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FIFTY-SIXTH YEAR.

## THOUSANDS HEAR CHOIR CONTEST.

Nine Singing Bodies Participate  
In the Big Festival of  
Music.  
IN GRANITE TABERNACLE.

Forest Dale Choir Sings Its Way  
To Victory With Farmers  
Ward Closely Following.

Murray Was a Close Third—Words of  
Winning Selection by Whitney,  
Music by Stephens.

The ward choir of Forest Dale, James T. Danbar conductor, won a signal victory in a great singing contest held in granite stake tabernacle last evening. It was a splendid achievement, from the fact that eight other well trained and efficient choirs were in the contest, and while the choruses were comparatively small, it was a spirited battle of the best. The victorious singers rendered the anthem, "Gog and Magog," words by Bishop Orson F. Whitney and music by Prof. Evan Stephens, while Farmers ward, led by Elinor Christopherson, gained second place, with the beautiful song "Italia Beloved," written by Donizetti.

Not less than 2,500 people were assembled to witness the event, which was characterized by the highest pitch of enthusiasm throughout. And well might there have been intense interest manifested, for such singing is seldom heard, even in this community, and the choir every movement made by their respective favorite choir, and while each competitive chorus came in for a goodly share of welcome and recognition from the vast gathering, the applause given to each body of singers by their friends and neighbors was at times almost deafening. Men and women sat with blanched faces, leaning forward in their seats, seeking as if by their very intensity of soul to bring victory to their favorites.

### THE CHOIR CONDUCTORS.

The conductors of the competing choruses were as follows: Sugar House, James Alton; Windsor, Thomas Gunn; Watson, Walter; A. McFarland; Big Cottonwood, Walter Allington; Murray, Mr. Robinson; Wilford, Mr. White; Farmers, Elinor Christopherson; Forest Dale, James T. Danbar; Taylorville, Daniel Webster.

AN IMPOSING PICTURE.

The combined choirs, as they sat facing the well filled spacious building, presented a most imposing picture, the ladies clad in white and the gentlemen appearing in black. At the wave of the baton of William Christopherson, the young leader trained by Prof. Stephens, (and in passing it may be truly said that the choir seems destined to become one of the choirs of the future), the 400 singers arose as one person. The selection rendered was an old favorite with most of the audience, "Flight into Egypt," to the tune of the never weary strains of the Welsh national anthem. The effect upon the listeners was electrifying, but they had already been told that encores could not be permitted.

### THE JUDGES.

The judges chosen to adjudicate the contest were the selection of the judges, Horace S. Ensign, Joseph Bell and Evan Arner, three men of eminent musical ability, and who each had many times been placed in the trying position in competitive musical affairs as the leaders and singers upon whom they were to sit in judgment.

The following standard from which the decision was made was adopted and followed by the adjudicators, with a possible 20 points of credit for each choir, five requisites:

1. Tone Quality—Such quality in each part as will blend and harmonize, one with the other, and sound refined and pure. Lacking the key disqualifies a choir.

2. Selection—The selection should be of a class within and not beyond the capabilities of the choir. Difficulty, if mastered and made effective, should be a point of merit—this to encourage choirs to attempt music of a higher order. Selections that are most applicable to general choir work and those most serviceable in church service, as well as rendered as those of a secular nature, should be given preference.

3. Number—The number of singers in the choir should come as a point of merit, or the reverse, providing, however, that the four parts are equally balanced. We desire that our choirs should grow numerically as well as artistically.

4. Interpretation—Shading, speed, accent, pronunciation and intelligent use of musical expression come under this heading. Exaggerated or meaningless use of the above mentioned points should annul the merit to a great extent. No aim at expression should be marked low.

5. Balance—Blending of parts and making the most harmonious whole. Highest 100, lowest 50. No choir to be marked below.

### ALONG GERMAN LINES.

The contest was along the lines followed in German rather than of vocal musical competitions, that is, each choir was to make its own selection of music, and to render it in a place, while this was very pleasing to the audience, affording to them a promised and highly entertaining, it did not mean that the adjudicators more difficult than it would have been had one selection been rendered by all the choirs. Following is the order in which the choirs sang, only the number and title of song being given before rendition:

- 1 (Sugar House) "How beautiful are thy towers" Emerson
- 2 (Windsor) "Let the hills respond" Emerson
- 3 (Waterloo) "Brilliant Richards" Emerson
- 4 (Big Cottonwood) "Lift thine eyes" Emerson
- 5 (Murray) "I have at a watch-up" Emerson
- 6 (Wilford) "Sons of Michael" Bickley

7 (Farmers) "Italia Beloved" Donizetti  
8 (Forest Dale) "Gog and Magog" Stephens  
9 (Taylorville) "The Quest of the Useful" Stephens

When the adjudicators retired to consider a decision, the choir again united, and under the leadership of Conductor Christopherson, rendered in a stirring manner Stephens' Thanksgiving anthem.

### FOREST DALE THE VICTOR.

Horace S. Ensign, Jr. a witty and pleasing speaker, presided over the contest, as arrived at by himself and his fellow judges, the conclusion being reached from the number of points made by the respective choirs, according to the standard of rules, previously mentioned. Following is the result by numbers: No. 1, 67; No. 2, 65; No. 3, 53; No. 4, 62; No. 5, 75; No. 6, 73; No. 7, 73; No. 8, 88; No. 9, 69.

From the above it will be seen that the Forest Dale choir, under James T. Danbar, carried off first prize, Farmers ward second prize, with Murray close to the last named. The applause that followed the announcement was not by any means confined to the friends and supporters of the winners, but was general throughout the vast audience, showing that there was the best of feeling prevailing, although there was of necessity disappointment felt by those who did not win.

### ALL SANG WELL.

In justice to the singers of the evening, it must be said that to one listening to the various choruses, without being in the places of the adjudicators and not being provided with scoring cards, it would be difficult to arrive at a conclusion in the premises. Every choir sang well, and under the leadership of their respective leaders, the singers themselves, it can only be stated that they gave most loyal support to their conductors, and as to the singers themselves, they were all good judges of their own singing. That great good will from the efforts put forth last night and the untiring work that led up to the event is certain.

### PROF. STEPHENS TALKS.

Prof. Stephens, who was an interested spectator, in a neat speech congratulated all concerned on the achievements of the occasion, and predicted that musical efforts would be given to musical efforts in Granite stake that would be far reaching and of the utmost importance. Too much praise for the success of last night's affair cannot be given to William Christopherson, who had direct control of the contest, and who was ably assisted by the leaders of the respective choruses.

Adding nearly to the enjoyment of the evening were the violin solos of Prof. George E. Skelton, who was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Skelton. The solos were of a high order, and the strict rule of no encores prevented the audience from demanding a return of the performers.

At the close of the evening, it was said that a more enjoyable evening has not been the portion of those who were fortunate enough to be present last night, in many a year, and strong words of commendation and satisfaction were heard from all sides as the large audience made its exit from the building.

### ROLLING CIGARETTES.

Nebraska Supreme Court Holds It Is Not Manufacturing Them.

Lincoln, Neb., March 22.—The Nebraska supreme court today gave a decision on Nebraska's anti-cigarette law, which was challenged by a young man arrested on the charge of rolling a cigarette. The effect of the decision is to sustain the law in general, but to declare the sale and manufacture of cigarettes by individuals for their own use is not called "manufacturing."

A few fines have been paid and sentences served under that part of the law which is now declared unconstitutional.

### A DELIBERATE SUICIDE.

O. A. Robinson Wrote Corner He Was Tired and Wanted a Rest.

Dayton, Ohio, March 22.—"To the corner: I am tired and want to rest. There is no one to notify." After writing this note O. A. Robinson, aged 40, a resident of Dayton, Ohio, was found dead in his room at the Enterprise hotel today.

Robinson was brought here from the Pennsylvania state prison, where he had been a prisoner for a long time, and was found in his room, a year ago but recently lost his position. He leaves a family in the west.

### OPERATOR LIVELY ARRIVES AT HIS KENTUCKY HOME.

Denver, March 22.—S. Frank Lively, Denver & Rio Grande railroad operator, whose unfortunate fall while on duty at the depot last Friday morning, was the cause of the disastrous head-on collision at Adobe, arrived at his home in Muncie, Ind., last evening, according to a dispatch received here today from Louisville. Lively is reported to have expressed a desire to return to his state and tell all he knows concerning the cause of the accident. Sheriff Esser of Adams county, Ky., is expected to arrive at Monday's adjournment of the inquest on the coroner's jury reassembles next Monday.

It is now generally admitted that between 40 and 50 persons met death in the collision. A list of over 10 missing persons who are supposed to have been passengers on the wrecked train, has been prepared but some of these are probably still living.

### SMALLPOX IN WYOMING.

Fifty-Seven Cases Reported in Uinta County Farming Districts.

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 22.—Fifty-seven cases of smallpox are reported in the farming districts of Laramie and Bridge in Uinta county, Wyoming, and the southern part of that county has been quarantined. The disease is reported to have been introduced by a man who was reported to have been an abandoned peoness in the mining camp at Cumberland, which a ranchman apprehended using due to the partitions in his own dwelling and selling timbers to neighbors.

### SHIPS COLLIDE.

Cape Henry, Va., March 22.—The German steamer, St. Miguel, bound from Baltimore for Port Maria and the schooner Ralph M. Hayward from New York, collided 12 miles off here last night. The schooner is leaking badly, and is beached at Lyna Haven Inlet. The tug North America has gone to her assistance.

The St. Miguel proceeded to Baltimore today. Her mainmast was carried away, her deck trimmings and stack damaged and a hole stove 1 1/2 inches near the water line.

### POISONED WITH IMPURE CANDY.

Burlington, Vt., March 22.—Four cases of poisoning, apparently due to impure candy, are being investigated by the authorities in northern Vermont. Three deaths have occurred, and the case of severe illness, supposed to be due to poisoning of this sort, is reported.

## REVOLUTIONISTS BECOMING BOLD.

Radical Wing Favors Setting up  
A Provisional Government.  
OTHERS ARE FOR A STRIKE.

Russian Authorities Aware Something  
Is Up and Are Taking "Necessary Measures."

St. Petersburg, March 22.—The agitation among the workmen's organizations involves a bold plan on the part of the Social Democrats, revolutionists and other radical elements to send delegates elected secretly to a meeting to be called at some place in Finland early in April, at which an ultimate plan of operations will be decided upon. A division of sentiment exists among the leaders. Some of them favor calling a general strike in the middle of April for the purpose of forcing the lower house of parliament to demand the immediate convocation of a constituent assembly on the basis of universal suffrage, but the more audacious aim at setting up a provisional government. They believe the time is ripe to organize a general uprising and that if successful, their representatives could hold the authority of the government.

The authorities here who perfectly realize that something big is preparing already have learned of the possibility of a general strike and Interior Minister Durnovo has sent circulars to the governor-generals and governors apprising them of the state of affairs and instructing them to "take the necessary measures" to meet the movement.

Premier Witte's project to permit the peasant banks to issue 5 per cent bonds to finance the purchase of land from the proprietors and its sale to the peasants, has been adopted by the council of the empire. The majority of estates are heavily mortgaged to the nobles, and private banks, with foreign connections and the bonds will be used to satisfy these mortgages, the banks guaranteeing a per cent interest for 15 years on the balance due the land owners.

The question of the methods which the peasants are to follow in making their payments has not yet been resolved. At this stage the scheme does not involve appropriation, by law nor the compulsory sale of estate to the peasants, but the plan is to expedite the trials of political prisoners, with whom the prisons are filled, the council of the empire has considered a law empowering public prosecutors on their own motion to bring offenders to trial, without awaiting an order from a superior court which, under the existing law, involves indefinite delays.

### ONE GIRL, TWO FIREMEN INJURED IN CHICAGO FIRE.

Chicago, March 22.—One girl and two firemen were slightly injured, a score of firemen were nearly overcome by smoke and a serious fire broke out among the 700 prisoners in the Cook county jail, which was threatened as the result of a fire that started in the four-story brick building at 207 to 215 Kinzie street, last night.

The injured girl was one of a night crew of 25 girls making electric apparatus in the building. Manufacturing company's building, 182 and 184 Michigan street, in the rear of the burned structure. Through windows on the second floor, the flames, and rushed in a panic into the building. In the crush one of them was hurt.

When the blaze was at its height there was a serious danger of a panic among the 700 prisoners in the Cook county jail, less than a block away. From the cells on the Dearborn avenue side, the glare of flames was in full view and the guards had difficulty in quieting the prisoners.

The firemen injured were Capt. Thomas Joyce of Engine company No. 42, slightly cut about the face by falling glass, and Truckman Frank Sommers, cut on the head.

The building was occupied by manufacturing concerns. The second floor, where the fire is believed to have started, was used by the supply department of the Western Union Telegraph company, which is the chief sufferer, its loss being \$60,000. The Chicago Electric Supply company suffered a loss estimated at \$18,000. The loss on the building will be heavy. The Frank Marshall company, in the next building east lost \$7,000. Much valuable railroad equipment was said to be stored in the burned structure. The aggregate loss is estimated at \$125,000.

### JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER III.

New York, March 22.—The American today says:

A fine, healthy, blue-eyed eleven-year-old boy, who opened his eyes upon the world for the first time late last night in the house in West Fifty-fourth street, near Fifth avenue, is presumptively to the greatest fortune in the world, for the baby, at his christening will be John D. Rockefeller III.

The son born to Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., gratifies one of the dearest wishes of his grandfather, who has hoped for a male heir to his son ever since the latter's marriage to Abby C. Aldrich, the daughter of United States Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island.

The mother is doing remarkably well, and the doctor and nurses declare they never saw a handsomer or healthier boy.

### TELLER PLEADS GUILTY.

Toronto, Ont., March 22.—E. St. George Hanwell, late teller of the Crown bank, charged with stealing \$40,000 of the bank's funds, pleaded guilty yesterday. Sentence was deferred. His wife, Nora, pleaded not guilty to the charge of receiving stolen money, and will be tried later.

### DEPOT BURNED.

Owensville, Ky., March 22.—The union depot of the Chesapeake & Ohio and the Louisville & Nashville Railway companies at Winchester, Ky., burned today. Loss, \$50,000.

### ORCHID RECORD PRICE.

London, March 22.—A record price, \$2,990, was paid this afternoon at a local auction room, for a prize orchid from a collection of H. T. Pitt.

## L. S. TAGGART GETS PROMOTION.

Well Known Contracting Agent  
Goes to Reno as Freight  
Official.  
ASSUMES DUTY ON APRIL 1.

Appointment Was Announced in Salt  
Lake Today—Friends Offer Numerous Congratulations.

David S. Taggart, contracting freight agent of the Oregon Short Line, will on April 1 assume the duties and title of District Freight and Passenger Agent of the Harriman lines at Reno, Nev. This is the time that the "wise ones" agree, for behold their state was not broken; Railroad Row predicted it, and lo, it came to pass.

When the news was broken gently to him this morning, Mr. Taggart retired from public gaze before the avalanche of congratulatory friends who swooped down upon him. His first act on breaking away from them was to make preparations to go to Denver tonight so as to clean up some business and return to Reno on the next day. He is expected to be in Reno on the next day. Salt Lake will be sorry to lose "Dave," because "Tag" is it among a big circle of acquaintances; in other words, Mr. Taggart is a popular and popular with the shippers and local business men.

Mr. Taggart has resided in Salt Lake for so many years that he was looked upon as one of the railroad institutions here. He goes to Reno in charge of affairs there with no telephone wire to connect him with his superior office when he is in a dilemma. It is predicted, however, that he will make good and generally shake up some of the old boys who have been in Nevada since Taggart came to the city. He is to prominence as big traffic center, the title is no sinecure.

Taggart started in the railroad business 19 years ago with the Burlington at Hastings, Neb. From there he went to Denver under Theron Geddes, who was then auditor of the Rio Grande Western. When the headquarters were moved to Salt Lake, he came along. Later he was appointed agent at Provo under Mr. Welby and then at Ogden under Mr. Burley. When the aggregation of the Union Pacific and the Oregon Short Line occurred, he was given a position under S. W. Eccles as traveling freight agent. While working in this capacity he received an accident that laid him up for months. Then he returned to the general offices of the Oregon Short Line under Mr. Reeves. He was appointed contracting freight agent, a position he now holds.

He succeeds Mr. Fulton, whose resignation was announced in the News a few days ago. Mr. Fulton leaves the railroad business to enter the field of stock broking.

### JOINT SCALE COMMITTEES HAVEN'T AGREED YET.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 22.—The joint scale committees of the Joint Committee of the central competitive field and southwest district again went into executive session today to continue their conference on wage scale.

The situation before the doors closed on the two meetings was the same that confronted the operators and miners last night. The conference adjourned, February 2nd, following a disagreement.

The two sides were apparently no nearer a settlement. It is admitted by both sides that should there be an agreement at this time, the wage scale agreed upon would be in force for one year only, as the miners admit the operators will not agree to a longer period.

Before the scale committee met today the leaders of the miners said they would insist to have operators a position to submit the differences to a sub-scale committee which would consider the subject from the basis of the scale of coal operators. By submitting this proposition, the miners recede from their demands for an increase of 12 1/2 per cent in wages, and eight-hour day, a 7 per cent differential, a run of nine hours, the exclusion of boys under 16 years of age from the mines which they submitted yesterday and offer to take an increase of 5.55 per cent in the southwest district and a relative advance in the southwest district with other conditions remaining as at present.

It was stated before the meeting that the operators would oppose the submission of the differences to a sub-scale committee.

In the joint scale committee of the central competitive district the Illinois strikers' law again came up for discussion. A motion to make it a district matter was lost.

Frederick Mitchell then moved that a sub-scale committee, composed of two operators and two miners, be appointed but this also was lost. A recess until 2 p. m. was then taken.

The joint scale committee of the southwest district composed of Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Kansas and Indiana strikers, then met. They are until 2 o'clock, after voting down a proposition to submit the differences to a sub-committee. The operators voted against the proposition, and the miners for it. The miners announced that they had a proposition to submit to a sub-committee and it was understood that the operators would accept it, that was suggested by President Mitchell of the joint committee of the central competitive district but the operators insisted that any proposition could be made to the entire committee and made a matter of record.

### JUDGE CHARGES BROCK JURY.

Philadelphia, March 22.—Judge McPherson, in the United States district court today, charged the jury with the duty which for a week has sat in judgment on George Philip Brock, former cashier of the Byrdston National bank, indicted for embezzling, abstracting and misappropriation of about \$40,000 of the bank's funds, pleaded guilty. Brock, brother-in-law of Brock, and former president of the bank, was convicted on similar charges in 1904 under a plea of insanity. He is now in the hospital.

### TERRIBLE EARTHQUAKES ON ISLAND OF USTICA.

New York, March 22.—A cable dispatch to the Herald from Palermo says: There have been 21 earthquake shocks on the island of Ustica during the last three days. The population lives in constant terror. A great valley has been formed in the center of the island and all the houses have been demolished. The shocks were vertical, not undulatory, and were accompanied by loud subterranean rumblings.

The last shocks which occurred yesterday finished the work of destruction.



DAVID S. TAGGART.

## AFTER MUTUAL LIFE TRUSTEES.

Members of the Old Board to be  
Served With Requisitions  
For Information.

JOS. H. CHOATE THE AUTHOR.

Questions Are Very Searching and  
Go to the Bottom of  
Things.

New York, March 22.—It is announced that within the past few days every member of the old board of trustees of the Mutual Life Insurance company, including all who served between the dates of Jan. 1, 1900, and Dec. 31, 1905, had been served with a requisition for information as drastic as the Mutual's harshest critic could well demand. Joseph H. Choate is the author of the requisition and it is said to be issued with the unqualified approval of the Trustee committee and the Mutual's legislative administration.

Among other questions it contains the following:

"Have you during said period had any connection or business relations with any other company or corporation related by blood or marriage to the Mutual Life Insurance company, or any other company or corporation, during the period mentioned in the requisition?"

"If, any of the officers or employees of the Mutual Life Insurance company, during the period mentioned in the requisition, have owned any of the capital stock of any of the companies named in said requisition?"

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## RUSSIA ALMOST OFFENDS GERMANY.

Instructions to Her Delegate at  
Algieras Affects Latter  
Most Unfavorably.  
NEAR BEING A CHALLENGE.

Not Unlikely Attitude of German  
And French Delegates Will  
Be Affected.

Either Side Very Much Inclined to be  
Unyielding on Question of Co-operation  
of Police Inspectors.

Berlin, March 22.—Russia's instructions to Count Cassini, her chief delegate to the Moroccan conference, have affected the German government most unfavorably, and came almost as a challenge at the moment that a settlement of the questions in dispute at Algieras seemed certain. It is not improbable that the attitude of both the French and German delegates will be influenced thereby.

Dispatches from Algieras today indicate an unyielding disposition on either side over the question whether the French and Spanish inspectors of police shall co-operate in each harbor or consist of four exclusively French and four exclusively Spanish inspectors.

SITUATION IS INTRICATE.

Algieras, March 22, 2 p. m.—Owing to the slight indisposition of the head of the German mission, Herr von Radowitz, who is confined to his room, the meeting of the delegates which was to have occurred today, has been postponed until next Saturday, when the new Austrian police proposition will be presented. All the delegates have agreed that the points in dispute are still being settled. The Austrian delegates themselves do not know the exact details of the new proposition, and they are seeking to present a strong case to eliminate all the differences of opinion on the subject, so as to make it the basis of an acceptable agreement.

The situation, however, is still intricate. The delegates do not exactly see how an accord can be reached, but they no longer doubt that an agreement will be arrived at.

### SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

Washington, March 22.—When the senate met today the joint resolution extending from June 15 to August 15, 1906, the time for opening to entry the closed portion of the Shoshone, or Wind river, reservation in Wyoming, was passed.

The railroad rate bill was then taken up and Mr. Lodge addressed the senate in support of his amendment providing for the displacement of the present interstate commerce commission by one of a larger number of commissioners, and with longer terms of office and better pay. He said that the object of the provision was to strengthen the commission, so as to insure for it the support and respect of the public.

"There seems," he said, "to be a tacit understanding that if the rate question is referred to the interstate commerce commission it will be well. We go on the theory that the king can do no wrong."

It was his purpose, he said, to show that such was not necessarily the case. He then outlined the amendments which would be entrusted to the commission and read a carefully prepared statement relative to rates as indicated by the vast magnitude of the entire subject.

Mr. Lodge referred disapprovingly to the decision of the present commission to suspend upon a campaign providing for the displacement of the present interstate commerce commission by one of a larger number of commissioners, and with longer terms of office and better pay. He said that the object of the provision was to strengthen the commission, so as to insure for it the support and respect of the public.

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