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TREE TOADS VIE WITH RAVINIA MUSICIANS

NEW STAGE SETTINGS IN PAVILION

Mabel Garrison To Sing Farewell Saturday Evening. Tchaikowsky Program Monday With Dances by Galli and Bonfiglio

Maybe it is artistic to listen to a concert in the pavilion, to the tune of a million tree toads just outside, but it is certainly disconcerting. On Monday evening soloists' night was celebrated in the leafy boughs. Incidentally Messrs. Harry Weisbach and Morton Adkins were on the concert program. However, this little matter made no difference to our friends in the trees who sang on and on. When the music from the orchestra grew louder, and one hoped that it would probably drown out the songs of the tree toads, then their music became more noisy and could be heard even above the strains of the musicians. All of these interruptions, however, are to be expected at Ravinia, and one can easily accustom himself to the tree toads or even a bat or two flying through the stage during opera, usually the most dramatic part. However, all this goes with the beauty of the outdoor performance, and adds to its attractiveness.

Let's stop complaining now and note the stage at Ravinia. Opera goers recently have noticed a wonderful change in the stage and upon investigation have discovered that some wonderfully pretty new settings have been made for Ravinia. First, one notices that very effective moonlight scene, with the shimmering water and the white Ionic pillars, which is used on concert nights; then there is that pretty garden scene in Rigoletto and the last act of Carmen with the bull ring, all of these settings, with numerous drops and other features, have been made in order to make opera at Ravinia more attractive. Every performance, no matter how simple it may seem, requires a great deal of work for stage settings and many times while listening to the notes of some singer all of this work is forgotten, though it is a great factor in the success of the opera. Right here is a good place to mention the beauty of the costumes and the scenery, the way they harmonize in color shows that no little thought and time has been put on their planning and setting.

Mabel Garrison, who has won the admiration of her hearers will sing her farewell to the 1916 season at Ravinia on Saturday in Rigoletto, as Gilda, and as Lucia. She leaves soon for her home in New York preparatory to entering the ranks of the Metropolitan Opera Company in the Fall.

Among the new artists coming to Ravinia Park to sing different roles during the end of the season are: Mr. Phil Fein, who will sing Florestine in The Bohemian Girl, Lyda Mercer, Lola in Cavalleria Rusticana, and Irene Pavljowska, Musetta in La Boheme.

Next Monday there will be a Tchaikowsky program with the Trio Op. 50 (first movement) played by Mr. Richard Hageman, piano, Mr. Harry Weisbach, violin and Mr. Burno Steindel, cello. As is the custom Mlle. Galli and Giuseppe Bonfiglio will appear in dances.

WOLCOTT FAMILY REUNION

Descendent of Henry Wolcott Met in Annual Affair in Chicago Last Week

The members of the Society of the Descendants of Henry Wolcott held an interesting family reunion in Chicago Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Rev. and Mrs. P. C. Wolcott and son, Leonard, attended from this city. Henry Wolcott, who came from England settled in Massachusetts in 1630 and later held different important offices in Windsor, Conn. The first part of the reunion took place at the Moraine Hotel of this city on Wednesday when a number of the hundred members had luncheon. On the evening of Thursday the guests held a banquet at Hotel Sherman, Chicago, including a business meeting and speeches. This reunion, which has been an annual affair for the past twelve years, will take place next year at Hartford, Conn.

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HIGHLAND PARK DAY HALTED BY DOWNPOUR

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very day for rain that the business men had set aside for our annual holiday. Surely if there is anything in this idea of expectations being realized by believing strongly enough, its results were demonstrated on Thursday. Not only was the day before Thursday clear and beautiful but twenty-eight days in a row before and the very day following, the weather was beautiful. Can you beat it? One thing we find much consolation in, is that the long dry spell was broken and if the association was responsible, they have accomplished much good as crops were in great need of rain. I believe that the farmers should take up a collection for us to help us with our deficit. This is not insisted upon, merely a suggestion. The members of the association had worked hard and great credit is due their untiring efforts to make a public holiday. The loyalty of the citizens is also appreciated and it shows how great numbers were interested by braving the threatening weather and sticking to the finish. If the weather is clear this afternoon, we will begin at one o'clock p. m. to continue on with refreshments and prize drawings, games, and dancing from seven p. m. to midnight. Due acknowledgment of donations for free prize drawings, raffles and refreshments will be made in next week's issue of the Press. Also it is hoped to be able to publish list of winners in Free Prize drawing contest. From the way it now appears this will be the last appearance of the business men as holiday makers, and we will leave the job to others, who we hope will be more successful, and we will close by all rising and singing "So Long Letty."

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It is expected that distribution of the new securities will be made in about sixty days.

Presbyterian Church Notes

Rev. Ezra Butler Newcomb, D. D. of Keokuk, Iowa, will preach on Sunday morning, August 20th, in the absence of the regular pastor on his summer vacation. Sermon subject, "The Vision of the Invisible."

Educated for and admitted to the bar the call to preach the Gospel was felt so keenly that study for the ministry at McCormick Seminary was soon taken up and pursued to its completion, till even now he is one of the directors of that institution.

Dr. Newcomb, a very genial man, is known as a most effective preacher. He is a staunch Presbyterian of high Christian ideals. For years he has been a power in the councils of the church in Iowa, not to mention his influence on the committees of the General Assembly for the work of the church in the country at large.

He is one of the great men not only of the Presbyterian church but also in the Christian ministry in this country. He has been pastor of the First Westminster Church at Keokuk, Iowa, a very large and influential church, for the past twenty years. He was previously pastor at Laporte, Indiana, and Minneapolis, Minn.

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