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OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

In Society.

The Deutscher Verein (Emil Nerlich, president, and Messrs. J. H. Peters and H. J. Bohme, vice-presidents) will entertain the concert at Massey Hall, Ontario, on Friday evening, Feb. 19.

The concert will be given at the home of the club, corner of Church and Wood-streets, tonight after the concert at Massey Hall. Owing to the lateness of the hour, the entertainment will take the form of a reception and German Komers. The Germans of this city desire in this way to show their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Dr. A. S. Vogt in placing before their Canadian fellow-citizens the very best of German composers and in stimulating the cultivation of the art of music.

His excellency the governor-general, who has always been a great lover and patron of music, will receive on Thursday of the month instead of the second Thursday, and on the second Thursday of each month during the season.

Mrs. Withers and the Misses Withers of Rose-avenue will receive on the third Thursday of this month instead of the second Thursday, and on the second Thursday of each month during the season.

Mrs. M. J. O'Connor of 32 Gloucester-street will receive this afternoon, Feb. 9, on the first and second Tuesdays of the month.

J. M. Sherlock has been engaged as soloist for the concert at Massey Hall, Ontario, on Friday evening, Feb. 19.

For the "Crescent" concert on March 11 the soloists chosen are: Caroline Hudson, soprano; John Young, tenor; and Frank Croxton, bass.

The Anglican Young People's Association are giving a concert in Guild Hall next Monday evening, the entertainers include: Mrs. D. H. Blesch, Miss Eva Cuthbert, Miss Evelyn Davis, Miss Bigwood, W. E. Capps, Donald McGregor, Charles Emery, Ted Parker, Will J. White and E. R. Bowles.

Mrs. Biddell Davis (May Square) will receive in February, but on the second and third Mondays in March.

Mrs. James Watt and Mrs. Albert Watt will receive at the home of the former, 28 Howard-avenue, on Thursday and on the second Thursday in March, and not again this season.

Mrs. George L. Marks (nee Linfield) will receive with Mrs. Peyton on Friday and on the second Thursday of each month at 189 St. Patrick-street.

Mrs. J. W. Thompson, 188 Dunn-avenue, will receive on the fourth Friday instead of Thursdays, as formerly.

Mrs. James Corcoran of 111 Gore Vale-avenue will not receive to-day, but will receive the second Tuesday of March.

Mrs. H. N. Winter, 34 Walker-avenue, will not receive till the second Tuesday in March.

Mrs. William Davison of 31 West Roxboro-street will receive on Friday, when Mrs. Edward F. Ball of New York will be with her.

Mrs. John A. Northway will receive on Thursday at 133 Farnham-avenue and afterwards on the second Thursday and Friday of each month.

Mrs. Robert Davies and Miss Davies, Chester Park, 24 Tordmorden-road, will receive on Tuesday for the last time this season.

Mrs. J. S. Whyte of Cedar-avenue, Balm Beach, will not receive this month owing to illness in the family.

Mrs. James C. Harvey, 26 Oriole-road, will receive for the last time this season on Friday.

Mrs. M. Barber and Miss Barber of 58 Beatrice-street will receive on Thursday afternoon and afterwards on the second Thursdays.

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The Alpha Beta Club have sent out cards for an informal dance to be held in Pythian Parlor, Richmond and Bert-streets, on Friday evening, Feb. 19.

Mrs. Ambrose Small left last night for Montreal.

Mrs. Lonsdale Capreol is sailing on the 20th for Italy.

Mrs. W. D. Lums, 98 Bedford-road, has sent out cards for a tea on Thursday to introduce her only daughter.

The marriage of Miss Sadie Bowerman and Mr. William F. Corbett has been arranged to take place quietly on the 18th inst.

Miss Alice Lanigan of Winnipeg, the guest of Miss Ada Smallpeice, Dunn-avenue, is here.

Mrs. T. M. Harris is giving a small luncheon to-day.

An address will be given before the Women's Club by Miss Mary Stiles, Ph.D., D.Sc., of the University of London, Eng., at 3.30 p.m. in the Conservatory of Music Hall on Thursday next.

A supper of twenty covers will be given at the King Edward on Thursday evening after the Mendelssohn concert, at which his excellency is expected to be present.

Mrs. T. E. Milburn, 28 Crescent-road, receives to-day for the last time this season.

Miss Hayden of 482 Euclid-avenue will receive on Thursday for the last time this season.

Mr. and Mrs. George Grant of Lewiston will receive on Thursday.

Mrs. Alex. R. Jordan will receive on the third Thursday in February, instead of the second, and on the first Friday of each month.

Mrs. Walter J. Barr (nee Morrison) will receive for the first time since her marriage on Friday, the 12th, at 98 Walmer-road, and afterwards on the first and second Fridays of the month.

Many friends of E. J. Wills, 1071 College-street, of the T. Eaton Co., will be sorry to hear he is in the Western Hospital undergoing an operation.

The members and friends of the Toronto Women's Suffrage Association will assemble this evening at the residence of Mrs. Margaret Gordon, 738 Spadina-avenue, when Mrs. C. G. G. will deliver an address on church work.

Personal.

Mr. F. H. Page of A. E. Rea & Co. has just returned to the King Edward Hotel from Europe.

GOVERNMENT SHOULD PROTECT.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—At a coroner's inquest on the body of Herman Schaaf, who was killed at a level crossing here, the jury absolved the G.R. crew of blame for the accident, but added a recommendation that the Dominion Government compel railways to protect all dangerous crossings in cities and towns.

REV. DR. GRANT VERY LOW.

ORILLIA, Feb. 8.—The Rev. Dr. Grant, of the Presbyterian Church, who has been ill since the beginning of the year, is very low, and it is hardly thought possible that he can rally.

Parana Objects.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The Panama minister, to-day called at the state department and filed a protest from his government against the speech made in the house of representatives recently by Representative Obaldia of Panama was severely attacked.

Cheese Makers Fined.

BELLEVILLE, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The proprietors of the Evergreen cheese factory, Prince Edward, were to-day ordered by County Judge Frazer to reimburse Hodgson Bros. company for the cost of cheese sent last summer which failed to pass inspection.

THIS WEEK AT THE THEATRES

At the Princess.

"The Girl Behind the Counter" furnishes legitimate musical comedy most of the time, with an occasional rise to something like comic opera, and a more than occasional plunge into frank burlesque. It has few faults and some Edises of transatlantic fame, plus a competent set of supporting principals, one of the few genuine English pony ballets in captivity on the North American continent, plus also, if not inspired, music, gowns that would make Anna Held envious, and more than the usual gingersnaps.

The large audience at the Princess last night showed appreciation in that many recalls were insisted upon.

Mr. Fields is a new-comer to Toronto, but his reputation as a performer in the old Weber-Fields combination preceded him. His coming is a result of the theatrical push-out of the standard.

The comedian's fun-making is not touched with vulgarity, and to this and his infectious laugh are probably due his success in an over-worked field.

He is almost outshone by Connie Edies, who as an ex-landlord, with social aspirations, is very diverting. Her work has the stamp of genuine merit, and with its fine flavor of old London immensely tickled the audience.

Other leading parts are well taken by Pearl Lund, who plays the Mendelssohn, Dumont, Lotta Faust, Martin Brown, Denman Maley, Joseph Rattliff, Charles Judels and Vernon Castle.

Mr. Judels is especially happy as the Frenchman, Duval, while Mr. Castle contributes most grotesque dancing.

The tale told is a negligible quantity, as usual in this class of production. Howard Talbot is credited with the music and Arthur Anderson with the lyrics, both of which are good.

Mr. Anderson is also very passable. "The Girl Behind the Counter" should pleasantly entertain large audiences at the remaining performances to-night and to-morrow.

At the Majestic.

A western railroad drama, dealing with the career of twin brothers, one of whom is a man of honor and the other a train robber, is the offering at the Majestic Theatre this week, the two performances yesterday being attended by capacity houses.

The principal characters are located in Montana in the early days of railroad building in that state, and the principal characters are twin brothers, Jack and Bob Horley. Bob is arrested for robbing a train, which had in fact been despoiled by his twin, but the mystery of the relationship is not revealed until the brother Jack is shot by a member of his gang just as he is about to rush to the aid of his relative, who is being held by the law.

There is a pretty love story, the whole being enlivened by unusually good music and character drawings of power and attractiveness.

The story is constructed so as to allow for the introduction of a number of singing and dancing specialties which are of high quality. The "Montana Limited" should prove an attractive play for the Majestic, where the two performances demand a certain amount of evening. A matinee will be given every day.

At the Star.

"Follies of the Day" was the burlesque introduced this week by Barney Gerard at the Star Theatre, and the first night participating in the satirical skit are quite a number of the representations of the evening.

Mr. Hackett, the clever artist, has played them a number of times, and the success of the stage beauty, receives a good reception every time she appears, and with Larry McCabe in a vaudeville sketch, the other two, "Follies of the Day" and "The Girl Behind the Counter," should prove a very attractive play for the Majestic, where the two performances demand a certain amount of evening. A matinee will be given every day.

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"Affinity Beach" and "The Cow Girls Round-up" are the opening and closing burlesques and they give the girl contingent a busy time.

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REINVESTIGATE CHARGES

Bowmanville Council Take Up the Complaint of John Maynard.

BOWMANVILLE, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The investigation into the charges made by John Maynard of ill-treatment when an inmate of the House of Refuge at Chatham, was taken up by the Bowmanville council to-night, and after the council had heard the council report, a resolution was passed that the investigation be continued.

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At the Grand.

The popular musical farce comedy, "Ma, Him and I," with Ed. Lee, Wrothe, Craig and Deming in the principal roles, is the offering at the Grand this week, and at the special matinee given yesterday the house was taxed to capacity.

The principals, in the characters of an Irishman, a Dutchman and a tramp, three itinerant musicians trying to get out of the Klondike, are the real merry-makers, and in spite of the local there is nothing but a goodly chuckle about this linguistic comedy.

The first act shows a railway station and wharf in Seattle, where a stranded theatrical company are taken to the Klondike. The second act shows a scene on board a yacht and the final act, which is the main street in Dawson City.

Through the piece there is much in the way of lively, tuneful musical numbers, and the conditions are such as to offer many opportunities to the well-versed to introduce their clever comic and dramatic qualifications.

Compared with previous editions of the popular comedy this week's production is fully up to the standard. The addition of new musical selections and a change in situations by the principals, is a very welcome feature of the entertainment. The dancing specialty by the Hees Sisters is one of the big features of the piece. The usual Wednesday and Saturday matinees will be given.

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CAN COMPEL BELL CO. TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS

Powers of the Railway Board Now Sufficient to Improve the Position of Independent Lines.

OTTAWA, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—J. E. Armstrong, who has been interesting himself in the matter of long distance telephone connection between rival companies, has received a letter from D'Arcy Scott, assistant chief of the railway commission, saying that by an order in council issued to-day, the powers of the board under the amendment to the Railway Act of July 20, 1906, are extended with regard to compelling one telephone company to connect with another, and regulating the price to be charged for such connection.

The clause of the act brought into effect by this proclamation says that any company, province, municipality or corporation having authority to operate a telephone system and charge tolls, and which is desirous of having long distance connections with any other company, may appeal to the board, which may order such company to provide for a connection and dictate the terms of compensation, and conditions of use, taking into consideration standards of apparatus. Working agreements between companies shall be approved by the board.

The effect of the order will be to compel the Bell Telephone Co. to give connections to all independent telephone companies, and conditions of use, taking into consideration standards of apparatus. Working agreements between companies shall be approved by the board.

ST. KITTS NOT DRY YET

Injunction Postpones License Reduction, Claiming Council Halted.

ST. CATHARINES, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—By an injunction served on members of the city council this afternoon, by Ingersoll and Kingston, lawyers, acting for A. T. Martin, the third reading of the liquor license reduction bill was stayed off for at least another week.

The injunction was granted by County Judge Carman upon affidavits to the effect that the mayor and aldermen are not legally elected, as the voters' list upon which the election was held was only filed with the clerk of the peace at 10 o'clock on the day of the election.

The injunction came as a great surprise.

A report submitted by the executive committee to the effect that the city guarantee interest at 5 per cent. on the bonds of the St. Catharines Municipal and Industrial Commission, was adopted.

Interest is to be guaranteed on \$20,000, which is third of the bond issue to extinguish the present debts of the company, which is now almost insolvent.

Captain A. Macdonald will become industrial commissioner at no salary other than 2 per cent. on any factory brought to the city by him paying \$40,000, or under, and 1 per cent. on wages paid over that amount. While the report was adopted without opposition the aldermen reserved the right to free vote when the by-law and agreement which are to follow are introduced.

NEBRASKA GETS THE FEVER.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 8.—Representative Jerry Howard to-day introduced in the house of representatives a bill to segregate Japanese and Chinese laborers from American workmen.

HOW MADE MY HAIR GROW