

New Player Piano Is Last Word in Music Evolution

F. F. Story Says Repro-Phraso Gives Operator Power of Expression of Artists.

The piano of today is the perfection of instrument of music in its day, as the piano is in modern times. The ingenuity of man overcame the limitation of technique by adding the keyboard.

Inventive genius worked its wonders and the piano passed from its crude and limited beginnings into the magnificent instruments we know today.

It was inevitable, however, that man would find a way to bring the silent strings of the pianoforte to life by other means than the hands of trained pianists. And the mechanical player was created. But the evolution of the piano-piano was a slow process.

Probably no man today knows better the long trail of development of the player-piano than F. F. Story, vice president of the Story & Clark Piano company.

In discussing the evolution of the player-piano from its first crude beginnings, Mr. Story said: "Probably most of us who have reached middle age remember when the first mechanical devices for playing the piano were put forth.

Levers were awkward. "The day of the old-fashioned cabinet pianoplayer, with levers to operate the keys, that had to be wheeled up to the keyboard every time some music-hungry soul was unable to play by hand, wanted music, seems far in the past.

"For want of something better, these crude, cumbersome 'players' were eagerly bought by those who means permitted. But the 'music' they produced was so mechanical, so unmusical, that only the most courageous seeker after melody could endure their humdrum monotony and wend music.

"Later, the playing mechanism was introduced into the piano itself, becoming an integral part of the instrument. That was the first player-piano. It brought the operator's convenience to the person who operated it, but it did not appreciably improve the quality of music. It was still purely mechanical; it played a music roll and faithfully repeated the notes, but did not permit the player himself to exercise any discretion as to how it was to be played, beyond allowing him to 'play' loud or softer, or softer.

"Then ingenious minds set to work to create devices that would broaden the musical possibilities of the player-piano. They called upon electricity to help. And they built electrically manipulated instruments that would play specially made music rolls, with an approach to musical feeling.

Human Touch Missing. "But the ingenuity of the instrument took away the last vestige of individual participation in the playing, for one had no control of how the composition would be played. These electrically manipulated pianos were costly, and beyond the reach of the ordinary purse.

"Other manufacturers worked along other lines. The player-piano ultimately would have to be perfected to that point where the average person, whether he understood or could read a single note in the musical score, could play.

"Experimental work went along, year after year, eliminating the mechanical playing, and giving the player the same power of musical expression that the trained pianist possesses.

"It was finally accomplished. And its makers called it the Repro-Phraso, the personal reproducing piano, which permits real human control of expression phrasing, accepting and melody playing shading."

TRAM REVENUE IS NEARLY DOUBLED

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, April 19.—Net income of the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company for March, 1924, was \$17,413, compared to \$8,988 for the same month last year, according to report filed here.

This was brought about by a cut of 6.74 per cent in operating expense. Weather was chiefly responsible for this cut. Removal of snow cost the company only \$252 in March, 1924, compared with \$4,415 a year ago.

Number of passengers carried during the month decreased 3.7 per cent in March, 1924, from March, 1923.

LEGION ENDORSES BONUS IN MESSAGE

Washington, April 19.—The American Legion today endorsed the insurance soldier bonus bills taken up by the senate. In a message to each senator Commander Quinn asked that no attempt be made on the floor to amend the pending bill.

Commander Quinn mentioned specifically the proposed amendment by finance committee democrats for a full cash payment option and expressed the belief that if it were adopted chances of the bonus bill becoming law would be endangered.

Workers Paid on Own Time. By International News Service. Denver, April 19.—"Stack your chips on your own time," is the latest order of the city of Denver to its employees.

Manager of Revenue Clem Collins has announced that employees must call at the city auditor's office for their wages after working hours. The new plan will save the city \$10,000 annually, according to Collins.

2 Firemen Electrocuted. Montclair, N. J., April 19.—Two firemen met death today when a 2,400-volt wire blew against their faces as they blew a fire in a house at No. 9 Princeton Place. The victims were Capt. Frank Muller, 33, and Joseph Tierney, 30.

Memorial to Judge Kinkaid at O'Neill

MOSES P. KINKAID

O'Neill, Neb., April 19.—Above is the magnificent monument of Pike river gray granite recently erected over the last resting place of the late Judge Moses P. Kinkaid in Prospect Hill cemetery, this city, by his brother, John Kinkaid, of Los Angeles.

His plain and simple design characterizes the life of the one to whom it is a memorial. Judge Kinkaid, who represented the Sixth Nebraska district in congress for 20 years, died in July, 1922. He was the author of the Kinkaid section homestead act, which transformed the western half of Nebraska from the grazing range of scattered herds of Texas long horns into one of the richest agricultural and livestock districts of the central west.

Because of the Kinkaid act, homesteaders in Nebraska, no matter how small their holdings, still are known as "Kinkaiders."

Edward MacDowell was born in New York in 1851. His grandparents were Quakers, and from them we may trace an admirable earnestness and simplicity along with the strong Celtic strain which expressed itself in his sensitiveness to nature. MacDowell began to study the piano when he was eight years of age and studied in America, France and Germany. While teaching in Frankfurt he met his wife, Marian Nevins of New York, whom Raff (a former teacher of MacDowell) had sent to him for lessons because she spoke little German.

In 1883 MacDowell returned to America and settled in Boston. He was already well known as a composer. He made his first appearance in Boston as pianist with the Kniesel quartet. The next year he played in New York with the Thomas orchestra. In 1886 a chair of music was endowed at Columbia university and MacDowell was called to fill it. Inharmonious conditions at the university led to his resignation. He was called to fill it. Inharmonious conditions at the university led to his resignation.

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State Business Pupils Compete Here on Friday

Typewriting, Spelling and Penmanship Contests at Tech High; Records May Fall.

Nebraska commercial students of high schools and business colleges will compete in Omaha next Friday for honors in shorthand, typewriting, spelling and penmanship and seek to better records made by the winners of last year's contest. The contest will be held at Technical High school, and 200 students are expected to be entered.

Typewriting and shorthand contests will be divided into four classes, novice, junior and championship among the high school students, and a college class. Each district of the state is allowed to enter its five best in each contest. These were picked by preliminary school contests which ended March 25.

Winners of first place in the preliminary spelling contests from the districts of the state are expected to lead in the state contest are: Bertha Vannata, Bridgeport; Evelyn Billings, Holdrege; Helen Whitmore, Neligh; Edna McConnell, Gibbons; Olive Williams, Central High school, Omaha, and Dorothy Mattison, South High school, Omaha.

In the shorthand class in shorthand, winners of first place are Mildred Rock, Norfolk; Frank Knotek, Ravenna; Jewel Price, Alliance; Alice Gathercole and Margaret McClaren of McCook, who tied with perfect scores; Frances Whitney, Central High school, and Dorothy Mattison, South High school.

In the championship class in shorthand, Omaha High school will have two students entered. They are Viola Senko, who took third place in the novice class last year, and Esther Schwartz. Both wrote 120 words a minute in the preliminary contest. Elizabeth Sittman of Plattsmouth; Luella Winkulst of Holdrege; Marjorie Inman of Scottsbluff, and Ted Van Patton of Neligh, scored highest in the district contest.

The typewriting contests are of special interest both to the students and the public, and lively competition will mark this year's struggle for the championships in the three classes. In the novice class Constance Steiner of Hastings; Roland Sherry, Scottsbluff; Pauline Hultquist, Holdrege; Margaret Dehstrom of Peru; Esther Cullin of Norfolk, and Frank Kinnell of North Bend were leaders.

In the junior class, Dorothy Custer of Nebraska City; Luella Gray; McCook; Rose Marie Steffen, South High, Omaha, and Edward Carenda of South High won the first places in the preliminaries, and will be pitted against each other here.

Richard Cole of Omaha, Central High, and Myrtle Whitaker of South High, are veteran contestants, who will compete this year in the championship class. Against them will be pitted Constance Steiner of Hastings, Blance Dec. of Norfolk; Evelyn Billings of Holdrege; Marjorie Inman of Scottsbluff.

Kenneth Tolbert of Grand Island is one of the leading contenders in the college class. Officers of the contest association who will have charge are: Ethel Craig, Kearney State Teachers' college, president; Jean Zook, Norfolk High school, vice president; Alice Harvey, South High school, Omaha, secretary; Helen Edgemoor, McCook High school, treasurer, and Mina E. Hubbell, South High school, chairman of the committee on arrangements.

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In 1922 during the campaign for Ak-Sar-Ben members, C. C. Phelps of the car accounting department of the Union Pacific organized an Ak-Sar-Ben Membership club among the young men employees at the headquarters building.

"There were but 15 or 16 interested at that time," said Mr. Phelps, "but the idea grew and last year we had 25 in our club. 'The plan worked out beautifully last year and all of these boys were well satisfied for what they received for their money from Ak-Sar-Ben."

This year we have more than 70, all Union Pacific office employees, who are wearing the 1924 Ak-Sar-Ben buttons. William Jeffers, general manager, is shown in the photograph congratulating Mr. Phelps and is assisting materially in interesting the employees of the Union Pacific in Ak-Sar-Ben. "I find considerable enthusiasm at the headquarters building," continued Mr. Phelps, "and I feel that we will have more than 100 members for Ak-Sar-Ben from this building prior to the first of June."

C. M. Lathshaw and William Von Kroge are assisting Mr. Phelps.

Seed Corn Tests Alone Can Stay Failure of Crop

January Cold Weather Froze Seed Corn—Kernels Look Alive But Are "Dead."

Corn crops may be total failures this year as a result of the extremely cold weather of last January. A committee has been appointed by the Western Seedmen's association to urge the farmers to test their seed corn in an effort to avoid failures. The seedmen declared that the corn saved for seed in Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois and northern Kansas looks excellent but is really "dead."

The situation, while especially acute in these states, extends over the entire country. "All we want the farmers to do is to test their seed corn," J. C. Robinson, Waterloo, Neb., chairman of the committee said. "The farmers have been so successful in the past few years with their seed corn that they will not realize now that things may be different."

"Last fall the corn was put away while it contained from 20 to 25 per cent moisture. As a rule it only contained about 15 per cent. Then came the extremely cold weather of January, and all the corn in the cribs was frozen. 'This corn still looks good. It is shiny and looks full of life. But tests we have made show that it will not germinate more than 20 per cent. A 70 per cent corn crop in this section of the country would be a disaster. 'If every farmer will only test his seed everything will come out all right.'"

The members of the committee are: J. C. Robertson, Fred W. Mangelsdorf, Atchison, Kan.; H. A. Johns, Sioux City; C. C. Masse, Minneapolis; Henry Field, Shenandoah, Ia., and C. H. Coy, Valley, Neb. They met at the Hotel Fontenelle Saturday afternoon to make plans for a campaign to educate corn raisers of the United States.

Fairbury—About two miles of brick pavement are under construction, the city hall and light and water plant are being remodeled and a 500 horse power boiler will soon be installed.

Montant Solon Posts His Bond

Indictment Calls for Wheeler to Appear in Great Falls May 5.

Washington, April 19.—Senator R. K. Wheeler of Montana appeared before United States Commissioner MacDonald here today and furnished bond for \$1,000 for his appearance May 5 at Great Falls, Mont., to answer an indictment charging him with accepting money illegally for appearing before the Interior department in land cases.

The Daugherty committee prosecutor went before the commissioner voluntarily soon after he was advised by the district attorney's office that the indictment had been forwarded here with a request for service.

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Physician Explains Who Should Take Nuxated Iron

Practical Advice on How to Help Build Up Great Strength, Energy and Endurance

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Another Interesting Case CLAYTON, DELAWARE.—"I was all run-down and in a weak condition when I married. I had many of the troubles women often have and the birth of my children left me almost a wreck. One day my brother-in-law was visiting us and asked me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I said 'It's no use, as nothing does me any good.' He asked me if I would take it if he would buy it, and to please him I said 'Yes.' He bought me three bottles before there was a change, so you see I was pretty badly off. I couldn't do any work before this, and kept a girl. I got so well I did my own work and later had more children and kept my good health. I do all my work and take in sewing too, and am raising plants for Memorial Day. I feel younger than I did at twenty because I have good health."—MRS. L. A. LAMBY, Clayton, Delaware.

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