

BISPHAM HAS A BEE

FAMOUS BARITONE HAS AMBITION TO ELEVATE THE STAGE

DAVID BISPHAM has a bee in his bonnet. He wants to elevate the stage.

Long since it was discovered that he could sing baritone better than most anybody else. This was a fine thing for Bispham, and since that time he has done wonders with his voice.

It then follows that he takes his accompanist by the hand and his valet by the ear and goes concert touring over his own country.

Now here appears a man well past the color limit with this same bee in his bonnet. He seems out for a singer and his work has been pleasing to him, employers, the public.

He looks enough like William H. Crane and W. H. Thompson to be brother to either. He certainly has the actor's face.

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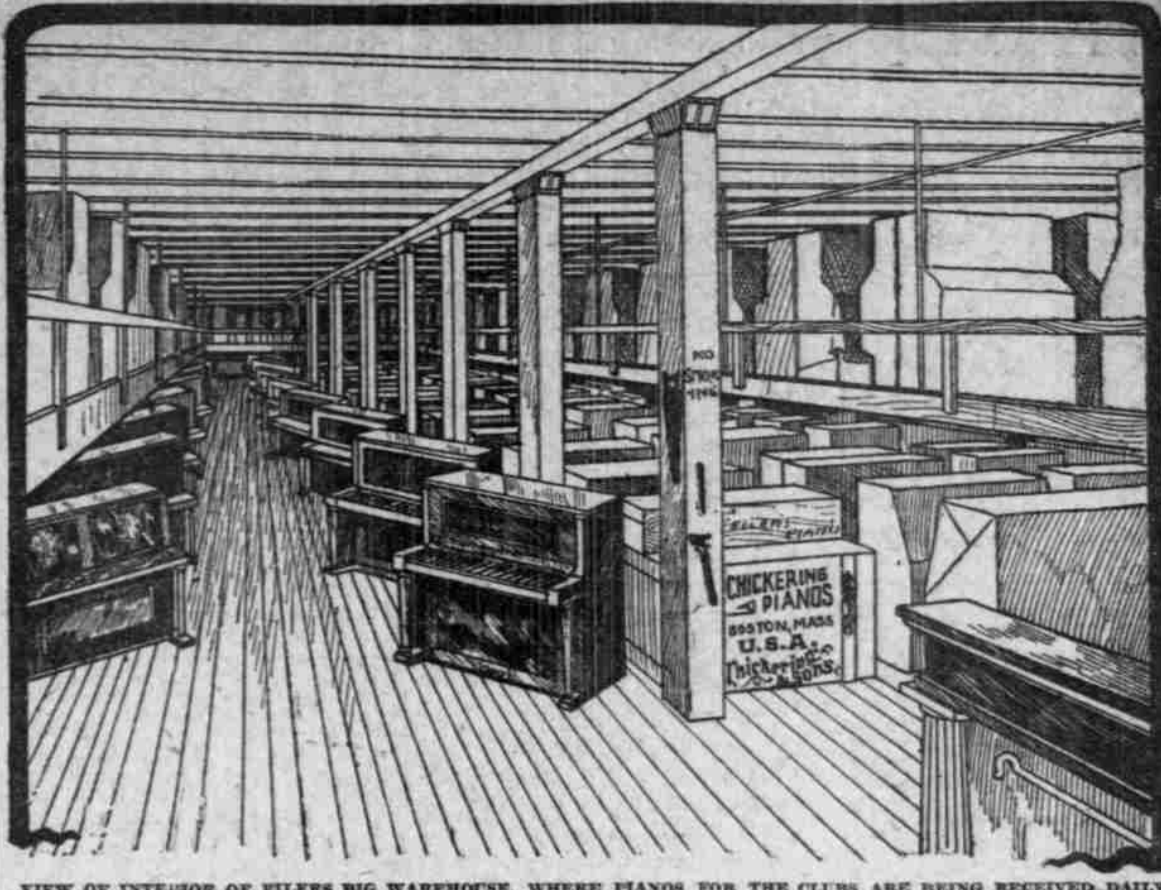


DAVID BISPHAM CHATS WITH HARRY MURPHY AND A. A. G.

as confident as the first robin in Spring. The stage is in a bad way, so he is going to leave a sure thing in the singing line to elevate the drama.

Well, it's worth while if he can do it, and it should be far from us to discourage an ambitious crusader, but it looks foolish. The great baritone should look before he leaps. I once knew a shoemaker who tried to be a ballplayer, and he broke his neck.

A. A. G.



VIEW OF INTERIOR OF KILMER BROS. WAREHOUSE, WHERE PIANOS FOR THE CLUBS ARE BEING RECEIVED DAILY. SALE NOW IN PROGRESS AT THE RETAIL DEPARTMENT, 351 WASHINGTON STREET.

WORD WINS SUIT

Chinese Fail to Get Damages From Sheriff.

JUDGE SEARS DECIDES CASE

Suit Against Official First of a Series Resulting From Raids on Chinatown Gambling Dens, When Doors Were Removed.

A jury in Judge Sears' court yesterday refused to bring a verdict for damages against Sheriff Word for breaking down and removing a heavy iron door in a building on Second street during one of his recent raids on Chinese gambling-houses.

MEN ARE NAMED

Congress to Be Represented at Fair Opening.

TEN SENATORS ARE IN PARTY

Congressional Committee Just Twice as Large as That Which Visited St. Louis Exposition—Fifteen Representatives in List.

The personnel of the Congressional committee which will officially visit the Lewis and Clark Exposition at the opening day ceremonies was announced yesterday in a communication received at Exposition headquarters by Secretary H. E. Reed.

WOULD EXTEND FISH TRAPS

The application for an extension seaward of the line to which fishtraps may be driven off the west shore line of Sand Island, and the objections, were heard by Major W. C. Langhitt yesterday.

SAMUEL CREWS IS CONVICTED

Jury Returns Verdict Against Man Who Stole \$320 From Woman.

Samuel Crews, a young man, who under the promise of marriage, gained the confidence of Maggie Rees, and then stole \$320 from her and fled, was tried and convicted by a jury in Judge Frazer's court yesterday.

JEWELRY CASE APPEALED

Louis E. Lyon and Milbert F. Price, doing business as the Puritan Manufacturing Company, have appealed to the Supreme Court from the judgment of the State Circuit Court in their suit against Henry Westermire to recover \$300 for jewelry sold and delivered.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Articles of incorporation of the West Portland Canal & Pipelines Company were filed yesterday in the office of the County Clerk by Late Pence, Joseph Lyons and C. M. Ideman; capital stock, \$100,000.

MAY CALL SESSION

Normal School Matter May Yet Be Settled.

WOULD STOP REFERENDUM

Plan is to Have Solons Serve in Extra Session Without Pay to Save State From Debt for Maintenance of Institutions.

WILL HAVE ANOTHER TICKET

St. Johns Preparing for Coming Municipal Election.

Now that the Government League of St. Johns has nominated its ticket, the people of that city await the next ticket with much interest.

FUNERAL SERVICES TODAY

Ceremony Over Remains of Hon. T. J. Glover, of New South Wales.

Hon. T. J. Glover, of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, will be buried here tomorrow.

A FINE CONCERT TONIGHT

Every one interested in fine music is invited to attend the Pianola recital to be given at Elfers Piano House this evening.

MURKIN EYE REMEDY

Cures Bore Eyes. Makes weak eyes strong. Murkin don't smart. It soothes eye pain. Druggists and opticians.

HAND SAPOLIO

Is especially valuable during the summer season, when outdoor occupations and sports are most in order.

GRASS STAINS, MUD STAINS and CALLOUS SPOTS yield to it, and it is particularly agreeable when used in the bath after violent exercises.

TO CURE COUGHS IN ONE DAY. The Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists sell them. Get the name on each box.

Tired and nervous women find relief in Hood's Sarsaparilla. It enriches their blood.



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