

MEDFORD SINGER MAKES A BIG HIT IN MIDDLE WEST

At the opening performance of "Pin-afore," staged by the St. Louis Municipal Opera company, with James Stevens as baritone, the following excerpts from a St. Louis newspaper, will be read with interest by the many friends and pupils of James Stevens.

The ship was tugging at the hawsers and on board things were moving neatly, when all of a sudden from somewhere in the upper deck the manly form of Captain Coscoran appeared and the audience recognized baritone, James Stevens, one of the prime Municipal favorites, and gave him salvo on salvo of applause.

"The magnetic personality, the graceful acting and the suave singing of Mr. Stevens had an uplifting effect on the entire performance."

"Stevens, as a member of the 1921 and 1922 cast was one of the ablest and most popular actor singers ever engaged by the association. He was compelled by illness to retire before the end of the second summer and has been recuperating at his home in Medford, Oregon. The singer's voice is unimpaired, he uses it as well as ever, and his acting as always, graceful as well as forceful."

DARROW ANSWERS BRYAN'S QUERIES AS TO RELIGION

DAYTON, Tenn., July 23.—Forbidden to examine Clarence Darrow on the witness stand concerning the Chicago lawyer's religious views, William Jennings Bryan administered the examination through the medium of a statement. Nine questions were propounded and these were answered shortly afterward by the Scopes defense attorney.

Mr. Bryan's questions were preceded by the following statement:

"By accepting the invitation of the defense to testify, I did so on condition that I might question the attorneys on the other side in the same way."

"When the court reached the conclusion that such testimony was incompetent and expunged it from the record, I was precluded from asking questions which I had prepared."

"The questions are as follows:

"Mr. Bryan—Do you believe in the existence of God as described in the Bible?"

"Mr. Darrow—I do not know of any description of God in the Bible. We are informed, in the first part of the Bible, however, that God is a spirit. If Mr. Bryan will describe what he means by God, I probably could tell better whether or not I believe in God. Mr. Bryan said, in effect, that God is like a man and is fashioned in the image of man. I do not believe in this kind of a God. As to the origin of the universe or who or what is back of it, I do not pretend to know."

"Mr. Bryan—Do you believe that the Bible is the revealed will of God, inspired and trustworthy?"

"Mr. Darrow—I think that there is much that is of value in the Bible. I do not believe it was written or inspired by God. I believe it should be taken like every other kind of book, and that the portions that are sublime are like such portions of any great book—as much inspired as, say, 'In His Image.'"

"Mr. Bryan—Do you believe in the supernatural Christ, foretold in the Old Testament and revealed in the New Testament?"

"Mr. Darrow—I do not believe that any supernatural Christ was foretold in the Old Testament or revealed in the New Testament. I believe that the Christ prophesied in the Old Testament was a great Jew who should deliver his people from their physical bondage and nothing else."

"Mr. Bryan—Do you believe in the miracles recorded in the Old and New Testaments? If you believe in some but not all of them, please name a few of those which you accept and those you reject with the reasons for the same. Do you believe that Christ was conceived of the Holy Ghost and born of the virgin Mary, as recorded in Matthew and Luke? Do you believe that Christ rose from the dead as described in the four gospels?"

"Mr. Darrow—I do not believe in miracles. I believe the universe acts and has always acted in accordance with an immutable law, and that whatever may be back of the universe has never violated these laws."

"Mr. Bryan—Do you believe in the immortality of the soul?"

"Mr. Darrow—I have been searching for proof of this all my life, with the same desire to find it that is incident to every living thing, and I have never found any evidence on the subject."

"Mr. Bryan—If you believe in evolution, at what point in man's descent from the brute is he endowed with hope and promise of a life beyond the grave?"

"Mr. Darrow—I have no knowledge on the question of when man first believed in life beyond the grave. I am not at all sure whether many other animals have not the same hope of a future life that man has. The origin of this belief may have arisen in vivid dreams concerning the return of the dead, or, for all I know, from actual evidence of the return of the dead."

"I have never tried to impose my views on religion on any human being. I have a right to my own views, and I try as hard to protect the right of every other man to his views as I do to protect my own."

German Filmmakers Raid Hollywood



Europe has snatched away another American motion picture star. German producers will present Carmelita Geraghty (above) in films intended to compete with Hollywood-made pictures in the foreign market. Mae Marsh, Justine Johnstone, Carmel Myers, Pauline Garon, Virginia Valli, are others who have recently appeared in German films. And Lillian Gish is going to star in a German-made "Faust" with Ramon Navarro.

With the Women of Today

Dallas, Texas, does not propose to run the risk of having any latent infant Paderewskis or Leginskis lost to the world for lack of opportunity to develop their talents. So, through Miss Suddie Williams, supervisor of music in the public schools, it has established a course of instruction in its summer school system, which has proved so successful that it will be made part of the regular school curriculum.

Miss Williams determined "that every child should have a chance to study the piano at a reasonable cost. That parents might inexpensively determine whether or not a child's talent warranted a private instructor; and that piano instruction in classes is practical and pleasant to pupils, particularly beginners."

The equipment for the course is a melody song book, paper key-boards and key finders, and a music writing book. Three school pianos are grouped in the studio. Six children "demonstrate" at a time. Sixteen is the largest number registered in a class. While the performers play at the pianos, the rest of the class open their cardboard keyboards and play "silent music."

Miss Williams also holds a city wide memory contest each year in which 20,000 school children take part. "Our slogan is: 'Make American music!'" she says, "and we are beginning in the Lone Star state—the musical center of the southwest. In time piano music, as well as music for all instruments will be taught in the public schools free to each child, just as geography and arithmetic and other studies are taught."



Miss Suddie Williams.

showrooms and workshops near the British Museum. Many of her bags are sold abroad and continental designers imitate her designs.

Miss Ting Chuk-Ching, Peking, China, has been appointed national leader of the Y. W. C. A. work in China. Since April, 1924, Miss Ting has been studying in this country, and sailed July 1st for England and India to study the work in those countries. She will arrive in China in January, 1926, and will succeed Rosalee Venable, an American, who has been in China for five years. Miss Ting will head a staff of 54 Americans, 60 Chinese and a small number from other countries. Before coming to America she was graduated from Yenching college, Peking.

A woman suffrage bill passed its second reading without opposition in Bermuda, but was lost in committee.

In Cuba a bill has been presented in the senate to give a woman married to a foreigner the right to choose her nationality.

A woman suffrage bill recently passed the Italian chamber but will not go to the senate at present.

In Finland 18 women were among the 310 electors chosen to elect the president of the republic.

Miss Mary Cole Walling, 84, the first woman to deliver a speech to the United States senate, died recently at her home in Louisville, Ky. By a special resolution passed by the United States senate May 19, 1886, Mrs. Walling was allowed to appear before that body to deliver her talk on reconstruction, her appearance before the lawmakers being an unprecedented event.

Miss Gertrude Valle was elected president of the National Social Workers convention in Denver, Col. She is a graduate of Vassar college and of the Chicago School of Civics and Philanthropy.

The National Conference of Labor Women met recently in convention at Birmingham, England, under the presidency of Mrs. Ellen Wilkinson, Labor M. P. There were discussions on the new budget proposals, a resolution on birth control and another upon women's groups to levy a tax upon themselves to meet the expenses of women parliamentary candidates during their campaigns.

An English woman, Mrs. D. M. Bembaron, made original head bags for herself and her mother. These were admired and she decided to sell them. She now has 100 workers with

Bible Thought for Today

WHOM SHALL I FEAR?—The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? —Ps. 27:1.

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DYNAMITE GAS BOTTOM OF WELL KILLS ORE. FARMER

DALLAS, Ore., July 23.—Overcome by dynamite gas at the bottom of a well on the Abe Siemens farm five miles north of here, Peter Reddekopp succumbed to the fumes, after two ineffectual attempts were made to rescue him in which two other men were overcome. Though the third attempt was successful and a physician was waiting at the top of the well and every effort was made to resuscitate the man, they proved unavailing.

Reddekopp was employed to deepen the well and was being assisted by Siemens, the owner.

Last night a dynamite blast was set off at the bottom of the well, about 30 feet deep. This morning Reddekopp descended in a bucket operated by Siemens from above. The dynamite gas had failed to rise and the bottom of the well was charged with it when Reddekopp reached bottom.

In a few moments Reddekopp signalled to Siemens to be hoisted up and Siemens complied. When the

bucket carrying Reddekopp was half way up Siemens noticed that Reddekopp was apparently unconscious, and suddenly his body pitched from the bucket and fell.

Siemens immediately enlisted the aid of a milk driver, and a neighbor.

The milk wagon driver made the first effort to bring out Reddekopp, but was overcome before he could succeed and was brought up in a fainting condition. Siemens then made an attempt but also was overcome. The neighbor succeeded in getting the rope about Reddekopp's

body and the two men were hauled out.

A doctor worked over Reddekopp for half an hour, but without avail.

Women Drop Murder Case
LINCOLN, Neb., July 23.—(A. P.) Three Omaha women, leaders in the latest movement to save Walter R. Simmons, former Montana deputy sheriff, from the electric chair following his conviction for the alleged slaying of Frank Pahl, Spencer, Neb., garage man in 1922, today said they were "convinced by Governor McMillen that Simmons was guilty."

Germany Building Long Dike
WESTERLAND, Germany.—A dike 6.8 miles in length is in process of construction between the island of Sylt and the mainland. Three and a half miles have been miled and the entire length is expected to be completed in 1926. The foundation of the dike is constructed of granite and is 165 feet wide. The height will be 6.5 feet above the highest water mark.

See the dresses and hats at bargains at the closing out sale at Edith Towne Shop.



but the last few miles are less fun!

A glorious day's outing—but when the car turns for home all the fun is gone for one of the family.

There's dinner to get for a late and hungry crowd. And the stove, of course, is cold!

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