



AMERICAN COMPOSER AND IMPRESARIO WHO WILL TRY NEW OPERA.

Giulio Gatti-Casazza, the new impresario at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, is doing much to encourage American composers and the best American music. When he first arrived in this country he announced his intention to offer as much aid to the composers of the western world as possible. Carrying out this plan, he is now ready to offer a prize for the best opera by an American. Frederick S. Converse, the Boston composer, probably will be the first to have one of his productions tried at the Metropolitan.

**MUST HAVE ANOTHER SCHOOL BUILDING SOON**

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 23.—Crowded conditions in all the rooms of the public schools in this city has brought the need of another building to the attention of the Board of Directors, and plans are now being made for the erection of another structure during the coming year.

The large stone school building put up a few years ago is now crowded to its utmost, and even the basements are being utilized for class rooms. Extra seats have been crowded into all of the rooms, but still there is a growing demand for more room and the opinion is general that the present accommodations will not be adequate for more than half the pupils a year from now.

Immediately after the holidays another teacher will be added to the force to take charge of the special primary department that will be opened in the basement. Two of the other teachers have resigned and these vacancies will also be filled for the remainder of the term.

**CLEVELAND MAN WEDS GOING AT RAPID GAIT**

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 28.—Seated in an automobile running nearly 30 miles an hour, with Chief of Police Franklin as chauffeur and best man, Miss Louisa Crabb and Fred W. Fox were married here. Justice Brenner tied the knot as the machine sped along Euclid avenue boulevard.

Fox is a bookkeeper for the Winton Automobile company, and kept his boast to friends that he would have the "fastest" wedding on record.

**BRYAN SAYS HE PREFERS PRIVATE LIFE IN FUTURE**

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 28.—William J. Bryan was asked Saturday concerning his attitude toward another nomination for the presidency. He replied:

"All I can say about 1912 is that I hope it will never be necessary for me to run for office again. I prefer to do my work as a private citizen."

"I will add one other thing," said Mr. Bryan, "and that is that I am still in politics and expect to be for about twenty years, and I shall make it convenient to be present whenever and wherever a man or group of men attempt to republicanize the democratic party."

**CATCH BIG STRINGS OF FISH THROUGH THE ICE**

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 26.—The snow today has stopped the fishing on the lake below towns, which reached extensive portions the past few days. Holes were cut in the ice and with the aid of an ordinary hook and line a string of 15 or 20 fish could be secured in an hour or so. The fish were a species of salmon trout and are said to have a good flavor. A great many people took advantage of the easy opportunity to secure fish and have salted and smoked the excess which was not needed for immediate use.

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**RESOLUTION.**

Whereas, The question of the granting of licenses to saloons has become an issue in the impending municipal campaign, and

Whereas, It is desirable that this question be eliminated from the issues involved in electing a mayor and councilmen for the coming term; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the city council of the city of Medford, that the question of allowing saloons to exist under license in the city of Medford during the year 1909 be and the same is hereby submitted to the voters of said city for their election, and that said question be so submitted by placing upon the ballot at the municipal election to be held on January 12, 1909, the following matter, to-wit:

For Prohibition  
Against Prohibition.

And be it further Resolved, That in the event that the majority of the votes cast on said question at said election be cast "for prohibition," the sale of liquor shall not be licensed by the city council during the year 1909, but in the event that the majority of the votes cast on said question be cast "against prohibition," the sale of liquor in Medford shall be licensed as provided by the ordinances of said city.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, December 21st, 1908, by the following votes, to-wit: Merrick aye, Trowbridge aye, Wortman aye, Elfert aye, Hafer absent and Olwell absent.

Approved December 21st, 1908.

J. F. REDDY, Mayor.

Attest: BENJ. M. COLLINS, City Recorder.

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**AFRICA IS HUNGRY FOR AMERICAN OATMEAL**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Consul General Lay, at Capetown, reports that South Africans are distinctly an oatmeal eating people, the importations exceeding \$300,000,000 in value annually. The United States, he adds, has been losing ground in the breakfast food trade owing chiefly to the preferential tariff in favor of British goods, which gives Canada an advantage.

**STUDENT KILLED BY BURGLAR IN CELLAR OF HIS HOME**

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Van Dwight Sheldon of Lockport, N. Y., aged 19, a student of the school of engineering at New York university, lost his life in a battle with a burglar in the cellar of the home of Dean Snow of the school of engineering. The murderer escaped after a chase in which several students took part. Young Sheldon was shot in the abdomen and soon died. He was a cousin of Dean Snow.

**FROZEN STIFF AND THOUGHT TO BE DEAD**

DORRIS, CAL., Dec. 28.—The body of Eli Carmony, a half breed Indian, was recently found near the Robert Pass place close to Dorris. At first it was thought he was dead, as he was badly frozen and insensible. His horse had run into a barbed wire fence the night before and thrown him. Carmony was stunned by the fall and lay out all night. When found the horse was in such a condition that it was necessary to shoot him. Carmony will recover.

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**WHY THE CHRISTMAS TREE IS SYMBOLIC OF CHRIST**

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—How the Christmas tree is symbolic of Christ is pointed out by Professor N. de Jassy, a distinguished French scholar here. "In the tree," says he, "and there is no god who was not represented as a tree or as dwelling in a tree. With the Jews, Jehovah dwelt in the fir or the pine. The Greek and Roman gods and goddesses dwell in trees or are represented by tree. They are the soul of vegetable life, and Christ himself in the allegorical names attributed to him and supposed to be called by himself, show him as in near connection with vegetable life."

**IRISH AGRICULTURAL EXPERT HAS CONFERENCE WITH TAFT**

AUGUSTA, Dec. 28.—Sir Horace Plunkett, head of the Irish department of agriculture, who was knighted for his interest and service in educational and agricultural matters, kept an appointment with President-elect Taft Saturday, which was made for him by President Roosevelt.

The object of his visit was to ascertain to what extent the next president is interested in the conservation of the national resources of the country, and particularly regarding President Roosevelt's commission charged with the duty of reporting on how the comforts of rural life may be increased.

Sir Horace has been making a close personal study of the work of Chief Forester Pinchot, and said he was highly pleased and greatly benefited.

While Mr. Taft did not make a statement of his position for publication, he indicated that his visitors departed in good spirits.

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