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VIENNA VERSUS BERLIN.

A Salt Lake Student Writes on the Claim of Both Great Cities as Musical Centers.

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Vienna, Jan. 18 .- In the last dozen or 15 years the tendency among the great musicians has been to locate in Berlin, and make the Prussian capital the music center of the world. It has been no easy task, however, to accomplish this in the face of such rivalry as Paris, Vienna and St. Petersburg have evidenced. Yet no one can deny that Berlin today justly enjoys the reputation of being the first musical city. And while Berlin has been attaining this exalted position it has not been idle in other matters, and bids fair soon, if it has not already done so, to become the literary center. But that is not the point under discussion. In the rapid growth of Berlin, musically, the world has been somewhat dazzled perhaps, and the inclination is to credit her with more then she really has. Or, perhaps, it would be better to say the fault lies in the failure to give the older musical centers credit for what they have really retained in spite of the attraction Berlin has proved to most great musi-cians of the present. Many even imag-ine that Vienna, the home of Beethoven, Mozart, Haydn, Schubert, Gluck, Brohms, and many, many others whom it is unnecessary to mention, has sunk into obligion or also is biging musical. into oblivion or else is living musical-ly only in the knowledge of a glorious past. People should be careful how they form such an opinion for investigation will prove conclusively that the contrary is the case.

IDEAL OPERA.

Vienna offers exactly the same ad-vantages to hear the best that Berlin does. Because most great virtuosos make their homes in Berlin does not alter the fact that they are heard quite as much in Vienna, and often they give more concerts in the latter than in the former city. The studeat in every branch of music can certainly hear in Vienna all the heart may desire. The opera is quite as good as any other in Europe with the exceptions of Milan and Paris, and the lover of Wagner can hear Triston given with the same Wagnerian spirit that characterizes its production in other German cities. Peo-ple here go to the opera for the sake of the music, and not to hear one or two great singers at the expense of chorus and orchestra, as is so often the case with opera in America. Here the composers' ideas are looked upon as the most essential thing, and every requirement is met in order to give expression to those ideas. The consequence is this, there is no one voice that stands out above all others in beauty, but all are about equal. The

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rchestra and chorus are on a par with everything else, and one gets an even interpretation of a master's work, each part being brought cut equally well, that can seldom or ever be had when two or three soloists are being paid thousands of dulars each for every performance, thereby rendering it impossicle to keep the orenestra and chorus up to the standard that should be maintained in order to give grand opera as it should be.

AIDED BY GOVERNMENT.

The governments of most all European countries have for generations recognized the important part the theater plays in the education of the masses. Opera comes, of course, unthe der that head, so we see in every town of any importance the theater support-ed by the government, and the time is divided between the classic drama is divided between the classic drama and classic opera. In all larger towns there are two playhouses, an opera house and a theater, each given al-most exclusively to the interpretation of the best in literature and operatic music. Through the government's operating these, it is possible for all event vertices the very very become operating these, it is possible for all except, perhaps, the very, very peorest to take advantage of the great edu-cational benefits thus offered. Because of the great length of time this has been going on, the result is that the people of the present have an inborn love for the best there is in music as in literative. To see that first demon in literature. To see that fact demon-strated one need only go past the opera-house three hours before the doors to the galleries open and see the crowds waiting for a chance to stand up. Take for instance the "Meistersingers of Murenburg" of Wagner, perhaps the most lengthy of any of his operas. It begins at half past six in the evening and lets out after twelve, and yet peo-ple will go by the hundreds and wait for three or four hours for the priv-ilege of standing up in some corner wherever they can find a place in the two (fourth and fifth) top galleries for the next six hours to hear the overa

the next six hours, to hear the opera. It isn't because it is new to them, for nearly every one knows almost every motive in it. They go simply because they love the music. It is not only with Wagnerian operas that this is the case but with almost every other opera. And to see this go on year after year is proof positive that these people have an inate love for art.

It was not always so: they had to be educated up to it, but to bring them to the point where they are now, has, of course, taken generations. It will take generations in America, and it surely seems that a beginning should soon be made.

CONCERTS GALORE.

What is true of opera is also true of concerts here. Tickets must be bought often weeks ahead if one wishes to sit



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other lines of music, it would still be of interest to piano players as the home of that greatest of modern plano teachers, Leschetizky. Leschetizky is real-ly the legitimate successor of Czerny. whose pupil he is, and into whose shoes he has stepped as a piano teacher. What man, woman or child is there that has given any study at all to pi-ano playing, to whom the name of Czerny is not familiar? In fact they call him here the father of modern technic, and from his voluminous writings it can be seen how precisely he understood the art of developing the fin-gers for the modern plano forte. Leschetizky works on exactly the same lines as Czerny, but he has developed and broadened his ideas, and, may, in short, be said to have taken the

up where Czerny left it off. But all that is necessary to prove him a great teacher is the work he has done, Among his pupils may be numbered some of the greatest planists of the day, including Paderewski.

Even Liszt had no better success as teacher. Although Leschetizky is quite an old

man he has not lost the art of impart-ing knowledge, the art he possesses in such a high degree. He has, however, lost much of his good temper, and like many old people is given to sudden changes of mood. If he happens to be In the right mood one soldom meets a pleasanter man, but if not, it is some-times very unpleasant for the pupil. EXPENSIVE LIVING.

To the person specializing in plano playing the advantages offered by Vi-enna should not be overlooked. It is not a desirable city in which to live, but of course all such considerations are out of the question with the stu-dent if he finds what he desires in the way of music and instruction. It has been said that Paris and Vienna vie with each other to see which can make living more expensive and Vienna bids fair to outdo the French capital. This, of course, is disagreeable to the av-erage student and causes many to remain in Berlin that might otherwise go to swell the numbers of foreign students in Vienna,

While not a very pleasant place to live, still, to the reader of history as well as to the one who loves to dream away an idle hour in some mediaeval gothic pfle, or wander through quaint, ill-paved, and narrow streets, that bring one face to face with the remains of a picturesque past. Vienna is tich in her offerings. But to the busy prac-tical man of the present, who has no thought for the past and its glories, who prefers an elevator and steam ra-diator to all the churches of St. Ste-phen one could imagine Vienna poawell as to the one who loves to dream phen one could imagine Vienna pos-sesses but little attraction. By that is not meant that it lacks in modern pub-lic buildings, for it certainly has its share, and beautiful ones they are. But the people lack the spirit of progress-iveness that is found among the Americans and also the Germans. Vienna seems truly to be in most respects, as it is often called by the Germans, a eity of a hundred and fifty years ago. SPENCER CLAWSON, JR.

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In most particulars it is a distinctive gain that, as a people, we Americans are conservative to a degree, and that

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for the most part, our notions of safety and soundness. But these facts do not justify the extension of a system, thirty, forty or sixty years old into times like the present, that have obviously outgrown it. Reference is had to the salaries of most of our federal officials.

We came near to starving or bankrupting half a dozen of our presidents on pay fixed for the position half a century and more before they were chosen to fill it, and when the salary was doubled, not many years ago, it wasn't made large enough to fill the times; it ought to be doubled, at least, before the term beginning on March 4 before the term beginning on March 4, 1905, comes along.

A correspondent of the New York Press at Bayonne discusses this matter both sensibly and forcibly. It is "dis-graceful," he says, for this, the mightlest, the richest nation on earth, to offer its chief executive "but \$50,000 a ar." Our wealth, he shows, is near-equal to the combined wealth of year/ England and Russia, or of Germany and Russia, and it nearly equals that of Russia, Austria, Italy and Spain combined. England's indebtedness is more than double ours The national debt of Germany is nearly \$1,000,000,000 more than ours, and her population



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