

Preparations for an Approaching Musical Event. What the Officers of the Bund are Doing.

It is now only about three months until the time of holding the Seventh Biennial Saengerfest of the Pioneer Saengerbund, an organization composed of the various German singing societies of the Missouri Valley and dating its existence as far back as 1866.

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A DETECTIVES STIFF.

The Whole Story of Royal Riggins' Resurrection a Canard.

The Coffin Never Unsealed at All.

Our readers will remember the recent account of an alleged resurrection of the body of Royal Riggins, who shot himself on the Union Pacific emigrant train, near North Platte, some months ago.

Yesterday a letter was received by Mr. John G. Jacobs, the undertaker, from Dr. E. E. Esser, the brother-in-law of the deceased, which places the matter in a new light and shows the whole story, as started by The Chicago Times and Marvillie Democrat, to be without foundation.

The doctor says: Riggins never had his life insured in any company, and there has never been any application made for money, his grave has never been disturbed by any person. Deputy Sheriff Stotts never went to St. Louis after "the chief conspirator" or anyone.

"The lie was started by a man named John Broyles, who was acting as a detective in the Talbot trial. Wanting to make himself appear smart he told a lawyer in Marvillie, named G. H. H., in the presence of Judge Morehouse, that (Broyles) was working this up. I saw it in the St. Louis papers and followed it back to Marvillie, Nodaway county, Mo., and there found that Griffin was the man who wrote the first article, being instructed to do so by Broyles and others who started the scandal, if there is a law that will reach them."

This pretty effectually disposes of a story which appeared to come under the head of "truth stranger than fiction." Undertaker Jacobs is also satisfied that his excellent work in sealing up the casket was not disturbed to substitute sand for the dust to dust returned, and the St. Joseph medical men are relieved from the suspicion of having "faked" the body out of the coffin on its way to the grave. It was a big yarn and this furnishes a very satisfactory solution.

It was the intention of the mover of this resolution that it should go away entirely with any further proceedings in the matter, and this is the almost unanimous desire of the council. The 29th of March falls on Friday, on which date there is, of course, no meeting, unless a special one should be called, and as the entire council will go out of office within a week's time, it could not be brought up thereafter.

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THE G. B.

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