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### VOCAL MUSIC

By Strickland Gilliland in Indianapolis Star.

Many crimes are committed in this name.

The concert of the European powers has ceased to be vocal and has become instrumental.

That is, it is instrumental in cutting down the dividends of the transatlantic liners.

Emperor Wilhelm started a solo and so many came in on the chorus that, when complicated with a cannon obligato, the voice of hochderkaiser was utterly drowned.

The delusion that the patient can sing is oftener found in young women.

The delusion usually starts in the mind of mama.

Not a case on record where Little Brother made the discovery.

Little Brothers have no delusions whatever regarding Sis.

They are her natural enemy and Nemesis.

If Sis would listen oftener to Little Brother's advice and less often to mother, in vocal matters, the voice experts would have fewer applicants.

And aspiring vocalists would have fewer disappointments.

Vocal music has a number of technical terms.

Coloratura is one of the finest little off-hand words we have.

Cadenza, crescendo, tone color and things like that—we know no more of their meaning than some people do who use them regularly.

Another term used in vocal music circles that never reaches the laity, is "meal-ticket."

Fond Mama knows daughter is going to make Jenny Lind and Schumann-Heink sound like laryngical rear-fence tomcats.

Father is too busy copping the required kale to think at all.

Little Brother knows Sis sounds like a screech-owl with asthma, and says so.

But the teacher calls her his meal-ticket.

Just so long as he can keep them from adopting Little Brother's estimate he will eat with more or less regularity.

Many of the aspiring young things whose parents can scrape it up, study abroad.

In Paris or Berlin or Baireuth or some of those other continental villages that are still standing as we go to press, parents run across Madame de Whoopet-doodle, nee Sullivan of Emmetsburg, Ia., and Madame (they pronounce with the accent strongly on the last syllable ten years afterwards,) goes wild over the voice.

The young lady takes high notes easily, and the Madame takes higher-denomination notes even more easily.

If one of Pa's notes were to go to protest, all the young lady's would, at once; and parents would hear something of real interest about daughter's vocal chords and discords.

Often daughter is not to blame for this. Special prayer meetings should be held, not for rain (for all droughts end that way) but for the young women whose parents have gone emperor-wild on the hallucination that daughter has a voice.

The young woman, if she has a disposition any sweeter than her voice, will go on, at parental urgency, emitting sour notes to any company that can't find an excuse to go home suddenly.

Once in awhile there is a young lady who can sing.

If she really can nothing can keep her from it.

Nobody who has a daughter who can sing needs ask much advice.

The singer will be at it long before anybody has time to ask advice about it.

Some time when the law grows less sentimental in the matter of taking human life, we are going to slay, in some slow and spectacular manner, a fellow we know who always sings soprano two octaves lower and thinks he is singing bass.

### WEST CHERALEM

Maude Stirly is on the sick list.

Last week G. W. Worden and family moved on the Walker place.

Lois and Kenneth Fendall spent Sunday with the Andersons.

Mrs. G. N. Hesgard arrived home from Portland Monday evening.

Margaret Smith, who is attending school in Newberg, spent Sunday with the home folks.

Since the hunting season has opened, Dr. A. M. Davis has been taking a vacation on the home farm.

S. M. Calkins and family attended the state fair on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marsh, of Portland, have been visiting with N. P. Nelson and other relatives the past week. Mrs. Marsh was formerly known to many friends as Miss Hannah Nelson.

Last week Harvey Anderson spent several days in Salem visiting with relatives and taking in the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Fendall and grandma Christenson were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Vincent last Sunday.

Thursday Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Amoth, Mrs. Tilda Hesgard and Lewis and Victor Amoth attended the state fair.

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### OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

#### Contour Survey Nearly Finished.

Eugene.—A United States geological surveying party, composed of nine men, under J. G. Staaks, arrived at Ridgion ranch, on the upper Willamette river, 50 miles east of here, this week, where they have established the last camp on a large topographical survey project. They expect to complete the mapping of what is known as the Diamond Lake quadrangle by November 15. The party has been at work all summer, having left Roseburg, in Douglas county, early in the spring.

Contour lines are being run, showing all streams, ranges, mountains, roads and trails, including both artificial and natural features.

#### Jack Grant Champion Baby of Oregon

Salem.—With an almost perfect score, Jack Grant, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Grant, of Dallas, was awarded a gold medal for being the finest baby entered in the eugenics contest at the state fair. Doris Lee Gordon, daughter of L. J. Gordon, of Portland, won the girl baby first prize, scoring a fraction of a point less than the Grant child.

#### PAPER MILLS COMBINE

New Company Has Capitalization of \$12,000,000.

Portland.—For the purpose of reducing operating expenses by elimination of duplication in fixed charges, the pulp and paper interests controlling the Crown-Columbia Paper company and the Willamette Pulp & Paper company have perfected a consolidation involving a capitalization of \$12,000,000 and will hereafter operate under the corporate name of Crown-Willamette Paper company. All properties of the two companies located in Oregon, Washington and California will be taken into the combination. It is understood that a majority of the stockholders in the two concerns have ratified the plan and that the new company will be organized as a Maine corporation.

It is declared that additional new capital will be brought into the business and enable the consolidation to make extensive improvements which have been in contemplation for some time.

The Crown-Columbia Paper company has a large modern plant at Camas, Wash., said to have the finest equipment of any paper mill in the world. It has a capacity of 175 tons a day. It manufactures print paper, paper bags and tissue paper. It has an auxiliary plant for making wrapping paper at Oregon City, pulp mills at Warrenton, Or., and a large wrapping paper and tissue paper establishment at Floriston, Cal., where the chief output is tissue paper wrappers for fruit.

The chief plant of the Willamette Pulp & Paper company is located at Oregon City, with a capacity of 200 tons of print paper a day. The combined capacity of the various mills involved in the deal is about 450 tons a day.

#### W. C. T. U. Ends 3-Day Session.

The Dalles.—The 31st annual convention of the Oregon Women's Christian Temperance Union came to a close in this city after a three-day session. The following new officers were elected: President, Mrs. Jennie Kemp, Portland; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mary Russell, McMinnville; recording secretary, Mrs. Madge Mears, Shedd, and treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Houston, Portland.

#### PORTLAND HAS RECALL

Mayor Albee, Commissioners Dieck and Brewster Accused.

Portland.—Recall petitions, bearing approximately 9800 names, were filed with City Auditor Barbur against Mayor Albee and City Commissioners Dieck and Brewster. They were filed by a committee comprising M. E. Gibson, C. W. Hobbs and A. C. Allen, which committee has headed the recall movement, which has been under way for about two months.

B. E. Kennedy, a real estate man, is the recall candidate for mayor; W. A. Leet, an attorney, is candidate against Commissioner Brewster and H. E. Ahry, an employe of the United States Engineer department, is candidate against Commissioner Dieck.

Under the provisions of the recall amendment the officers are given five days in which to resign. After that the city auditor is obliged to call a special election within 20 days. Mayor Albee and Commissioner Dieck both announced that they would not resign. Commissioner Brewster is out of the city. This means that the election will be held unless legal complications set in.

### ALLIES WESTERN WING IS EXTENDED

Overlapping Movement Carries Them to Within 30 Miles of the Belgian Border.

Paris.—The western wing of the allied armies was still further extended and now reaches within 30 miles of the Belgian frontier, carrying the allies' overlapping movement in a north-easterly direction.

The German right has hammered away at the French left wing in the region between Roye and Lassigny and east of Amiens toward Douai. All reports agree that the fighting is of the most deadly nature with the losses enormous.

In reality, the proceedings are in the nature of separate and distinct engagements, more independent battles than anything else. The Germans have been very heavily reinforced, but so have the allies. The result is that the contest has borne the appearance, for the most part, of a draw, with the advantage to the allies, in that for every individual killed or wounded on their side the Germans are losing two or three.

The Germans continue their attempt to gain a foothold on the west bank of the Meuse and to reduce their Verdun fortified line extending along the river. The forts are reported to be holding out.

While no estimate of the losses is obtainable, the railroads leading from the north are choked with trains bearing British and French wounded. The French have been obliged to call on the British for railroad men to help operate the railroads. Doctors and nurses are also badly needed, as not only have the French their own and the British wounded to care for, but there are also hundreds of helpless German wounded prisoners. The road beds of the railroads are declared to be literally running red with blood which has trickled through the car doors.

### RUSSIANS, CANNON TAKEN

Germans Capture 3000 Prisoners in Two Days.

London.—A dispatch from Amsterdam to Reuter's Telegram company says:

"The German commander at Koeningberg, East Prussia, has officially announced that the Russian armies in the battles of October 1 and 2 lost 3000 prisoners, 18 big guns and many machine guns and much transport material."

In a dispatch dealing with the fighting in the Russian provinces which border on East Prussia, the Petrograd correspondent of Reuter's Telegram company says:

"The recent German operations were particularly vigorous along the railway line between Suwalki and Ollta. The enemy's intention was to reach Vilna, a turning movement around Yonon. The Russians began to fall back and then made a fierce counter attack. The shock was terrible. The Russians made frequent bayonet charges and drove back the Germans, on whom they inflicted enormous losses."

### GERMANS TAKE OUTER LINE OF BELGIAN FORTS

Berlin.—An official report from the German army headquarters says that in the siege of Antwerp the forts of Lierre, Waelhem and Kontingshoeyck, and the intermediate redoubts, with 30 guns, have been taken.

Thus a breach has been made in the outer circle of forts, rendering an attack on the inner circle of forts and the town itself possible.

According to a statement made by Cardinal Bettinger, the highest Roman Catholic authority in Bavaria, the statements appearing in English and American newspapers that priests have been shot and bayoneted by German soldiers while attending the wounded in Belgium are to be considered as absolutely without foundation.

It is also declared that the English newspaper correspondents overlook the fact that a large portion of the German army is Roman Catholic.

A manifesto signed by Harnack, Bode, Behring, Hauptmann, Klingner, Suessmann, Roentgen, Fuld, Deissman, List, Thoms, Wundt and other prominent savants and artists, indignantly protests against what is termed "unceasing lies about the pretended barbarous warfare of the Germans."

#### 54 German Corps Now in Service.

London.—In Swiss military circles, according to a Central News dispatch from Bern, it is estimated that Germany now has actually under arms 27 army corps of her regular troops and an equal number of reserves. Of these 24 army corps are in France, six in Belgium and Alsace, 15 in East Prussia and 11 between Thorn and Cracow.

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