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URGES MUSIC TRAINING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

College Magazine Explains the Work Done by Miss Helen Mayer of this City

The following article appeared in the May issue of "The Coraddi", a magazine published by the North Carolina college, Greensboro, N. C. An explanation of the work done by Miss Helen Mayer, music instructor in the college is given:

Nine little fiddlers delighted and amazed the students and faculty of the N. C. college when they demonstrated the work of the class in orchestral music taught by Miss Mayer in the training school.

The children are very responsive and their teacher is enthusiastic about their progress. The attitude of the pupils was apparent in a little incident noticed recently during a violent rain storm. A little boy going home from school with his violin protected not only by its case but was wrapped in his rain coat while he himself was exposed to the storm.

The remarkable success of this class with only four months training shows the great possibilities of the nation wide movement toward introducing music into the public schools. In ultra-practical America the arts have been neglected. No place has been given in our educational system for the development of artistic tastes. Reading and writing and arithmetic have been considered the only essentials in grammar school. Musical instruction has been a high priced luxury. Consequently our people are lacking in artistic temperament, and have little capacity for cultured enjoyment in any field but that of literature. Now we are realizing the barrenness of an education which does not include music, and a speedy advance is being made in the establishment of musical instruction in the grades and high school.

In the training school, regular lessons are given in reading the notes and in singing, and the B. M. Seniors of the college teach the piano without extra charge to those who wish to take it. For violin instruction the expense is only 10 cents a lesson and the pupils are taught in a class just as with any other subject.

The teaching of music in the public schools is an important innovation. It will extend an opportunity for the cultivation of the artistic nature of thousands of children who would otherwise go through life never knowing the joy and inspiration afforded by music.

AN ANDOVER SUNSET— GEO. A. MASON, JR.

The following poem was written by George A. Mason, Jr., who is a student at Phillips Andover academy:

An Andover Sunset

The rim of circling mountains growing higher,
The purple shadows creeping on apace,
The heavens touched with fast increasing fire,
The cloudbanks gently breaking into lace.

The green of Spring's fresh efforts close at hand,
The birds in rapture pausing in their flight,
The silent world, in worship, at a stand,
All hushed before the coming goddess, Night.

The fire pales and flickers and goes out,
The black'ning clouds merge into darker sky,
The twinkling hearth lights gently break about,
The majesty of Night herself is night.

The mountain tips approach the lowering sheath,
The last lone spire fades quickly on the sight,
The awe-struck earth draws in a reverent breath,
And all is lost in mystery,— and Night.

George A. Mason, Jr.

CARGO OF HARD COAL ARRIVES AT WAUKEGAN

Captain of Boat Says There Is a Scarcity of Hard Coal in The East

The steamer Hydrus arrived in Waukegan harbor late Saturday afternoon with a cargo of 6929 tons of hard coal for the Reiss docks. It was the first hard coal boat this season to arrive.

The price of furnace coal in Waukegan now is \$15.20 per ton. Captain Connors said that from indications in the east the supply of hard coal this year will be limited. He did not see any indications that the price will be cheaper.

A representative of one of the big Illinois coal mines says that the mines are now being operated at practically

at a loss, because of the inability to get cars. The overhead charges, he said, will compel operators to ask more for their coal.

Coal dealers at Galeburg have been notified of an advance of 75 cents a ton on soft coal at southern Illinois mines. Another advance of 50 cents by August is hinted. On top of this an advance of freight rates is expected this fall. This, too, the consumer must stand.

While operators say that they can't get enough cars to keep the mines running, the railroads claim they are delivering all the coal the mines are producing. There is considerable passing of the buck as to who is really the blame for the constantly increasing price of coal.

Yet it is going to be a cold winter when the time comes and it looks as the Mr. Consumer will have to dig deep into his pocket to pay his coal bill.

TELEPHONE RECONSTRUCTION A HARD PROBLEM

The Bell telephone system is making a tremendous effort to put itself out of the hole in which it was left by Government operation. 35,418 new telephones were installed in New York City in four months; but notwithstanding this unprecedented record there are still over 64,000 applications for phones on the waiting list in the metropolis. The telephone company, in a statement recently issued says: "It is safe to say that no industry has been more forehanded in providing for emergencies than the Bell system, and yet day after day the mails bring reports of broken promises and materials vitally necessary to the work of construction are delayed."

It is the same story in every industry—the story of a lack of supplies, and the continuance of lagging production. While the telephone business is being "reconstructed," after having been drafted into the war, it finds that it can not get supplies for extending its lines and placing new telephones. Possibly this is due to the fact that in the days of Mr. Burleson's postal management of the wire lines he destroyed the source of supply that must first be "reconstructed" before private operation can expect to function normally.

Claimed that government will get a billion more of taxes wrongfully withheld by the corporations. O, well only a billion more to be paid by the consumer in high prices.

PROBLEMS FOR PEOPLE YET TO BE SETTLED

Besides the election of a president and a vice president there are other incidental matters that the electors of the country will be called on to settle. Four hundred and thirty five representatives in Congress are to be selected. At present the majority in the lower branch of Congress is Republican, but most of the time during recent years it has been Democratic. It will be a fight in every congressional district to turn the balance. Thirty three Senators are to be chosen. At the present time the party stands 40 Republicans, 46 Democrats and one vacancy. Based upon the complexion of party control in the thirty-two states having elections the Republicans appear to have the best of matters; but the Democrats, who have been "sorter laying low," have quit conceding anything and they are getting ready for their San Francisco to match up with the Republican Chicago. The results of next November may look easy to political partisans, but the wisecracks who wear out lead pencils and smash adding machines in making their calculations are free to admit that the contest throughout the country does not give any assurances of a walk-away to either side.

THE FIRST THOUSAND

The government, the banks, and the business community, are urging the people to save money and relieve the existing stringency. But many people have made it their life long custom to spend money as fast as they get it.

Some people look at economy as stinginess. You can find plenty of people who look with contempt on a man who blacks his own boots or wears plain clothing.

But people who have learned to save money soon find that the possession of a reserve gives more satisfaction than is obtained by the things they could buy with the same money. It gives them a sense of security, it makes it possible to engage in business enterprises. They are not tied down to their weekly pay envelope if there comes a strong reason for some business change.

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