

Portland Musician Writes From Prague

R. L. Hidden Tells of Franz Von Vecsey, the Wonderful Boy Violinist.

PRAGUE Bohemia, June 1.—(Special Correspondent of The Sunday Oregonian.)—It is now well on a year since I left my home in Portland, and still I have not forgotten how good a drink of Bull Run water tastes.



OLD ASTRONOMICAL CLOCK, PRAGUE.

The only city which I have visited that compares with Portland in point of good water is Glasgow, Scotland. Glasgow gets its supply from Loch Kathanara, a distance of 25 miles, through three lines of 24 or 30-inch pipe.

The water here in Prague is so bad that we cannot even use it to wash our teeth without it has first been boiled. Judging by the amount of beer disposed of, the Bohemians evidently have no desire to worry over the question of good water for the city.

The first six months we passed in Berlin, where the time was spent studying and attending concerts.

The most memorable event in the way of concerts the past winter was the hearing of Franz von Vecsey, the wonderful boy violinist who has won the praise of Kings and Queens, and no end of favor from all the greatest artists of Europe.

When he first came to Berlin he played before Joachim. Something of Bach's-Johann was at first rather cold, but Franz had not played many years before there was a visible change in the maestro.

He was interested, and as the boy continued became more and more so. After finishing the Fugue Joachim stood up, saying he had no words to express what he felt.

At the conclusion of it Lenbach was so moved that he sat up in bed, saying: "I must paint the boy, I must!" and although too feeble to even put a pen in ink he drew this in pencil on the wall.

The Kaiser presented him with a scarf pin as large as a 6-cent piece, all of diamonds and rubies, with initial "W" also of diamonds in the center.

The Clear of Russia gave him a handsome gold watch with the Russian eagle described on the back.

These are only a few of the many presentations he has received.

A Hard Taskmaster. I have been here in Prague since the last of March, coming here to study with whom I consider the greatest teacher of the violin living, namely, Professor Sevcik.

I was very fortunate to be taken by him as a private pupil, and I can say that I have never had any training which can compare in any degree to what I am getting now.

DOMAIN OF MUSIC.

There are at least 150 professional teachers of vocal and instrumental music in Portland, and the whole of them are in a clear state of the other side.

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It was the chorus work, however, that made the hit of the evening. This part of the music is too frequently slighted, but under Professor Sevcik it has been well developed.

One of the season's pleasing musicals was given by Mrs. Olga Bartsch-Lang, last Wednesday evening, to afford a number of musical people the opportunity to meet.

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The Washington man cannot vote, but he can be elected a manufacturing plant to add shingles to his coffee, and if he wishes a back porch to his humble abode.

A street that is automatic at one end and placid at the other may be divinely democratic in between, and in at least one instance it bears three names.

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regard to safecrackers having made some good hauls in that section, attracted his attention, and he spoke of it to some persons sitting near.

Dr. Fred Hedgus, formerly of Oregon City, and Miss Katharine Millon, of Astoria, were married at Everett, Wash., Wednesday, June 16.

Robert W. Smith and Edna returned to this city Friday and have begun house-keeping at Main and Fourteenth streets.

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SOCIETY NEWS

non-entertained at the home of the late Mrs. H. D. Smith, who will go East tomorrow to accept a position at Beloit College.

Miss Grace Wood gave a pleasant at-home, Saturday afternoon, in honor of her guest, Miss Daniels, dean of women at Drury College, Missouri.

The social event of the Spring was the commencement ball given by the members at Gamma Sigma Society, Pacific University, at Yreka, Cal., Wednesday evening.

R. S. Smith, '04, has just been graduated from the Columbia University Law School.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Stafford entertained a number of friends informally on Wednesday evening at their home.

H. B. Denmore, '03, Oregon's representative-elect at Oxford University, will sail from New York in September.

Commencement week came to a close on Wednesday evening, when the Alumni Banquet was given at the ball at the armory.

Miss Arlene Frain entertained a number of her girl friends Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Goff entertained a number of friends at their home.

Miss Lois Parker entertained a number of friends Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Nellie Miller and Ruby Turner.

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Blue Mountain Sanatorium advertisement for the treatment and cure of consumption, including details of the facility and location in Gifford, Oregon.

Portrait of Dr. W. Norton Davis, a medical professional, with text identifying him as the author of 'In a Week'.

'IN A WEEK' advertisement for Dr. W. Norton Davis's medical treatment, claiming to cure various ailments in a short time.

'WE CURE GONORRHOEA IN A WEEK' advertisement for Dr. W. Norton Davis's medical treatment of gonorrhea.

'SUNBRIGHT'S CALIFORNIA BABY FOOD' advertisement, featuring a baby and text describing the product's benefits for infants and invalids.

'FRIS'S The Cream of Cocoa' advertisement, describing a nutritious and economical food product.