

# MUSIC AS VOCATION DISCUSSED WITH SALEM MAN BY SOUSA AT RECENT APPEARANCE IN OREGON

"The commercial value of music should also be emphasized upon in high school and other training," stated John Phillip Sousa, premier bands man and composer in an interview with F. L. Davidson, instructor of music in Salem public schools. Mr. Davidson attended Sousa's recent appearance in Albany and had an opportunity to discuss with Lieutenant Sousa the importance of musical training and education in high and elementary schools. Mr. Davidson considers the program arrangement and presentation of Sousa's musical aggregation as an achievement in musical repertoire.

Mr. Sousa's remarks on the opportunities and advantages now afforded ambitious men and women in the musical world should be of particular interest to students and to music lovers. "Music as a vocation.—Why should we not encourage a boy or girl who is talented in this, to spe-

cialize in it and to hope to win recognition and remuneration from their efforts just as we might encourage others in professional, vocational or commercial pursuits? As to the financial side of the matter, never was music more worth while and more lucrative. I pay my own men from \$50 to \$150 per week. With the rapidly increasing population of America and the widespread availability of educational advantages demand for entertainment, and the willingness of the public to invest money in good music, there is a strong demand for musicians and this demand will grow.

### Pleasure Emphasized.

"And another reason for the desirability of music as a profession is that it is the most pleasant of all the professions. The lawyer always scores his victories at the disadvantage of someone; the physician is sometimes obliged to speak bluntly

## Prince of Wales Likes This Photograph



Prince of Wales

Thousands of snap shots have been taken of the Prince of Wales since he arrived in Canada, but very few photographs. This photograph has the prince's O. K. and was not released until he had placed his autograph on it. It was taken shortly before his arrival in Washington.

and harshly in order to clear away interference with his efforts to heal and assuage pain; and further, the medical practitioner must at all times witness the sufferings of others; the soldier wounds or kills; but the musician is always helping people in the pleasantest way possible and no one is ever injured by his harmony. The musician is always giving joy or solace, from the first dance to the wedding, and all along the way to the grave.

Lieutenant Sousa was asked as to what he considered the main difficulty or hindrance in public school music. "The principal obstacle to the teaching of music to large assemblies or classes is the inequality of grouped individuality. Take any group of people and as to musical sensibilities they will about grade as follows: Seventy-five percent will be merely mechanical in trend, 20 per cent have a certain adaptability, 4 1-2 per cent have talent and in the remaining one-half per cent is represented genius.

Salem Reputation Recognized. "Now, Mr. Davidson," Mr. Sousa said, "take your city of Salem for instance. I understand that Salem al-

ready has a claim for recognition by her musical representatives; and the future of these and other students will be directly influenced by the interest shown by the general community. And that interest, it must be emphasized, must be genuine, not transient or momentary, but instilled inborn by influence and surroundings. A great responsibility rests upon the instructors of the youth of your city, and in the schools, in the private studio and in the home every effort should be made to cultivate a wholesome and zealous attitude toward music. Such an interest in harmony, presentation and performance that each student will look forward to each succeeding lesson as the brightest and most attractive part of the day's work. Do not neglect early memory training that will enable every child to carry a tune, or a harmony part to be able to detect discord instantly.

Rhythm and Tune Basic. Perhaps the most interesting of Lieutenant Sousa's convictions is his faith in the stability of music. He was asked if he thought that modern harmony would result in permanent injury to sensible and recognized com-

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The point is: You're no older than your vitality.

If a man is strong, vigorous, mentally alert, fine and fit at 50 he has a better chance of living up to 80 than a man of 30 who is weak and run-down has of living up to 60. While none of us can stay the years nor stop time, we should all make an heroic effort to successfully resist the effects of time by ever keeping our vitality at par.

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position "We need have no fear for the future of our art" replied the master bandsman. "Two things will always be basic, no matter what else may come. These are, rhythm and tune. We may safely trust music to the general public. They will not long be misled. Speaking personally, I am no longer a young man and am now 65 and I can well remember the varying floods of dance craze that have swept the country. When I was a boy, the most popular dance was the gallop, then came the polka, redowa, schottische, cakewalk, two-step and now we have the jazz. But as with the others, these newer era will fade and true harmony will prevail, in dance and popular standards."

### Big Factory Site Lies in Portland Door-Yard

An area of 20,000 or 40,000 acres lying just north of Portland, along the Columbia and Willamette rivers, traversed by the Columbia slough and extending almost to St. Helens affords ample room for great factory sites if the Columbia slough were diked to increase its navigability. In the opinion of Percy A. Cupper, state engineer. Mr. Cupper recalls that the Ford Motor Car company contemplated establishing a factory at Portland, but was forced to abandon the idea because no site was available for the acreage required.

The big acreage is highly fertile and David M. K. Wilson, vice president of the First National bank at Linnon, has written Mr. Cupper asking if he believes the slough could be closed and thus increase the agricultural area. Mr. Cupper believes that from an agricultural point of view it would be advisable to close the slough, but is doubtful if this could be done, and personally he believes the area would be more of a valuable asset if devoted to factory purposes after diking the slough. He will send a man from his department to look over the situation at an early date.

### Many Proposals Come for Use of Irrigation

Joseph R. Keep of Portland has filed at the office of Percy A. Cupper, state engineer, an application covering the appropriation of water from Henry creek, a tributary of Zig-Zag river, to be used for the development of 1034 theoretical horsepower.

Other applications filed with the state engineering department are: Souler E. Aiken, Prospect, Or., for the appropriation of water from Mill creek, a tributary of Rogue

river, for the irrigation of a small tract and for the operation of a hydraulic ram.

By Tom O. Watson, David C. Watson and Glen R. Watson, Fife, Or., for the enlargement of McGilchrist reservoir for the storage of 80 acre feet of water, and the appropriation of the water for the irrigation of several small tracts of land near Gilchrist.

C. L. Holiday, Klamath Falls, covering the appropriation of water from Klamath river for the irrigation of 231 acres of land near Klamath Falls.


By the Plevna District Improvement company, Klamath Falls, for

the appropriation of water from Klamath river for the irrigation of a tract of 570 acres near Klamath Falls.

LEGION DEFEATS DALLAS HIGH

DALLAS, Ore., Nov. 28.—(Special to The Statesman)—The football team of the American Legion post in this city defeated the fast team of the Dallas high school on the local field yesterday afternoon by a score of 37 to 0. The legion boys were all former football stars and won many games from other companies while in the service in France.

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