Dramatic and Lyric.

Sousa's Band Coming—Wards and James Four Nights—Steele Mackaye's Death—End of the Grand Opera Season—The Choral's German Night.

Sousa's band is coming to visit Salt Lake this month—about the 16th—though where it will play seems to be as yet unsettled. Sousa himself is very anxious to get into the Tabernacle, having been hungry to play there ever since he heard at Chicago recently, for as it is somewhat organized yet as to whether arrangements can be made, he has looked a little at the Theater, Boyle, the Assembly Hall lately in demand. The Milwaukee Exposition, apparently not satisfied with its needed attractions, has made an appeal to the "March King" which he cannot resist, and the band will therefore play a five weeks' engagement upon its grounds. En route to the coast, it will take in a limited number of cities, this being one of the latest New. Including the San Francisco Exposition, Manhattan Beach, the St. Louis Exposition, the Madison Square Garden engagements, and in Los Angeles and Sacramento. Sousa's band will give matinees concerts from February 20th until December 31st—a more covering about ten months. This is the longest period of consecutive daily work for a military leader in the history of music.

The Sousa band stands alone. It is at the head, says Sousa, as much as the famous orchestra under Thomas was alone, of the Chicago Exposition orchestra under Thomas was alone. Nothing but success here! Never the transcontinental tour upon which the band is about to enter, will be of great musical importance to the entire country—and great pleasure and fun as well. That is the beauty of Sousa. You can take enjoyment from him without fatigue. Play and work taken straight. The rest, the grave, the playful, the severe, the original and the new, all follow one after another without delay, or waiting. And after all I assure you regarding that Sousa is not leading an orchestra. It does seem to me that so night as well. But he thinks it better to be first in a concert field than to be second or may as little to another. So there is the place of the Sousa band.

The Wards and James combination announce their voices now promise to come—opens Monday night, and in spite of the times being so much out of joint, it looks as though they would do good business. Curiosity, it seems may be to be hugged away by anyone, we are glad it is the part of organizations that everyone remembers their visit last spring, and the pleasure their notable engagement then gave our Southern guests. On this visit they are to give us, first the elaborate production of Henry IV, with Wards as Falstaff and James as Falstaff, which they tried last year, but a new production of Damon and Pythias, with the old attractive repertoire to fill in with.

Monday night the Lion's Mouth is the bill. Julius Caesar will be presented on Tuesday, with about the same strong distribution of characters as that given in the Impostors' last visit, including Mr. Wards as Mark Antony, Mr. James as Brutus, and Mr. Herman as Cassius. The Hon. George H. Bebee's Francesca da Rimini, undoubtedly the best classic play written by an American, will have a beautiful production on Wednesday night, with Mr. James in his great interpretation of Pepe, the jester, Mr. Wards as Lanciotto, Mr. Herman as Paolo and Miss Chapman as Francesca. On Thursday night John Boyle's Damon and Pythias will be given with Mr. James as Damon and Mr. Wards as Pythias.

The company at thirty people includes, besides the stars, Mr. Herman their leading man and Edith Chapman their leading lady, James Chapman, Henry Burton, Stephen Wright, Lorne McCormack, Ernest Cherrie, Charles Cherrie, Charles H. Clark, Robert Hatfield, F. W. Scanlan, John G. Rickey and the Misses Florence Everett and Polly Shackwell.

Tuesday night at the Congregational church the Choral society will give its annual concert this winter, its long expected "Evening with German Song." This will be specially interesting, not only on account of the nature of the performance, but because it will be all probability, for the last appearance of Mr. Simpson with the organization. The program is as follows:

Chorus, "Awake to Song," ..... Bernard Molloy
Chorus, "Spring Song," ..... Mendelssohn
Female solo, "Ich Liebe Dich," ..... E. Grieg
Mrs. Ethel Wilcox Bennion.
Male chorus, "Die Allmacht," ..... Franz Schubert
Male chorus, "Die Nacht," ..... Franz Schubert
Male chorus, "Die Wanderer," ..... Franz Schubert
Chorus, "Ich Liebe Dich," ..... Grieg
Chorus, "Spring Song," ..... Mendelssohn
Organ solo, (by request) ..... Widor
Mr. Frank Kirkham.
Violin solo, "Ballade et Polonaise," ..... Vieuxtemps
Master Walter Wilcox.
Introduction to Act III, Lohengrin, with march and chorus (Wedding) ..... Wagner
Prof. Evan Stephens and Choral Choir.
Male chorus, "Der Gondelfahrer," ..... Abt
Male chorus, "Ich Wandle Unter Blumen," ..... Schumann
Male chorus, "Wo Ich Dich Zuerst Gesehen," ..... Abt
Prof. Thomas Condie.
Piano solo, "Polonaise in E Major," ..... Liszt
Master Joseph Ballantyne.
Chorus, "Serenade," ..... Bennett
Choral Choir.

A letter from that old comedian well known to C. W. Coulbeck, who is a member of the News staff, states that he will be in Salt Lake during the last week in April. He will be welcome, for he is one who, and we speak for some in sympathy with that sense and sympathetic little star, Effie Ellsler.

In a recent interview Mr. Coulbeck tells frankly how he overhauled the famous drunk, and incidentally mentioned a thrilling episode in American history:

"The old stock days in this country made money," said Mr. Coulbeck. "Clearly and we had stocks, and in fact in a season, such as a month of the Dalziel gold mines were grabbed year in and year out. Then, some that opened up your property and recommended some of the comforts of life now to be found from city to city, week after week, all thinking the month. The average people now who pays one part time of six months does not engagement with little learned. That is the reason the stock system was better for the player than the plan of today. How did I happen to be on the defaulting Epsom? Oh, I won't mind tell you. I had been a steady worker for months, a devoted, yet an obedient one. When the terrible scourge of President Lincoln was announced I was so completely unnerved that I came near being a traitor. I resented sympathetic, drinking to excess, and I drowned my grief in whisky. Why was I so sorry for the man? Well, I have John Wilkes Booth intimately. He was an actor. Those are the reasons. Our profession not been statistical, so I will say that I was at that time the best comedian I served at Ed Sue I wouldn't see again until dinner was ready. Why say a word. Dinner is ready. Then I was sober enough to know that I was drunk when I received my work. Friends in Chicago brought a letter to my room which I read after I was sober. I was ordered to the capital to report at once. The capital noted me very cordially. Then he reported that I was sent to me if I replied and to use a word, and for if I didn't send it, I would be off the scene from exhaustion. He left a prescription for a tonic, which I began to take immediately. I was ordered to report statement of myself I resolved to disappoint him. All that night I walked to and about the Tremont House, waiting to go to my room. Everybody was sad and gone to bed, but I continued to travel, a gnawing at my stomach like the feeling of a thousand rats gnawing their way through it. But I knew that I was time to I got through these twenty-four hours I would be the victor. I got through, and for weeks I took care that the manager had no hold. Soon after this, began a physician surprised I would do well to begin the drinking of beer. After a few months I acquired a liking for it, and in a short time it was a source of much exhilaration to me. It was not many years, however, ere I was stricken with gout. The doctors said that the first fit, if taken then I drank ginger ale and every day I am looking for that to get some rest and an overdose of beer. Do I think the profession is improving, morally and intellectually? Well, it is difficult to answer such a question in everyone has been better better. Never the author. Of course all men and women are social left, better for and altogether a comedy, quite respectable looking fellow. Of course I don't, I really have my doubts that the artistic value of their work is improving, further, of course, that it is improved by the only work to set it up modern stage appearance."

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Last Saturday's Salt Lake spoke of the Kersing house at Steele Mackaye, author of Hazel Kirke. Even now it gives them everlasting pleasure, he is waiting for the moment. He was passing in Salt Lake, Colorado, at the time the war was raging high in California, in the hope that he would be benefited by a milder climate. The boy's work was at such a time of Chicago, accompanied by the actress who, as we recall, was Miss Cassie Mackaye. Mackaye is thought to have died in a dream, and the dream is the result of drinking, addition and repetition in the great Spokesman which was to be one of the great hours of the Wonder Falls. Mackaye was not well and the great city to the Lake, being in which his spectacle is called, was a sad blow to the author. He was an inventive genius, almost equal to the new of the Lord, and I can believe. What he did, he did well, but a hobbyist people it, and they and his friends, money into the scheme, the result came, and he was prac-

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SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Of the Salt Lake Stake, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 2, 3 and 4.

After the conclusion of the News report yesterday afternoon, Bishops Harrison Sperry, of the Fourth ward, A. M. T. Burton, of the Fifth; Wm. Thorne, of the Seventh; James C. Watson, of the Sixth; D. B. Holmes, of Big Cottonwood, and John A. Egbert, of West Jordan, gave verbal reports of their wards, speaking in essential points with those presented in the morning session, special mention being made of the efficient work of the auxiliary organizations.

President John Smith testified to his observation of a marked improvement among the people of the Church, and in the blessings attending the administrations of the sisters among the sick by the power of faith and prayer. He the prayer of faith is always effectual. The testimony toward the presentation of labor is marked and unmistakable; all should drive their work created at home, to give them.

Speaking of the local patriotism, he stated that their duty is to bless the poor and those who labored. Elder called Brotherly on Christmas as either wise wish that administration, but even should, as a rule, bestow his attention to his own district.

Elder C. W. Penrose expressed his gratitude for the testimonies borne regarding the equality of all in the Church of Christ. The poor and the rich need equal instruction, and in some cases the rich are in special need of this, that they may appreciate the value of the energy of their brethren, humble brethren and sisters, and that rich and straggling in their struggling "society" may be discouraged.

The speaker referred to the benefit resulting from pastoral meetings received regional engineers, as also the holding of solemn meetings in the temples of the Lord. He prays and the Holy Ghost rest