# AUDIENCE WON BY POWELL RECITAL

Famous Violinist Inspires and Sways Music Lovers in Numbers at Illinois Theatre.

MANY ENCORES ARE DEMANDED

Mr. Loesser, Her Accompanist, Shares Honors of the Evening With His Fine Work.

Undoubtedly one of the most artistic recitals ever given in Rock Island was that presented last evening at the Illinois by Maud Powell, who has been proclaimed by musical critics the world over as the highest round in her profession as a violinist. She appeared under the auspices of the Rock Island Musical club as the big artist attraction on the music course calendar, and was greeted by an audience that filled the house. Enthusiasm was high and cheers [illegible] confessed herself with the result, [illegible] was very happy that she had [illegible] her and her accompanist and [illegible] with the same [illegible] that they were received [illegible] up a New York engagement.

The [illegible] balanced program which was [illegible] entertainment was an [illegible] interpretive which was likely [illegible] the people who listened [illegible] a treat of rare and a [illegible]

[illegible] of Maud Powell [illegible] disappointed not [illegible] the violin virtuoso [illegible] unclouded feats of [illegible] and some who may [illegible] of mechanical [illegible] art. Yet there are [illegible] that submitted [illegible] and that musician [illegible] travelling and [illegible] has been awakened [illegible] color tremors be[illegible] and a fine display of [illegible] imagination and [illegible] she plays her compositions [illegible] as much [illegible]

Sharp [illegible] and her pianissimo is [illegible] a magic music there [illegible] little cong[illegible] life to the moderns [illegible] this presence [illegible] and air so un[illegible] an audience of [illegible] Mr. Loesser's accompaniments [illegible] as well as those [illegible] almost as well as Mr. Loesser [illegible] he was affirmed [illegible]

Selected By Miss Powell.

The [illegible] on the program [illegible] the selection of numbers [illegible] the Jessie Gaillard [illegible] "Madrina Waltz" by [illegible] original strings with wood [illegible] beauty. The [illegible] preceded following the [illegible] played by Miss Powell [illegible] Perfection of [illegible] significant and [illegible] of superb recital [illegible] The second adagio [illegible] and temperaments [illegible] of the [illegible] played allegro [illegible] and allegretto moderato [illegible] of melody and [illegible] and superlative [illegible] number was played with the aid of notes, which it met indeed [illegible] a barrier between the performer and the audience, but it was [illegible] that Miss Powell experienced no pleasure at the manner in which the composition was received. It was a good criterion both of the [illegible] it was played and the appreciation of the audience. Indeed so well was it played that again the audience demanded an encore. A charming [illegible] a sonata a little to the light [illegible] classic was played. It was well in giving this number, to [illegible] Loesser's assistance, demanded [illegible] accompanist's abilities as much [illegible] as well as those of the artist almost as well as Mr. Loesser [illegible] he was affirmed [illegible]

# SOLOIST WHO PLAYS IN TRI-CITY CONCERT

Miss Myrtle Elvyn.

Myrtle Elvyn, gifted pianiste of Chicago, who appears as soloist with the Tri-City Symphony orchestra next Tuesday evening at the Burtis opera house, Davenport, in the first of a series of eight concerts, is no stranger in tri-city audiences. She has appeared in each of the three cities at various times and with each appearance her audience is impressed with the broadness of her musical vision. She is today recognized as one of the leading women pianists on the concert platform. She will play the "Peer Gynt" suite by Grieg, a concerto in A Minor, Op. 16, for piano and orchestra, by Grieg and a group of four numbers, "Caprice Viennois" (Kreisler), "Schoen Rosmarin" (Kreisler), "Chanson Triste" (Dasti) and arrangements of Strauss Waltz "On the Beautiful Blue Danube" (Schulz-Evler) with a nervousness which prohibited public performances.

The new group of compositions were of remarkable sensuous beauty. Romance G major by Beethoven, Romance by Beethoven-Kreisler and Serenata Fantastique by Dasti. Beethoven is a most popular composer and Miss Powell a splendid exponent of his wondrous classics, and the tender melodies of the romance were most appealing. The second number on music arrangements developed surprising amount of sonority and no wonderful tone was given and the audience was not satisfied until it was repeated. The Sebezzi also brought little demand for an encore. Miss Powell playing "Farfalla" [illegible] wonderful [illegible]

Variety Given Program.

The last group of [illegible] was slightly altered and a lovely composition, "Liebes Delight" by Martin-Powell, also played at the special request of friends. Since Mr. Milton Tanzer, Mr. [illegible] whose she has lately accompanied. Polonaise by Chopin-Kreisler and Chromatic by Grand [illegible] giving as an encore "Liebes Leid" by Kreisler. The audience refused to "budge without a Percy Grainger's arrangement of "Molly on the Shore." Four numbers [illegible] particularly interesting in [illegible] and gave much pleasure [illegible] audience.

Variety was given to the program by the piano playing of Arthur Tanzer who displayed [illegible] sonorous sound [illegible] "Selling Time" [illegible] "Lassen Sie Poesie" [illegible] "Sherzando" [illegible] by Percy Grainger. [illegible] "Liszt March" by Liszt. He interpreted the composition with [illegible] and much [illegible] And [illegible] word must be said in praise of the support given by this young pianist to the artist of the evening. He played [illegible] with a [illegible] and a [illegible] temperament [illegible] sympathy [illegible] to every mood of the violinist. Following his group of solo numbers the audience insisted upon an extra treat and it was given when he played a [illegible] by Stojowski.

In Miss Powell there is nothing eccentric. She is gracious in her manner, with a refinement and charm of personality and womanliness that is earnest and eager and full of inspiration.

The stage of the Illinois was set tastefully with banks of cerise among which were tall baskets filled with large fluffy pink chrysanthemums and small old fashioned pink and white shaded chrysanthemums.

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## ILLINOIS NEWS

Urbana, Ill., Nov. 25.—To answer the increasing need of highway officials for education in "good roads" subjects, the University of Illinois has arranged a short course in highway engineering, which will be in the nature of a convention of all persons interested in road building. The course will be held from Jan. 8 to 19, 1917, under the direction of the civil engineering department and will be open to all who apply, without examination and without fee.

The state highway commission is to cooperate actively with the university authorities and members of the commission's staff will deliver some of the lectures.

The subjects to be considered include road laws and their administration, economics of construction and maintenance, the financing of road work, with special attention to bond issues, and the development of county road systems, and technical problems relating to the construction of roads and bridges.

The rapidly growing demand for a system of good roads is said by students of the problem to have brought to highway commissioners and engineers responsibilities they have never before had. Calls on men in the profession have greatly increased by the realization, it is said, that good road building can be expedited through bond issues, thus condensing into a short period work which otherwise would require a number of years.

Carlinville, Ill., Nov. 25.—When a school teacher is hired at the beginning of a term is he hired for the entire year or may his services be terminated by the board of education at the end of any month. The question is to be decided by the circuit court here in a case brought by Joseph G. Howard against the board of education of Staunton, Macoupin county.

Mr. Howard was employed as a teacher by the Staunton board but after five months' service the board asked for his resignation. Mr. Howard contends that his contract was for a definite term, the entire school year, and that the request for his resignation was a breach of contract. He is now superintendent of schools at Clarton, Mo.

Fillmore, Ill., Nov. 25.—Seven thousand geese are getting ready for Thanksgiving in a 40-acre field one mile west of Ramsey, near here. Philip Sterns is feeding them. The geese have eaten all the vegetation off the field. Corn is thrown to them by the wagon load and one man is kept busy pumping water for them.

Hillery, Ill., Nov. 25.—A staunch and dignified republican will fill the air of Hillery with yells for Wilson tomorrow afternoon. James Shoftall, an old soldier and a life long republican, bet George Murphy that Hughes would be elected and that if he were defeated Shoftall would yell three times for Wilson in front of every home in Hillery. The payment of the bet will begin promptly at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon if the weather permits.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 25.—The State Historical society has received word excavation work near Fort Gage, Randolph county, Ill., has unearthed a number of skeletons and Indian relics and it is believed another Indian mound has been discovered. The nature of the relics was not disclosed in the message. Dr. George A. Zeller, alienist of the state board of administration and a student of Illinois archaeology, has gone to Fort Gage to inspect the excavation.

Fort Gage was built by the British about 1779 and was taken from them in a surprise attack by George Rogers Clark during the American revolution. The region abounds in relics of aborigines.

The Randolph County Historical society is showing great interest in the preservation of records and articles pertaining to the early history of Kaskaskia, the first capital of Illinois. Recently the society obtained an injunction against the removal of an ancient church bell from Kaskaskia to Bellville.

Governor Bond, Lieutenant-Governor Pierre Menard and Elias Kent Kane, who were respectively the first governor, first lieutenant-governor and first secretary of state of Illinois, are all buried near Fort Gage.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 25.—The secretary of state is in receipt of a message from Philip Schultze, a cement contractor of Troy, Ill., stating that while excavating for a walk recently, he dug up a gold coin, bearing the words "Constitution of 1818." The coin has been identified as a medal given to each delegate to commemorate the constitutional convention of 1818. The Troy specimen is said to be the only one in existence.

Urbana, Ill., Nov. 25.—The University of Illinois is making plans for an extensive display at the international stock show in Chicago, Dec. 2 to 9.

The display will be largely from the college of agriculture and will cover farm crops and operations particularly connected with raising live stock. Much of this exhibit was planned for the shows of 1914 and 1915, but because of the foot and mouth disease epidemic of those years was not used. In addition to this, there will be available material used by the Illinois state exhibits in the palace of agriculture at the Panama-Pacific exposition in San Francisco.

Vivid representations of investigations will be presented, not by picture but by actual products of the investigations. For instance, the composition of a bushel of corn will be shown by seven large jars, the first containing 56 pounds of shell corn, and the others 10 pounds of starch, six pounds of water, two and one-half pounds of oil and other component parts of the bushel. Adjoining this will be six large bottles containing the water permissable in government grades of corn. Another set of jars will contain fertilizer which would have to be replaced in the soil to make up what one bushel of corn removes.

Part of the exhibit will give at a glance the gist of elaborate feeding experiments on reduced costs and increased gains. A set of pounces, said to be the only ones of their kind in the world, will show the market classes and grades of livestock sold in Chicago from the "prime steer" to the "bologna bull."

To keep mice away, place lumps of camphor in the cellar or cupboard they infest.

## OSWALD HAS OFFICE AT THE COURT HOUSE

Charles Oswald, overseer of the poor, announced for the benefit of the public that he is maintaining quarters in the court house building in the sheriff's office. Mr. Oswald can be found at the court house every afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock.


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