

FAVORS FREE MUSIC SCHOOL

Dr. Alma Webster Powell Lectures on Subject at the University of Omaha.

SHOULD BE SCIENCE, NOT ART

A plea for national free schools of music, such as are maintained in European countries, was made by Dr. Alma Webster Powell of New York City, at the University of Omaha Saturday evening.

Dr. Powell has some decidedly new ideas along the line of musical study. "Music should be studied as a science like physics. It should be taken out of the fine arts, where it is being neglected."

"Music is a human need. People must have it—they can't live, get married or die without it. It has a great curative effect, too."

Speaks in Colleges.

"All this year, I have been touring the country speaking in many universities and appealing to the intellectual people."

"Today one can secure no doctor's degree in music. Music is looked upon only as an amusement. I asked to have music introduced in the political science department of the Columbia university."

FAVORS FREE CONCERTS.

Dr. Powell thought that music would have the power to arouse the patriotically inclined German and British soldiers, but said that music would have the opposite effect on the French, for instance, a high-spirited people.

Dr. Powell would rather the federal government establish the free schools because, she said, the state government would be less likely of support. Dr. Powell also advocates free symphony concerts every afternoon for two hours as in some continental cities.

Pegg Withdraws His Charges of Selling Short Weight Bread

Complaints charging Julius Pegg, Twenty and Franklin streets, E. Rockingham, 88 North Sixteenth street, and J. Batt, 604 North Sixteenth street, with selling short weight "Holsum" bread, the product of the Jay Burns Baking company, were dismissed Saturday morning.

City Prosecutor Fred Anheuser and John Grant Pegg, weight and measure inspector, who filed the charges, cancelled the complaint owing to the fact that Police Magistrate Foster is expected to return to his duties Monday morning. Foster held the ordinance unconstitutional, under which the complaints were filed, so the prosecution has decided to file charges in a justice court.

Although the hearing of the above merchants was set for today and would have been judged by acting Police Magistrate C. W. Britt, the prosecution was confident that one day would not suffice to bring the affair to a conclusion.

Fred Pleuler Held for Mental Inquiry

Reduction by one of the number of candidates in the race for the city commission may result from the filing of insanity charges against Fred W. Pleuler, 121 Stanford Circle, the fourth man to file in the election commissioner's office. His aunt, Mrs. Henrietta Brandes, signed the complaint and Pleuler was taken into custody.

Pleuler had made extensive preparations to compete in the commission race, including the ordering of a large amount of campaign literature. The fact that a man enters a political race in which he is competing against more than 300 aspirants to office does not constitute prima facie evidence of insanity, according to Robert Smith, insanity commissioner, and himself a candidate for office of accomplishments.

"Candidates for office, in my opinion, is by no means proof of insanity," declared Mr. Smith, "and no consideration will be given Mr. Pleuler's political aspirations at his hearing."

"Should Mr. Pleuler be adjudged insane his name would not be placed on the ballot," said Election Commissioner Moorhead.

In the absence of such official action, no candidate will be considered crazier than the others," said the commissioner.

BELGIAN LECTURER COMING WITH PROPER CREDENTIALS

Omaha is soon to have the visit of Madame Depage, wife of Dr. Depage, the celebrated surgeon of Brussels. Madame Depage is giving lectures in the United States to collect funds to organize a new Belgian ambulance corps.

Madame Depage has a personal letter from the queen of Belgium, besides a telegram sent by the queen, received on landing in New York, expressing the great hope of success of her mission. Dr. Delaney, Belgian consul here, has received from Mr. Havenith, Belgian minister of Washington, a letter introducing Madame Depage and hoping that she will receive in Omaha the same generous support that she had in the east.

Madame Depage and her husband have taken care of the Belgian wounded and when she saw that the needs of the Belgian Red Cross far exceeded the supplies, decided to make a personal and pressing appeal to American generosity. Madame Depage is on her way to California and will be in Omaha in about two weeks.

Cost of Matters' Trial About \$4,000 to the Government

It cost the government about \$4,000 to try Thomas H. Matters in federal court on the charge of violating the national banking laws. Before all the vouchers for jurymen and witnesses had been issued, the sum set aside for the expenses of the trial had been overdrawn \$700, and the Department of Justice at Washington had to be telegraphed for an extra allowance, which was granted.

The expense to the government in prosecuting Matters includes \$1,600 for the fees, lodging and mileage of the jurymen; \$1,400 for witnesses, two of which had to come from California and New York, respectively, with expenses of \$500 each; about \$1,000 for miscellaneous expenses. The \$4,000 cost to the prosecution does not include the regular salaries of United States District Attorney F. S. Howell, his assistant, A. W. Lane, and National Banking Expert Smith, who worked on the case.

President M. L. Luebber of the defunct First National bank of Sutton, who was the chief witness for the government and is himself under indictment as principal in the case in which Matters was prosecuted as abettor, has stated that he will plead guilty to the charges against him. His case is now in the Hastings division of the federal district court, but Prosecutor Howell says that Luebber has agreed to remove his case to the Omaha division after Matters is sentenced. It is expected that Luebber's case will be disposed of by May, although he can postpone it until fall, if he desires.

TOWNSENDS TO COMBAT WESLEYAN LADS TONIGHT

The Townsends and Nebraska Wesleyans will battle on the floor of the Young Men's Christian association tonight to determine the championship of Nebraska. Although Wesleyan has beaten Nebraska university, the local lads are confident of victory.

Nine Years a Chronic Invalid.

Advertisement for Peruna medicine. Includes testimonial from Mrs. William Neukam, R. F. D. 2, cure for chronic diseases. Text: "Peruna has entirely cured me of catarrh." "Peruna cured me after nine years of lingering poor health." "I think your Peruna is the best medicine in the world."

Other Women Rescued from Hopeless Ailments

Mrs. Effie S. King, R. R. 1, Johnstown, Ohio, writes: "Peruna has entirely cured me of catarrh. I shall always speak in the highest praise of Peruna, and cheerfully recommend it to all." Mrs. W. J. Bryanton, 209 W. 7th St., Cincinnati, Ohio, writes: "I followed the directions you kindly gave me, and now I find myself entirely cured. I think your Peruna is the best medicine in the world."

CEMENT MEN MAKE PROTEST

Urge that City Make an Effort to Retain Auditorium for Convention Purposes.

MEET HERE AGAIN NEXT YEAR

That it is necessary for the people of Omaha to save the Auditorium for convention purposes for the scores of associations that annually hold big conventions in Omaha, is pointed out in a resolution adopted by the directors of the Mid-West Cement Users' association. The cement men have held very successful conventions in the Auditorium for several years, and this year they organized an exhibitors' association, pledging themselves to use their best efforts to make the cement show in Omaha in the future the one great cement show of the United States.

Following this decision the exhibitors began at once to contract for both space in the Auditorium for the show next year, which is set for the week beginning February 23. The directors, on learning that the Auditorium is in danger of being sold under foreclosure and that this might mean it would be sold to persons who would put it to other uses than as a convention hall or place for holding such events as the cement show and similar events, declared in their resolution that the loss of this building would mean the abandonment of the cement exhibit next year.

The resolution closed with the following: Resolved, That we respectfully urge upon the people of Omaha the necessity of saving this building, not only for our use in the future, but for the use of many other similar organizations and enterprises which will become impossible in Omaha if this building is diverted to other uses.

Hurt Ice Skating. Skating is another thing that the major league managers may put under the ban. Fitcher Jim Shaw of the Washington team sprained an ankle so badly gliding over the ice that he will be handicapped through the greater part of the training season.

Paral Looks to His Uncle for Help in Murder Trial

The Mexican insurrecto leader, Francisco Paral, a member of the staff of General Carranza, and uncle of Juan Paral, has been asked by letter to come to the assistance of the alleged murderer of Detective Thomas Ring, former District Judge Sutton, who is defending the Mexican, informed District Judge English when Paral was arraigned. Nothing has been heard of the uncle for six months, and if he has been killed in battle it may be a serious blow to the defense.

Paral pleaded not guilty to charges of murdering Detective Ring and of breaking and entering a Burlington boxcar. He speaks no English and his plea is made by his attorney. According to Mr. Sutton, Paral has been in the United States only a few months, and no witnesses can be found in this country who can testify that he is of good character. He declares that his dead partner, Gonzales, shot Ring, and that he was under the influence of Gonzales. The prosecution has no evidence that Paral did the shooting. Mr. Sutton declared.

Paral has done guard service for the insurrecto cause in Mexico, according to his story, but left the country to avoid serving as a soldier.

OMAHA SOCIALISTS NAME TICKET FOR COMMISSIONERS

The Omaha socialist party announces the following seven men as candidates for the city commission: Jacob Kopp, E. J. Morrow, Peter Mehrens, T. Jorgenson, J. N. Carter, Dr. A. A. Holtman, Max Kirchbaum. In accordance with the custom of the socialist party, these candidates have signed their resignations, "which are to be accepted in case they do not carry out the will of the party," an announcement made.

Advertisement for Rubel's furniture store. Features: "For the BIGGEST VALUES", "See Rubel", "That the Rubel store is making lower prices than any other store in Omaha is a fact well known to-day throughout the city." Includes images of a dining chair (\$1.19), leather rocker (\$7.50), iron bed (\$4.98), and solid oak buffet (\$1750). Address: 513-1515 HOWARD STREET.

Advertisement for The Bee Building Company. Text: "Now is the time to look at offices". Lists office spaces for rent: Suite 222, Room 420, Suite 428, Ground Floor, Room. Includes contact information: Apply to Building Superintendent, Room 103, THE BEE BUILDING COMPANY.

Advertisement for Hotel Breslin. Text: "100% efficiency that's what you want when you place an order for engraved plates. We put snap in our work, we have workmen that we can rely upon." Includes address: Broadway at 29th St. New York.

Advertisement for Warner's Safe Remedy. Text: "Warner's Safe Remedy for the Kidneys and Liver has been a standard medicine since 1877. It has brought relief to many who have suffered with severe kidney and liver complaints and were ready to give up in despair." Includes image of a diamond watch and bracelet.