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## RAVINIA OPENING

Lovers of musical art on the North Shore and everywhere in the Chicago and suburban districts are looking forward with delighted anticipation to the opening of Ravinia park on Saturday night, June 25, when those classic groves again will resound to the voices of some of the world's greatest opera singers. It is predicted that this season at Ravinia park will be one of highest achievement in the history of that famed sylvan theatre, and each year Ravinia has surpassed itself, so that the prediction bids fair to be realized. Then there are the splendid concerts by one of the greatest of orchestras and with soloists both vocal and instrumental whose fame is as wide as the nations, and one of the most interesting, attractive and beneficial features of the session is the series of Thursday afternoon entertainments for the children. Altogether there is no finer nor more valuable musical attraction anywhere in the world than this annual Ravinia park program. It should have the hearty support of all and especially of those who have the great privilege of living within such short distance of its beauties as those of us here on the north shore.

## THE IMMORTAL

The following editorial from The Cincinnati Enquirer is so good that we reprint here in full:

"Recently it was reported in a news dispatch that the original of Whittier's 'Barefoot Boy' had been found dying, in destitution, in a squalid cabin near Danvers, Mass. It may be true or not that the unfortunate was, as reported, the original from whom the gray poet limned his enduring lyric—the man grown old and poor and wretched, who once played as a barefoot boy on the Whittier farm. This aspect of life's mutations does not concern us. What really matters is that the poet carved in signing verse, on the heart of humanity a picture that can never die.

"The Barefoot Boy is immortal! Down the ways of youth he goes, whistling the songs of life's springtime days. His face is smudged, and the tail of his shirt flies free; his feet feel the thrill of the earth's electric currents, and his soul soars responsive to the whisperings of the infinite, which breathe in the rustle of leaves, the tinkle of waters, the love notes of birds, the perfume of woodland blossoms, the sheen of sun, the green of far fields—in all the glory of the out-of-doors of boyland. There are walnut trees and paw-paw shades; there are haw thickets and 'simmon trees; there are grassnuts and grapes; there are shagbarks, bearing treasure sweet and alluring; there are ponds and creeks which shimmer and call with inviting, irresistible lure; there are rabbits and chipmunks and squirrels and coons; there are killdeer and crows and cranes and kingfishers—he knows them all, and their haunts and their seasons are those in which he may go, unsaddled to company with the scenes and things the red gods knew and loved so well in the days of long ago.

"The Barefoot Boy is happy, happy in his enjoyment of an eternal present, but happiest in the dreams with which he peoples it—the dreams which follow, follow him until he too, shall have become a dream, incorporate with the one and only enduring dream—the all that is, or was, or ever will be."

## BUSINESS OUTLOOK PROMISING

In spite of the prophets of evil, who are always with us in some form, there is no reason, according to the best judgment of those in touch with the business situation of the country, to feel that the balance of the present year will be anything but prosperous, in the country at large.

It is true that the Mississippi floods have created an adverse situation in certain sections of the country but it is not believed that this will affect the national situation.

One significant statement given out by the National City Bank in its May resume of the business situation is to the effect that "clearly the difficulties from which industry are suffering are to a large extent the result of the intense and destructive competition that prevails within it."

The free traders have for years told us that a protective tariff destroys competition in the home market and promotes monopoly. Evidently this has not been the case with the present tariff law.

From the farming districts there comes of course some complaint, in certain sections of the middle west. But, according to statistics gathered in Iowa by banking interests, the sale of farm land in that great corn state is on the increase and things are looking up.

Evidently this is no time for business pessimism so far as the United States is concerned. The principal thing we have to do is to refrain from rocking the boat.

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## URGES PROPAGATION OF U.S. GAME BIRDS

### TO MAINTAIN THE SUPPLY

**Bulletin Issued by Department of Agriculture Points Out Necessity; Co-operation or States is Need**

Propagation of game birds is an eminent necessity if the national supply of game is to be maintained. This definite statement is made by the U. S. department of agriculture in Farmers' Bulletin No. 1521, a publication of 58 pages, written by Dr. W. L. McAtee, in charge of division of food habits research bureau of the biological survey.

The bureau of biological survey makes it plain at the outset of the bulletin that it is ready to back the farmers of the country if they will engage in game farming. As an incentive, the direct suggestion is made that the necessary federal permits which are necessary for lawful possession of wild ducks, wild geese and other migratory game birds in captivity may be obtained through the biological survey at Washington, D. C. The survey will also furnish copies of the digest of state laws on game bird propagation, and the addresses of officials to whom application should be made for state licenses, and for the full text of state laws relating to the propagation of game birds, Exhaustive Treatise.

Dr. McAtee in his very interesting and informative illustrated publication goes into every feature of the subject relating to the propagation of game birds, and he tells how success in that work has been enjoyed in the United States by individuals, by sportsmen's organizations and by state game departments. "The appeal to farmers to engage in the propagation of game birds," says Dr. McAtee, "may be made profitable, since the demand exceeds the supply of adult birds for breeding, of both young and adults for restocking, and of eggs for distribution to farmers and shooting clubs."

Farmers interested in the subject should send ten cents to the government printing office at Washington, D.C., for a copy of this publication. It deals exhaustively with every phase of the question, including the matter of sanitation, vermin control, primary stocking and even the variety game birds which should prove most profitable to the "game farmer."

The bulletin applies primarily to the ring-necked pheasant, the bobwhite quail, the mallard duck, and the Canada goose, species with which most success has been achieved on American game farms, and secondarily to a number of other game birds that have been reared less extensively, and for which more or less tentative directions for handling are reported from the methods used by the most successful breeders.

Urger Co-operation  
By many of the leading game experts of the country, it is believed that

the success of game restoration in the United States depends very largely on co-operation state game bodies with farmers. The official publication referred to above indicates that such co-operation may be expected even to the point that would lead state game commissions to spend money in buying game birds from farmers within their states, thus giving the farmers an incentive to raise the game birds and at the same time provide the stock that will repopulate districts where game birds are now scarce. It is of interest to know that many state commissions are now spending large sums of money buying game birds to liberate in sections where they have become scarce. Everything indicates that there is a ready market for farmers who wish to become game producers and supply the state game commissioners with game birds.

Sportsmen have long been back of organized efforts to preserve the Am-

erican system of free shooting, and the interest shown by the federal and state governments will help forward the movement to keep American free of the prevailing European system of the closed preserves and at the same time help restock some portions of the country where game birds are not very scarce.

### ADVICE FROM DORA

Dumb Dora saw an ad in the paper the other day. It said, "How A Girl Can Keep Her Youth, one dollar postpaid." Dora says the only way a girl can really keep her youth is by never introducing him to another girl, especially a pretty one.

### FAIR ENOUGH

"Why are you scratching yourself, Tommy?"  
"Because I'm the only one who knows where I itch."

### SPECIAL SERVICE

The boss came in early one morning and found his bookkeeper kissing the stenographer. "Is this what you pay for?" he shouted.  
"No," was the unanimous reply. "We do this free of charge."

### DOWN TO FACTS

"In my business the harder I work the lower I get," bemoaned the trench digger.

### SHOOT THE WORKS

Mother: "Did you give your penny to the Sunday School collection, Johnny?"  
Johnny: "No, mother, I lost it."  
"What lost another one? That makes three Sundays on which you have lost your pennies."  
Yes, Mom, but that darned kid's luck can't last forever."

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