

Opera Remains and Knows No Barriers or Frontiers

Despite Timeworn Theme That Opera Is Dying,
Each Successive Season Brings Forth Large
Audiences to Enjoy the Melodic Gems.



MME. GADSKI. ABOVE, MME. GALLI-CURCI

By ALICE ALDEN.

New York, Dec. 29.—If opera is dying, its swan song is certainly a tuneful one. For many years now there have been rumors, outright statements, interviews and articles all embodying the same theme. It is, that opera is dying and that its death is due at any moment. And yet, season after season, opera is played in various cities in the new world as well as the old, and large audiences including rows of "standees" throng the opera houses to hear their favorite works, and favorite artists.

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In New York the opera season is in full swing. Novelties and revivals have been the order of the day and the operagoing public likes these best. It is true to the old favorites containing the melodic gems that have become familiar to and beloved by millions whose only link with the theatre is through the talkies. Whenever "Faust," "Carmen," "Butterfly" or the lovely "La Boheme" is announced, a sell-out performance is generally assured. And as an opera audience takes in every stratum of society and is representative of many races and nations, it is easy to realize that music knows no social barriers or national frontiers.

Some of these most vehement in prophesying and announcing the demise of the opera are artists whose operatic career is over because their contracts have not been renewed. Madame Galli-Curci, according to interviews and statements is amongst those who are insistent that the public has lost its taste for this form of music. But Galli-Curci is no longer on the roster of Metropolitan stars and when she was playing coloratura roles, there was no word from here about the sad state of opera; Johanna Gadski, also a former member of the Met is as well bewailing the sad fate of opera and puts it down to the high prices charged for certain parts of the house.

But the former Wagnerian prima donna has been singing guest roles with a German opera company that charged reasonable prices without playing to crowded houses. People want opera perfectly presented with fine artists, chorus and orchestra.

Jeritza is one artist who believes implicitly in the continued popularity of opera. And why wouldn't she? During the various cycles of Wagnerian works given each season at the Metropolitan she sees nothing but packed houses. These cycles are subscription performances and the management generally announces, before the cycles start, that the house has been fully subscribed. Jeritza is one of the artists who has given herself entirely to music. Little is heard of temperamental outbursts, quarrels and argument of the variety that were current when the stately, blonde Viennese first appeared in New York. Instead her temperament has been diverted into artistic endeavors and she has become one of the most popular artists in the company, popular not only with the public, but with her fellow artists. Just now she is principal artist in the revival of the successful "Boccaccio," another of the novelties produced this season. For this lovely opera has not been performed for so many years, that instead of a revival it has all the marks of a new work.

Lucetta Bori, for so many years leading prima donna at the Met, believes, too, that opera is quite healthy. She finds that her work

in New York during the six months' season in which she is continually employed and the open-air performances at Ravinia Park take up her entire working year and yield her an enormous income to boot. Gigli and Martinelli, amongst the tenor song-birds, know only that opera is successful. One look at their bankbooks and salary checks is enough to convince them.

Of course, people do want some variation from the time-honored tradition. Singers have learnt to act their roles, as well as sing them, to introduce new bits of "business," to keep slim figures and look young. They realize that voice is not enough. And as for those who claim that opera is dead, is it sour grapes or just sour notes?

Taxable Values Of County Shown

Cleveland In 1928 Had Near Six
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Real Estate.

Raleigh, Dec. 24.—North Carolina had, given in for taxation in 1928, a total of \$107,606,000 in stocks of merchandise and fixtures, or an average of \$1,076,060 for each county; \$121,394,000 in materials in process of manufacture, or \$1,213,940 per county average; \$26,279,000 in household and kitchen furniture above the \$300 exemption, or \$262,790 county average; \$131,268,000 in solvent credits, or \$1,312,680 county average; \$89,826,000 in miscellaneous items, including automobiles, or \$898,260 per county, and \$89,493,000 in all other items not specified, or \$894,930 per county, the 1930 state board of assessment report shows.

Forsyth led the 100 counties in four of these six items. Mecklenburg took the lead in stocks of merchandise and fixtures, with \$11,119,000, while Clay county brought up the rear with \$57,000; Forsyth led in materials in process of manufacture with \$40,177,000, Dare having only \$608; Forsyth had \$2,514,000 in household and kitchen furniture, above the \$300 exemption, and Dare had \$3,547; Forsyth led in solvent credits with \$21,767,000, Pamlico had only \$25,201; in miscellaneous items Gaston had \$7,460,000, while Camden had \$34,221. In all other items not specified, Forsyth had \$16,123,000 (which included miscellaneous items) and Dare had only \$830.

Cleveland county had \$1,327,000 in stocks of merchandise and fixtures; \$1,075,000 in materials in process of manufacture; \$196,000 in household and kitchen furniture, above the \$300 exemption; \$1,831,000 in solvent credits; \$1,195,000 in miscellaneous items, and \$132,000 in all other items not specified.

This shows that in 1928 property other than real estate given in for taxation in Cleveland county totalled \$5,757,000. The county was shown to be above the average county in value of stocks of merchandise, in solvent credits and miscellaneous items, but behind in materials being manufactured, considerably below the average county in household furniture valuation, and below in items not specified.

Yankee Ingenuity

Northerner: "What's that white fluffy stuff you are picking?"
That, suh, will be wool when you wear it next winter in the 'Nth."

Looks like it would be easy for business to start a revival—it has so many mourners.—Springfield 'Nion.

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PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS.

North Carolina, Cleveland County. In the Superior Court, Before the Clerk. The County of Cleveland, North Carolina. Plaintiff, vs. Lewis Patterson and wife Mattie Patterson, and all persons claiming any interest in the subject matter of this action, Defendants. That said Lewis Patterson and wife Mattie Patterson, and all persons claiming any interest in the subject matter of this action, have been commenced in the superior court of Cleveland county, N. C., to foreclose tax sale certificate for the year 1928, owned and held by the plaintiff against real property in Cleveland county, the said real property, being described as follows: One tract of land containing 25 acres more or less and being known as the George Patterson farm, the same being located in Cleveland county, N. C., and being the same being of record in book of deeds 3-8 page 592 of the register's office for Cleveland county, N. C.

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