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YSAYE COMMANDS A TRIUMPHANT TOUCH

The Charlotte Musical Association Has Secured A Magnificent Artist

The Charlotte Musical Association is daily receiving flattering notices of the artists who have been engaged to appear in Charlotte during the winter under the auspices of this organization and the way is opening up for a succession of events that will attract what is anticipated to be the largest and most representative crowds that have ever gathered here for great operatic or musical functions. Ysaye, the world-renowned violinist, who will give the first concert, has sprung into wonderful fame within recent years and has captivated multitudes where he has appeared in the great cities of the North and West.

The following from The Chicago Tribune after the appearance of Ysaye is indicative of the genius of the great artist and of interest here on account of the engagement made to bring him to Charlotte: "Eugene Ysaye was soloist with the Thomas Orchestra yesterday afternoon and by the simple beauty, the unaffected sincerity and the consummate mastery of his art lifted the concert to the highest level that music can attain. This master violinist seems to stand humbly before the high altar of the muse. Reverently, but with a quiet and assumed joy, he sends up a song of homage dedicated to all that is noble. Words may not measure such an art, nor can they be more than a slight token of the great debt of gratitude which the music-loving world owes to such an artist."

"Mozart was the first composer honored by Mr. Ysaye. The G major concerto became, at his behest, a song from some bright morning when music was young. To it he brought a tone as warm and pure as sunlight, a sense of beauty as fresh as the dawn. Spontaneous, joyous, without a hint of effort it seemed that the spirit of the composer spoke directly to the listener and that the performer listened, with the audience, to the message of beauty that was unfolded. Evidently at 54 Mr. Ysaye is still as young as he looks and he taught us yesterday that the spirit that truly loves beauty can never grow old. "His reading of the Bruch D minor concerto was even more wonderful in that here it was the performer who

endowed an expression of earnestness and sincerity with elements of nobility. Backward terms of musical criticism are likewise endowed with new meaning when employed to describe this performance. Thus the terms breadth and dignity of style were defined anew in his interpretation of the adagio. Freedom, that goal of every sincere interpreter, was realized in his presentation of the recitative. In the finale, buoyant, inspiring temperament held sway untrammelled, even by the thought of mechanical means, of which the hearer was wholly unconscious.

"But the miracle of Mr. Ysaye's art was performed in the Saint Seans 'Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso' added as an encore at the conclusion of the program. At the hands of innumerable semi-artists it has been so disfigured that all believe in its original beauty and sincerity has been lost. In restoring the faith in a much abused composer, Mr. Ysaye renewed the youth of every experienced musician and music lover present.

The orchestra has never played accompaniments of such faultless sympathy and beauty as those supplied Mr. Ysaye. Inspired by his presence the conductor and his men also arose to splendid heights in the reading of the fourth Schumann Symphony, which opened the program. A more beautiful sostenuto than that developed in the introduction has not been achieved this season. The romanza was delivered with just the right accent of simplicity and there were moments of genuine orchestral virtuosity in the finale.

"Mr. Stock's talent to readjust orchestral proportions has rarely had more fortunate exemplification. Schumann's thick and often ineffective instrumentation became transparent and luminous. Yet one could detect no hint or studied preparation or of calculate effect. Throughout the Symphony impressed a finished and serene poised example of interpretive art. Tschalkowsky's overture-fantasia 'Romeo and Juliet' prefaced the Bruch concerto effectively."

ANOTHER BRITISH CHALLENGER EXPECTED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The visit to this country of Charles A. Allom, a leading British yachtsman, has caused a revival of rumors of a forthcoming challenge for the America's cup. Mr. Allom is believed to be canvassing the situation in behalf of an English syndicate which stands ready to build a yacht of the 23 meter class, with which to challenge for the cup.

Like Sir Thomas Lipton, however, he does not favor the old rules governing the trophy and would want the New York Yacht Club to agree under its present rules of measurements.

SCENIC SYSTEMS

BY MARGARET KELLY ABERNETHY.

Miss Mary O. Graham returned home yesterday from Greensboro, where she attended the Teachers' Assembly and meeting of county school superintendents. Miss Graham was chairman of the committee on text books and material that presented to the Primary Teachers' Association a lengthy report of the best text books for use in the first three grades. Besides text books the report embraced material to be used in these grades, story books, manual training books, books on plays and games, magazines, and long list of professional books, especially valuable primary teachers.

Mrs. J. Q. Adams and sons, Masters Leslie and Lawrence Adams, will arrive in the city tomorrow from Greenwood, S. C., to join Dr. Adams, who arrived here yesterday from Forest City where he held services Sunday. Dr. Adams left here about two years ago to become pastor of the Baptist Church at Greenwood, S. C., a charge he recently relinquished and return to former pastorate at Forest City and Harmony, S. C. Dr. and Mrs. Adams will occupy their home on South Boulevard, Dilworth, and their host of friends will cordially welcome their return.

Miss Katherine Pegram will return home Wednesday from Atlanta where she has been spending two months visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Pegram.

Mrs. Rufus Barringer will give a reception at her home on North Tryon street Friday afternoon between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock in honor of Mrs. Anna C. Barron and Mrs. Bartlett Jones Witherspoon.

Mrs. Earle S. Pegram of Statesville spent yesterday in the city with her mother and sister, Mrs. C. Barron and Mrs. Lloyd C. Withers.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston B. Wilkes, Jr. left this morning for their home in Greenville, S. C., after spending a few days here as guests of Mrs. Wilkes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Reiley, on Park avenue.

Mrs. J. C. Montgomery will entertain at a luncheon at her home on South Tryon street tomorrow at 1 o'clock in honor of Mrs. Bartlett Jones Witherspoon.

Mrs. Simmons B. Jones and daughter, Mrs. Walter R. Tallaferro, Jr., will leave tonight for Raleigh to be present at the funeral of the late Gov. John M. Morehead, which will be presented to the State tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. The exercises will be held in the hall of the House of Representatives and in the rotunda of the State Capitol. The bust will be unveiled by Miss Katherine and Master Garrett Morehead, children of ex-Congressman and Mrs. John M. Morehead, and great-grandchildren of the Governor. The presentation of the bust will be by Col. J. Bryan Grimes and his acceptance by Mrs. C. O. Cobb, accompanied by Mrs. J. Y. Joyner. Among the many relatives who will attend the unveiling will be Mrs. Rufus Barringer, Mrs. Thomas Coffey at the Watauga Inn, Mrs. E. O. Cobb, accompanied by Mrs. Robert L. Tompsett, left early this morning in response to a message announcing her daughter's illness.

The Friday Afternoon Bridge Club will meet this week with Mrs. Frank Purcell at her home on East Boulevard, Dilworth.

Mrs. A. S. Reid has returned home from a six weeks' visit to relatives in Boston, Mass., and Schenectady, N. Y.

Mrs. Frank D. Alexander will entertain at an informal sewing party at her home on South Tryon street Friday morning in honor of Mrs. Thomas L. Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin R. Kimbrell have leased one of the Elmore apartments and will begin housekeeping at once.

Mrs. W. G. Lake is confined to her home on Seigle avenue with diphtheria. Mrs. Lake is a well-known and popular nurse and her friends will regret to learn of her illness.

The literature department of the Woman's Club had a very enjoyable meeting at the Carnegie Library this morning. The department was most fortunate in having with them Mr. Theodore P. Latta, Jr., associate editor of The Charlotte Observer, who delivered an interesting and able address on Ralph Waldo Emerson and the present writers of the Nineteenth Century.

Dr. and Mrs. William L. Howell of Covington are spending a few days in the city on their home from a trip to Florida. They are guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Baldwin, at Hoskins. Mrs. Howell before her marriage was Miss Ina Parson. The wedding occurred at Covington November 20. Dr. and Mrs. Howell will be guests tomorrow of Miss Rosamond Lucas on North College street.

Miss Sarah Wall of Durham, who is a student at Waverly School, Lincolnton, is spending today in the city with her cousin, Mrs. Joseph Russell Ross, at her home on North Tryon street.

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Miss Mildred Jenkins returned home this morning from Albemarle, where she visited Miss Ruth Hearne.

Mrs. A. E. Winkfield will entertain at bridge at her home on East Boulevard, Dilworth, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bouigny, who have been living on Kingston avenue in Dilworth, have leased the Elmore apartment vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Annette, who are leaving for Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. Charles L. Keeran will entertain at a sewing party at her home on South Tryon street tomorrow morning in honor of Mrs. Thomas L. Alexander.

Miss Cora Stancill of Rockingham arrived in the city this morning to spend several days as the guest of Miss Blanch Simpson at Elizabeth College. Miss Stancill was graduated from Elizabeth College last year and was one of the most attractive and popular young ladies in college.

The Charlotte Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution will celebrate "Chapter Day" with appropriate exercises at the home of Mrs. W. A. Zweiler on Kingston avenue tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. After the reading of several able papers a musical program will be rendered. The members of the chapter have been looking forward to the meeting with much pleasure.

Mrs. George B. Hanna and sister, Miss Sallie Alexander, have returned home after a six weeks' stay in Washington and New York.

The many friends of Mrs. B. Rush Lee will be delighted to know that she will leave the Mercy General Hospital tomorrow and go to the home of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Durham, on South Tryon street. While she is not strong enough yet to see her friends she is improving daily. Mrs. Lee has not been at the hospital quite three weeks, but was ill at her home in Vance apartments two months prior to going there.

Miss Janie Haughton entertained a dozen friends informally at her home on East Eleventh street this morning at a sewing party in honor of Miss Laura May of Marietta, Ga., the guest of Mrs. J. G. Simpson on East Boulevard and Miss Josephine Clifton of Aberdeen, Miss., the guest of Miss Ruth Dowd on Park avenue.

Mrs. J. Q. Myers and children and Mrs. Paul Whitlock and children are expected home this afternoon from Rockingham, where they spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison.

Mrs. John Crawford and son, Master Martin Crawford of Lancaster, S. C., arrived in the city last night and are guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Montgomery at their home on South Tryon street.

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TAFT PUTS MANY NAMES UP TO SENATE FOR CONFIRMATION

BY PARKER R. ANDERSON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—By sending in nominations for nearly every postoffice in North Carolina where the commissions have expired, President Taft today put the question of holding up Republican confirmations squarely up to the Senate. It is generally understood among Democratic Senators that they will not allow any confirmations to be made during the present session of Congress, their contention being that these positions should be held for Democrats. It can be stated upon good authority that few if any of the following nominations which were sent to the Senate today will be confirmed. The North Carolina list is as follows: Postmasters—William Katoen, Elizabeth City; Carl W. Smith, Hamlet; J. Frank Jones, Spray; Isaac Snipes, Ahokeet; John Burrows, Ashboro; C. O. Ball, West Raleigh; Maggie Lewis Baucum, Littleton; Samuel L. Marshall, Mount Airy; John C. Matthews, Spring Hope; James W. Ingle, Elon College; Henry I. Scarborough, Mount Gilead; Walter G. Brinson, Bell Haven; Thomas H. Dickinson, Enfield; W. P. Edwards, Franklinton; James E. Smith, Kittrell; W. E. Miller, Lenoir; Walter H. Everhart, Newton; Thomas C. Smith, Rutherford; Lonnie E. Pickard, West Durham; W. S. Saunders, Roanoke Rapids; William D. Deal, Taylorsville; John R. Gurganus, Vineland.

The F. D. Alexander Land Company has sold to R. Brown Stewart for \$500 a lot on the Barringer-Moore belt road, the said lot having a frontage of 200 feet.

Joe Gilead, colored, was charged before the recorder this morning with providing himself with winter raiment in the form of an overcoat for which he is alleged to have given nothing in the way of payment, either in cash or on the installment plan. The defendant was bound over to the Superior Court.

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FAVORING NEW TAX DIVISION

Sentiment Rapidly Crystallizing In Behalf Of Change In The System

CITY PAYING TAXES AND COUNTY GETTING CREDIT

Fact That Mr. Morris McDonald is First Member of County Commissioners From City in Three Administrations Taken as Signal For Renewal of Agitation For More Equitable Division of Taxes Between City and County.

A live and vital question, which is emphasized and made more prominent now that the city is confronted with a much increased interest debt each year, in addition to its increasing expenses due to a rapid and healthy growth, is that involving the more direct participation of Charlotte in the county taxes, some 75 per cent of which, by estimate, are contributed by citizens of Charlotte.

The question is of such weight as to engage the thought and attention of many city officials and citizens and it is probable that some definite move may be made at the approaching term of the State Legislature to secure legislation to bring about some changes in the distribution of the county tax so that the burden that rests on the city of Charlotte, may be in some degree lightened that the city may derive more benefits from this large tax in which it is permitted under existing laws to share rather indirectly.

Stands For Compromise.

There are wide differences of opinion as to the right method to be followed in working out a solution of this question and many plans have been suggested, some favoring the city's assuming a solid attitude on the issue and waging a direct campaign to secure more voice in, and a larger benefit from, the taxes contributed by the citizens of Charlotte for county purposes, while others favor a compromise and mutually satisfactory basis of discussion of the issues that are involved.

A city official and a man standing high in municipal affairs today declared that he was in favor of a co-operative effort on the part of city and county to see what the views of each are in the matter, and to ascertain if there does not exist a satisfactory middle ground where the whole question may be threshed out and settled in the best way possible.

"I think," declared he, "that it would be a good beginning to have a joint meeting of committee or a board, one from the city and one from the county, say a session of the county commissioners on the one hand, and of an aldermanic committee or of the board of aldermen on the other hand, to discuss the situation and sound sentiment on both sides to gain an accurate knowledge of the question and what it means to Charlotte and Mecklenburg."

"That the city should benefit more directly from the large proportion of the county tax which she pays is hardly to be debated, but how this change is to be brought about is a question which I believe ought to be handled in a careful manner. The total of \$12,000 which the city now receives from the county and from the township, which sum is returned annually to the city treasury for general street work, is a starter which might be studied and used as a model on which further transactions of this kind might be made. I believe, however, that the city and county are too closely allied in interests, and I might say, in a personal and individual way, to talk of anything other than a mutually agreeable consideration of this issue."

First Member in 6 Years.

The installation of Mr. A. Morris McDonald Monday as a new member of the board of county commissioners marks the resumption of representation by the city of Charlotte on the board of county commissioners after a lapse of six years. Mr. John B. Ross having been the last citizen of Charlotte to hold the office of county commissioner until Mr. McDonald was inaugurated as a member of the board yesterday. Mr. Ross' tenure of this office ceased just six years ago, he having been elected the last time in 1906 for a term of two years.

Others Favor Different Course.

As to the matter of securing a more satisfactory sharing of the county taxes by the city many citizens are in favor of a more direct and pointed manner of procedure, in which the city shall decide upon its course and proceed to follow up the plan agreed upon with all of the energy available, at the same time giving due regard to the rights and privileges of the citizens of Mecklenburg.

These citizens do not propose to start a fight in any sense whatever that would be liable to misconstruction, but would adopt a method of procedure that has been adopted in other cities and counties where the matter has been harmoniously arranged, due regard being had for the rights of both county and city.

The fact that the city contributes according to rough estimate 75 per cent or more of the total State and

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county tax, and the consideration that the citizen of Charlotte is bearing a tax of \$1-16 2-3 as against 96 cents by his neighbor outside the city limits, and also in view of other rather heavy burdens imposed on the city dweller, many citizens are strongly in favor of the adoption of a business program that will if successful, gain for the city that larger participation in the benefits of the taxes contributed by Charlotte citizens to which these citizens believe they are entitled. It is not a fight for what belongs to the county but a fight on the part of the city to gain a larger and more direct benefit from what she herself contributes each year.

Another city official today declared that while the Catawba River had been bridged with two handsome structures, costing together about \$100,000, with other bridges in sight, and while these bridges were practically built by Charlotte taxpayers, it was impossible to secure the bridging of small streams within the city limits where streets and highways cross these, and where a bridge is a necessary adjunct to public travel.

The issue is one of large proportions and requires dexterous and just handling, so that the rights of all may be preserved, but local sentiment is now largely favorable to some change of a radical nature that will tend to equalize matters and lighten the heavy charges that the city is now compelled to meet annually, while she at the same time contributes to State and county taxes a sum which approximates 60 or 65 per cent of the total of this heavy local burden that rests upon her this 60 or 65 per cent being for State and county purposes entirely.

The city's contribution of 75 per cent or more of the total taxes of Mecklenburg of course includes Mecklenburg's share of the State tax which is turned over to the State officials at Raleigh, but the remainder is still not far below the figures given and represents a sum which Charlotte taxpayers are compelled to carry on their shoulders over and above the municipal burden which they must carry in order to maintain the city on a modern and up-to-date manner—in a manner in other words which Charlotte should justly and rightly approximate in her municipal works, affairs and developments.

MRS. WEDDINGTON COMMITTED SUICIDE

Worrying Over Troubles That Dreadful Act

Mrs. W. J. H. Weddington committed suicide this morning by drinking carbolic acid, death following two hours of intense agony. Mrs. Weddington was alone in her home on South Cedar street when she took the fatal draught. Her children who had absented themselves from the house at the time, were not long returning and they found her in extreme suffering. The dose was taken at about 8:30 and Mrs. Weddington lived for two hours.

The deceased had been in exceedingly poor health for several months and for the past few weeks her mental condition was said to be very bad, apparently a blank at times. She complained incessantly of her head and took medicine frequently to alleviate her pains. She seemed to brood about trouble and to have allowed worry to undermine her mental poise and vigor.

Her family, however, has had no intimation that she would take such a rash course. She had never given her children slightest reason to believe that she was in danger of doing herself bodily harm, but when they found her this morning lying in excruciating agony, they readily acquainted themselves with the situation.

Mrs. Weddington is survived by four children, three daughters, Inez, Willie and Jennie, and one son, Louis. Her husband, who was a well known painter about the city, died about two years ago.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. R. S. Howie having charge of the service. The interment will be at Elmwood.



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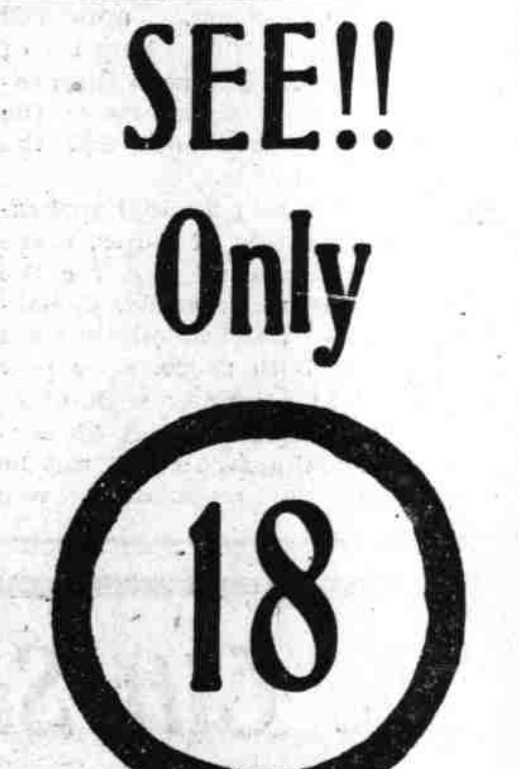
AMUSEMENTS

"Frolics of 1912." The big musical success, "The Frolics of 1912," will be seen at the Academy of Music tomorrow night, with Rube Welsh and Kittle Francis and a strong supporting company, including a large chorus of singing and dancing boys and girls. Seats are now selling at Hawley's and indications point to a large audience.

Nat C. Goodwin in "Oliver Twist." The mammoth motion picture production of "Oliver Twist," with the distinguished actor Mr. Nat C. Goodwin in the role of "Fagin," has been booked for a three-days engagement at the Academy of Music beginning Thursday night, December 5. There will be matinees Friday and Saturday afternoons at 3 o'clock.

"UTTERLY FOOLISH" NATIONAL COMMITTEE SAYS WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The proposal for a separation of the taking of the oath of office by President-elect Wilson and the inaugural ceremonies has been branded as "utterly foolish" by the District national committee. It is pointed out in business circles that it would be impossible to obtain enough money for both occasions. The people come here, it was declared, not to witness the great pageant and social features but the historical event of the swearing in of a President of the United States.

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