

The total receipts are usually over \$50,000 every festival season. The next festival is now set for 1903.

Signor Riveira and his Royal Italian band have met with great success at their Minnespota concert, and are now en route for the Pacific Coast.

Ferdinand Strakosch, younger brother of Max and Maurice Strakosch, died in Paris August 1, aged 62. He was an impresario at Home and Trieste at the time that his more famous brothers were dividing honors in operatic management in Paris and New York.

"The Ballet Giverny March," by Henry Decker and Richard Veltrich, is a composition which will especially appeal to all Oregonians. The music is bright, catchy, and does not present any great difficulties to the average pianist.

Raoul Pugno, the French pianist, who visits this country in October, has been enjoying a succession of popular triumphs in Germany and England during the past two years, and will open his American season with the Boston Symphony orchestra, at Boston, October 17 and 18.

A tablet has been placed in front of the White Swan, at Marionbad, where Chopin resided in 1830. The inscription is both in Polish and French. It was there that the composer is said to have proposed to Maria Wodzinska, whose brothers he had known from boyhood; they were, in fact, neighbors in his father's establishment.

It is not many years since prices of \$200 and \$300 sterling ceased one to look with awe upon a Stradivari violin. But since then \$1000 has been paid for the "Tuscan," which was sold for \$200 in 1794; \$1200 for the "Betts," which Arthur Betts bought for one guinea and sold in 1852 for \$200, and \$2800 for the "Messia," which was sold by the heirs of Vulliamme for £480.

The one hundredth concert in New York by the John S. Duss band, from Pennsylvania, took place last night. The band has been a great musical and artistic success since it arrived last May in New York, and the conductor has striven ingeniously to vary the programme and the soloists.

When the Town Council of Pesaro recently decided to deprive the famous Mascagni of the directorship of the Municipal Conservatory, which was instituted at Pesaro by Rossini, Mascagni sobbed and protested. The action taken against the composer was because he has been engaged almost continuously abroad.

The 4th Worcester County music festival will open at Worcester, Mass., September 23, and will end October 3. Wallace Goodrich will conduct the choral works, and Franz Kneisel, the orchestral pieces. The chief choral works will be: Chadwick's "Judith," with Madame Gertrude May Stein, Giuseppe Campanari, Herbert Witherspoon and Theodore Van Zoy, as soloists; Horatio Parker's "Hors Novissima," with Madame Suzanne Adams, Miss Janet Spencer, George Hamlin and Herbert Witherspoon; Parts I, and II, of Beethoven's "Christus Drachm," with Madame Marie Zimmerman, Miss Spencer, Mr. Van Zoy and Frederic Martin; the finale of Act I, of Wagner's "Parsifal," with Mr. Martin as Gurnemanz, and Gabriel Faure's "The Birth of Venus," with this country, with Mesdames Adams and Stein, and Messrs. Hamlin and Campanari. Oseip Gabriellowitch will be the pianist of the festival.

The first full chorus rehearsal at the Metropolitan opera-house, New York, took place August 21. The last of the singers for the ensemble, which is 36 strong, was engaged the afternoon previous. Before commencing the list of names heard over 300 voices, and he says he never met so many capable and well-trained singers willing to take subordinate positions. Among the applicants was a number of ambitious students anxious to be associated with a composer of Mascagni's standing. The chorus assembled at 10 in the forenoon and were met by Signor Niccolini, the chorus master, and Signor Bacci, the conductor. The rehearsal, which is to be general supervisor of preliminary rehearsals, the choruses of "Cavaleria Rusticana" were sung until 1 in the afternoon.

When Starr & Wilbur take possession of the Boston Music Hall tomorrow, several new ideas as to the management will be inaugurated. It is the intention of the managers to make the Music Hall Boston's family resort, and everything possible will be done to make the place comfortable and attractive to women and children attending the matinees in the afternoons. The entire lower floor of the theater, which has been used for some time as the Japanese Tea Garden, will be continued, but instead of confining it solely to the patrons of the theater, the management intend making it a sort of semi-private ladies' club, where all ladies visiting Boston may make their headquarters, meet their friends, and transact their business. Admission to these quarters will be free, and a matron will be in constant attendance to administer to the wants of the visitors. A checking-room will also be established, where ladies may check their parcels, and for those who desire to witness the performances a box office will be conveniently located for the sale of tickets.

Plan for Removal of Scourge. STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Aug. 26.—Dr. Vernon Lyman Kellogg, head of the department of entomology, who accompanied Dr. Jordan on his Siam trip to Sempoa, has returned to the university bringing with him many specimens of sea and island life, to be added to the National Museum at Washington. His most important work in Siam was the study of a practical point of view, was his investigation of the fallaria, a wormlike animal living on mosquitoes and producing in human kind the dread skin disease, elephantiasis. Almost half the native population of Siam is afflicted with this disease, and at the suggestion of Captain Sebree, U. S. N., Governor of the American island, Dr. Kellogg has devised a plan looking to the removal of the scourge by preventing the use of infected water, etc., by the natives.

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SAWMILL FOR SELLWOOD

OLD SITE WILL BE USED FOR A \$40,000 PLANT.

Negotiations Are in Progress for Purchase—Mill Will Supply Local Trade.

It is announced at Sellwood that the old sawmill site at the foot of Spokane avenue, formerly occupied by the Young Bros., will be used again as the site of a sawmill plant that will cost \$40,000. It has been known since the fire destroyed the East Side Mill plant that negotiations have been in progress to secure this site, and the name of the former owners of the East Side Mill have been coupled with the enterprise. It is also said that the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company is backing the movement, but there is no authority for this report.

Parties have been negotiating for a mill site on the Peninsula at St. Johns, and it seems almost assured that another sawmill will be started in Portland to supply the local demand for lumber. The complaint is made wherever lumber is being used that it cannot be had promptly, and that buildings are being delayed in consequence. Contractors all over the city will hail with delight the starting up of a sawmill that will supply the local trade, as the East Side mill was doing before it was destroyed by fire.

TO WIDEN STREET.

Vancouver Avenue Will Be Made a Fine Thoroughfare.

Definite steps have been taken for the widening of Vancouver avenue to a uniform width of 40 feet between Morris and Alberta streets. Councilman Fligel, by request of the Albina Board of Trade, has taken the matter in hand and will push the improvement. It will be started by resolution, as it seems that a considerable majority desire the street lines to be made uniform so that the avenue may be improved.

Between Morris and Alberta streets, about one mile, the width of Vancouver varies from 30 to 35 feet. With such variance of the street lines it would not be wise to make improvement. The intention is to have Vancouver avenue improved north from Morris street when the widening is accomplished, so that there will be an improved street through to the steel bridge other than Williams avenue. The contract for improvement of Vancouver avenue from Russell street to a connection with McMillan street will soon be let. Then by improving northward Upper Albina will be provided with another fine thoroughfare not taken up with street-car tracks. Owing to the growth of Upper Albina northward the need of a well improved street extending to the steel bridge is very great. Besides, the grade of Vancouver avenue is very moderate and uniform.

COLLEGE GYMNASIUM CONTRACT.

James Buchanan Will Put Up Building for Columbia University.

The contract for the erection of the gymnasium building on the grounds of the Columbia University, at University Park, has been let to James Buchanan. He has taken out a building permit for a \$7,000 structure. The concrete foundation

Build Concrete Basement.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Avenue Building Association—Albina Board of Trade—Thursday evening, M. E. Thompson, presiding, it was decided to let the contract for the concrete basement for the hall on Mississippi avenue and Shaver street at once. J. W. Booth, C. E. Steel, and David Duce were appointed a committee with power to act. The building will not be started until the fall.

Smoldering Fire Put Out.
 Hose Company No. 3, Stephens addition, was called to Hawthorne avenue and East Third street Friday to extinguish a fire that had sprung up in Dr. Surman's building. It came from some smoldering embers of the big fire. The new hydrant at this intersection was used for the first time and the pressure was found to be excellent.

St. David's Episcopal Church.
 The services today in St. David's Episcopal Church, corner of East Morrison and East Third streets, Rev. George E. Van Waters, D. D., will be as follows: Holy Communion, 8 A. M.; Sunday school, 9:45; morning prayer and sermon, 11; evening prayer and sermon at 8 o'clock. The services in St. Paul's Church, Woodmere, will be at 8:15 P. M.

Rev. W. B. Hollingshead Home.
 Rev. W. Hollingshead, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, returned Saturday evening from an outing in the mountains in Washington at Geer Lake, the Columbia River and the Cascades. He came home much refreshed from his trip. Today he will occupy his pulpit morning and evening.

East Side Notes.
 The Woodstock public school has been renovated preparatory for the Fall term of school. The building will be provided with a new flagstaff, sidewalks, and a new system of water pipes.

The dipping and packing department of the St. John Match factory, which was destroyed by fire several weeks ago, has been rebuilt, and operations will be resumed.

N. K. West, who formerly conducted a mercantile house on Grand avenue, but now in business at La Grande, is visiting Portland on business. Mr. West is satisfied with his venture at La Grande, where he conducts a large store, having in his employ eight clerks.

A fire broke out in the dwelling of Robert Monies at Glencoe Station yesterday afternoon. A hot iron, which was used through the ceiling, Hose Company No. 5, of Sunnyside, responded to a telephone call, but the fire was extinguished before the hose wagon arrived.

Mexican Luncheon.
 Miss Maryline Barnard, of Honolulu, the guest of Mrs. Sylvester Biggin, was delightfully entertained Friday afternoon, the 29th inst., at a Mexican luncheon given by Mrs. A. F. Rogers at her residence, 99 Front street. The decorations and menu were Mexican, and the table-cloth and napkins were of Mexican drawn work. Those present were: Miss Maryline Barnard, Mrs. Biggin, Miss Grace Riggin, Mrs. Matlock, Miss E. Nichols, Mrs. J. L. Barnard, Miss Joystin, Mrs. A. F. Rogers.

Miss Cleland's House Party.
 Last week Miss Cleland gave a delightful house party at the Summer home of her brother, T. H. Cleland, in Kilkittat City, Washington, in honor of Miss Steen, of Boise, Idaho, who is spending the Summer in Portland.

Origin of a Name, Maybe.
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Busy Days for Wood-Sawyers.
 These are busy days for wood-sawyers, who are now reaping their harvest. Householders who have not yet laid in their winter's supply of wood are beginning to feel anxious about it, and are looking for wood-sawyers and inquiring into prices both of wood and sawing, and also of piling in wood. Most are told that every dealer is getting \$4 a cord for wood, but some get a supply for \$3.75. Sawyers say they charge 40 cents a cord for sawing, but a good, big pile of good wood some will make at 35 cents per cord. As to putting in the cut-wood, the cost depends on the labor involved, and cannot be fixed till the place is seen. Not a very long ago wood was sawed by hand,

Almonds can be successfully grown in some sections of Eastern Oregon, as is shown by some nuts that ex-Governor Z. F. Moody brought down from his Deschutes ranch yesterday, while on his way to Salem. Governor Moody has about five acres of almond trees 3 years old, and they are bearing nuts which equal in quality the almonds imported from California. Many will be surprised to learn that these nuts can be grown in Oregon, especially east of the Cascades. From the development the trees have already attained, Governor Moody is certain that almond-growing will prove to be profitable where his orchard is located. He

W. C. T. U. Organizer Will Lecture.
 Mrs. Adah Urush, National organizer for the W. C. T. U., will give her address, "The New Home for the New Woman," this evening at First Christian Church.