

THE MAGIC OF MUSIC

Power of the Melody of the Voice Over Man and Beast.

SINGERS WHO SAVED LIVES.

The Way Lablache, the Basso, Conquered a Bear and a Burglar—Grisi's Control of a Madman With a Razor. A Musical Wife's Presence of Mind.

That music really has charms to soothe the savage beast is proved by the many times that the power of song has been the means of saving life. On one occasion when Luigi Lablache, the great opera basso, was strolling through a French fair he was surprised by a sudden stampede of the sightseers, who rushed by him in a great panic, crying that one of the great bears had escaped from the menagerie. So surprised that he scarcely realized his danger, the singer stood his ground and almost immediately found himself face to face with the maddened beast, which halted for a moment before making its final rush. In that moment Lablache began to sing one of his favorite airs in a voice so deep and terrifying that the bear sunk away, thoroughly cowed.

It was this same singer who, when confined to his bed by a broken leg, was surprised by his landlady, who burst into his room, crying that a robber was in the house and was about to kill her husband unless he revealed the hiding place of their money and plate. Lablache, unable because of his injury to give other assistance, began to sing an aria in such thunderous tones as to terrify the robber, who fled.

Mme. Giulia Grisi was once traveling from the south of France to Paris in company with several companions of her own sex, when their privacy was intruded upon by a man who entered their apartment at a wayside station. Before long he began to act so oddly as to make the women apprehensive and at last terrified them by drawing a razor, which he began to flourish, at the same time demanding that he be permitted to sever their heads. The women realized that they had a madman in the carriage with them and also that they were without protection until the next stop of the train. In consequence they became hysterical—all save Grisi, who with great coolness suddenly began to sing in a soft voice that gradually assumed volume as she gained the attention of the man, whose threatening attitude gave way to rapt attention as the song advanced. Song after song did Grisi sing, and not another movement did the man make until the next station was reached, when the alarm was given and he was taken into custody. It transpired afterward that he had escaped from a lunatic asylum.

Jennie Lind once saved not only her own, but hundreds of other lives by her gift of song. A fire broke out back of the stage in a small theater in her native land where she was singing. The audience became alarmed, and there might have been a panic had not Jennie Lind stepped coolly out upon the stage and began singing a favorite folk song. Reassured and entranced, the audience recanted themselves, and the fire was soon extinguished.

Another well known opera star while traveling with some friends in Mexico was surprised by a company of half breed bandits, at whose approach the escort fled, leaving their charges to the mercy of the robbers. The attitude of the latter on finding that their captives had little money and valuables was menacing in the extreme, and the travelers all expected to be murdered that night. When the robbers were eating their supper the star began to sing, and his captors were so delighted that they demanded more. For a time he gratified them, but at last suggested that he should sing for the freedom of himself and his friends. To this the bandits, cheered by wine and song, agreed, and after having sung for an hour he and his companion were free.

Kneissel, the notorious Bavarian brigand, once planned to rob a house in the neighborhood of Munich and, if necessary to secure the money and plate he knew was in the house, murder the inmates, a young married woman and her two female servants. His approach was heard by the wife, who, instead of losing her head, set down to her piano and began to sing. The brigand listened awhile and was on the point of forcing an entrance into the room when the song ceased and a man's voice struck up a rollicking air, to be followed in a few moments by a third man's voice singing a familiar chorus. Kneissel paused. The husband evidently had returned unexpectedly and had brought with him a friend. He was not prepared to attack the house against two men, so he beat a hasty retreat, little thinking that the voice he had heard proceeded from the lips of the young wife, a fine singer, who was an adept at mimicry.

Some years ago a released convict went to the home of the Indiana judge who had sentenced him to prison with the intention of shooting him. As he crept nearer to the window beside which the judge was sitting and raised his revolver to fire the sweet voice of the judge's wife floated out on the summer air from the bedroom, where she was singing her baby to sleep, all unconscious of her husband's peril. The lullaby she sang was one that the convict's mother used to croon to him, and, throwing aside his revolver, he walked boldly into the house and confessed to the judge his intention. The judge befriended him, and he is today one of the most influential and respected citizens of a town in the far west—Addie Patzer in Chicago Record-Herald.

UNDERSTRAPPERS AT THE HELM.

Chief Officials Absent On Private Business Or Playing Politics.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 8.—With the President away on politics and hunting bent, and Root and Taft, the two chief members of the Cabinet in foreign parts, and the other members of the Administration absent from their departments on politics or private business, the government of the country is running with the Republican understrappers at the helm. This has been pretty much the case all the summer, since the President left early in June. No other administration has such a record for absenteeism. Nor has any other administration spent so much time on partisan politics and interference with local party squabbles. Every kind of excuse has been made to send out the cabinet officials and their assistants to do the preliminary work to round up delegates to the next Republican National Convention. Secretary Taft has made speeches in all the states where he could do any good; Secretary Metcalf has been for months in California and the other Pacific States; Secretary Cortelyou has been in New York, in close touch with Wall Street and the New York politicians; Secretary Bonaparte has been rattling in Canada and at his Maryland country home, and incidentally has helped to muddle up Republican prospects in Maryland; Secretary Meyer has been boosting up Senator Lodge for control of the Massachusetts delegates; Secretary Garfield besides spending the summer in the West, sensibly on government business, but really on politics, then took another month at home in Cleveland to help fix up the proposed defeat of Tom Johnson for mayor by the President's favorite, Congressman Burton; Secretary Wilson has been traveling all over the West at government expense; and if the truth were known the other cabinet members have not paid out much from their private purses on their political junkets.

Assistant Postmaster-General Hitchcock has been rounding up the postmasters and instructing them to secure delegates to the Republican Convention favorable to Secretary Cortelyou. Secretary Pinchot of the Forestry Bureau, member of the "Tennis Cabinet," has been in the Rocky Mountain States trying to overcome the opposition developed there on account of the enlargement of the forest reserves. The political expeditions of many others might be mentioned who have put in more time for partisan purposes than for what they are paid to do. Booker Washington and other administration negro leaders have been attempting to turn the current of darkey voters away from Forsaker, but with no effect, outside of the negro office holders.

My! my! but it has been a strenuous summer, and after all the result looks quite doubtful for the Administration unless the office holders can induce the President to run for a third term, for they at heart fear a new deal with another candidate. The Taft men are now accusing the Cortelyou boomers of using the patronage of the United States Treasury and the Post Office Department to force his nomination, and as far as the Southern States are concerned they have no doubt rounded up the office holders, who compose the Republican party there, leaving out the darkey contingent.

The Democrats, while they have not been so active as their Republican friends, are much encouraged by the Republican divisions and factional fights, but are still at sea about who will lead the party. The trend of events has led to a thorough investigation of the merits of possible candidates and their reputed strength in the close and doubtful Northern States, which it is feared Mr. Bryan could not carry if again nominated.

The boom for Lieutenant Governor Chandler, of New York, is dedicated up in his strength in his own State, but there is a feeling that eventually he will be only secondarily considered for second place on the ticket.

Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, came to be fighting ahead as a promising candidate, and this has been strengthened by reports from Minnesota, which will send a Johnson delegate to the Democratic National Convention. The annual Party Review of the State, which is one of the most reliable Democratic newspapers, and a few days ago "Senator" Johnson, of Washington, Governor Johnson will be the next Democratic candidate for Governor. He believes that Mr. Bryan will not stand in Johnson's way. This statement is believed to be a particular significant coming from Senator Works, of this State, who was a guest at Mr. Bryan's home in Berkeley about a week ago.

RAMSEUR NEWS.

Street Improvements In Progress—Personal and Other Items.

Mrs. B. S. Scott is visiting relatives at High Point and Asheville.

John Baldwin, of Pinehurst, is spending some time with his family here.

Misses Florence and Flossie Marley, of Franklinville, visited relatives here Sunday.

Henry Hackney, of Charlotte, was a visitor in town Saturday and Sunday.

Messes. T. A. Moffitt, J. A. Brady, J. E. Brady, J. M. Kivett and Thos. Ellis have recently purchased handsome pianos.

Messes. Mitchell Scott, John and George Parks, Grady Foushee, and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brady were visitors to the Jamestown Exposition last week.

A large number of our people will attend the Carolina Central Fair in Greensboro this week.

The graded school is doing excellent work, and a large number of pupils are enrolled.

Our citizens and the commissioners for our streets are having some very handsome granite sidewalks laid on our principal streets. This will add much to the beauty and convenience of our town.

Ressie Pearce is conducting a grocery and general merchandise in the eastern part of town.

Beautiful little stringers recently arrived in the home of Messrs. A. H. Thomas, W. H. Watkins, Jr., and C. A. Dese.

One of the largest and most complete lines of winter goods is now displayed by the Ramsey Store Co. In ladies' dress goods and supplies they have a large and splendid selection.

Miss Bertha Battle, of Morganton, again in charge of the military department of the Ramsey Store Co. She has a very choice selection of hats, and is well versed in her department by a large patronage. The styles are lovely this season and the prices are very reasonable.

Miss Linney, of the faculty of Franklinville public school, was in town Sunday.

Mr. A. R. Covington, who has successfully conducted the Hotel Ramsey for the past 14 years, retires from the business this fall. Some one can secure a good location for the business by addressing as above.

FRANKLINVILLE GLEANINGS.

Postoffice to Be Moved—Address On Odd Fellowship—Other Items.

Mr. J. C. Kivett has purchased the York building on R. R. avenue in which the postoffice and Mr. J. M. Ellison's grocery store is now kept. Mr. Kivett will remodel the building and open up a stock of goods in the near future. Mr. Ellison will move the postoffice and grocery to his building a short distance away.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pentris and little Ollie spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives and friends at High Point.

Mr. Amos Wittingham, of Asheville, was in the city one day last week.

Mr. C. M. York has moved his family to his old home near White's Chapel.

Mr. B. H. Cheek is moving into his residence near W. C. Jones' wagon shops.

Mr. W. A. Patterson, of Durham, spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

Mr. S. L. W. and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cox.

Mrs. Caroline Craven is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. O. T. Leonard, at Greensboro.

Misses Louanna Chandler and Lula Cox went to Randleman shopping one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Pentris spent Saturday night and Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. Mary Pentris, near Sophia.

Mr. W. A. Grimes has moved his saw mill from Liberty to this place and has located it near the Franklinville Mill Co. dam.

Prof. D. M. Weatherly will deliver an address on Odd Fellowship at the Masonic Hall the fourth Tuesday night in November. All Odd Fellows that can should attend. Mr. Weatherly is one of our best speakers and every one that loves the order will be well paid for their trouble.

Apres Party at Trinity.

The apres party given in honor of Miss Pearl Crowson's birthday, on Friday night, October the 11th, was enjoyed by all.

Those present were: Elbert Farlow, Hugh Crowson, Earl Bulla, Joe Alexander, Beven Farlow, Ben Crowson, Carl Franier, Emmett Crowson, Ade Davis, Norman Walker and Jeff Alexander; and Messes Augustus Alexander, Hon. Iula Farlow, Gertrude Farlow, Pearl Crowson, Onaida Walker, Beatrice Bulla, Essie Walker, Ruby Farlow, Sallie and Annie Crowson.

The bannings were good. The first prize was won by Elbert Farlow; second prize, by Hugh Crowson. After the party was over games were played until 10 o'clock, and then the guests went home.

Gray's Chapel Items.

Farmers are busy gathering corn. Wheat has been sown.

Hugh T. Curtis, who wandered away from home last Spring, returned home last week. Mr. Curtis is in poor health yet.

BISCOE ITEMS.

Death of An Infant—Interesting Batch of Personal.

Misses Mayne Sloan and Virginia Robinson, of Jonesboro, who has been visiting at Mr. J. W. Mason's, returned to their home Tuesday.

Mrs. M. A. McAnuly, of Rockingham, is visiting her daughters, Mrs. J. R. Page and Mrs. J. K. Wood.

Mr. E. B. Hatch has resigned his position as manager of the Biscoe Foundry & Machine Company, to go to Tampa, Fla., where he is going into the mercantile business.

Mrs. Manly Luck and children, Evelyn and Howard; and Miss Ethel Maness, Mrs. Luck's sister, returned Monday from a visit to relatives and friends at Thomsville and High Point.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Smith, died Friday and was buried at Wadeville near Mr. and Mrs. Smith's former home, Saturday, October 12th.

Mr. Walter L. Carter and Miss Annie Mitchell, of Biscoe, were married Friday October 11th. Mr. Manly Luck, J. P., officiating.

Mr. C. C. Crocker, of Aberdeen, was in town on business Saturday.

Chatham County Notes.

From The Chatham Record.

Jas. L. Griffin, C. S. C., of Chatham finds that during the past 20 years 61 divorces have been granted in that county.

Last week DeWitt Klapp, the 18-year old son of Rev. P. T. Klapp who lives 1 1/2 miles south of Pittsboro, was painfully, but fortunately not fatally, gored by an enraged bull. The animal was in the barn lot and without any warning rushed upon young Klapp upon his entering the lot.

Hiram Tillman, postmaster at Bynum, was married last week to Miss Lena Sturdevant, also of Bynum.

Miss Blanche Rives, of Chatham Co., and Harrison Stout, of Burlington, were married last week at the home of the bride's father, W. A. Rives, of Hickory Mountain township.

Frank Burns suffered a painful, but not serious, injury to his leg last week by falling on the band wheel at Eddin's saw mill, in Oakland township where he was working.

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