock Yards was killed yesterday. In its stomach was found a copy of Bryan's Commoner, undigested.

The butchers at the stock yards alleged that in their experience they have never known a steer to eat a newspaper.

A Sure Thing.

It is said that nothing is sure except death and taxes, but that is not altogether true. Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption is a sure cure for all lung and throat troubles. Thousands can testify to that. Mrs. C. B. VanMetre, of Shepherds town, W. Va., says: "I had a severe case of bronchitis and for a year tried everything I heard of, but got no relief. One bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery then cured me absolutely." It's infallible for croup, whooping cough, grip, pneumonia, and consumption. Try it. It's guaranteed by Frank T. Clay, Druggist. Trial bottles free. Regular sizes 50c, \$1.00.

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Weak Nerves