

Ak-Sar-Ben Music

The dynasty of the merry monarchs of the Ak-Sar-Ben series has not ignored the necessity of enlivening the feasts and fetes of court by the sound of trumpets and of shawms, of sackbut, timbrel and psaltery. They have lent themselves to the not unworthy object of ministering to the comfort and happiness of the valiant personages of knight-errantry who have passed the terrible ordeals of initiation to the mysteries, ordeals equalled only by those of the earlier antecedents of Ak-Sar-Ben's court, who held weird vigils over their arms.

Samson is a discriminating chamberlain and his couriers have been dispatched from the Rockies to the Adirondacks and from the Potomac to the Pappio in search of men skilled in ye art of musicke who could play right pleasantly on instruments of brass and wood, on the tom-tom and the big bass drum.

Hither came the bands of the great republic of the United States, in the regimental uniforms of the army of the most magnificent nation on earth. Here came in marching order on peaceful mission bent the band from Fort Omaha, under Wiedemeyer, known as the band of the Second regiment, United States Infantry, and to the strains of their inspiring music, hand clasped hand, heart beat to heart and the magic movements of the merry dance were tripped with light foot and happy at the annual ball of the court.

No less magnetic were the skillfully blended sounds of instruments in the hands of those gallant heroes who with their comrades have inscribed on the roll of fame the name of the Twenty-second regiment. Under the precise baton of that able musician and good fellow, Emil Reichart, the royal den was filled with the fulness of sweet harmony. With earnestness of purpose and much patient labor on the part of George Greene the Seventh Ward band was developed to such an extent that its merits attracted the attention of the Lord High Chamberlain and the Master of the Household, and a valiant coterie of knights was dispatched forthwith, bearing the royal command that they should appear at the festivities of the court and show cause as to why they should not cheer the souls of the knights and fair dames.

With them came the skilled musicians from the land of the McCookies and the brilliant uniforms and pageantry of the McCook band were equaled only by their bright and sparkling music.

Other local bands of the kingdom of Quivera, wearing the insignia of the Union Label, appeared from time to time.

Greeting to the President.

But the best was yet to come. His excellency, the Great Father, President McKinley, heard in the Washington wigwam of the doings of his subjects and came to see if the reports were true. And to greet him the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben secured the musical squires of the famed Innes, he who, the King of the Trombone, told the people that Love was King.

And the rarest gems in the procession of Innes, also called Frederick the Great, were laid at the feet of the mighty Ak-Sar-Ben. Then, having had a taste of highest things, nothing else would do, and so, borrowing from Greater America the band from the realm of Cincinnati was obtained by the royal purveyor, the honorable retainers of Herman the First, surnamed Bellstedt, King of the Cornet and Conductor by the grace of God, who was decorated with honorable medal by the knights.

Musical literature has contributed to the Merry Monarch and his knights a March and a Waltz of much beauty and each of these has received the stamp of approval.

In the month of November and in the year 1895 a notable Ak-Sar-Ben jubilee was given in which the fairest women in the kingdom, took part. Every thoroughly trained voice helped swell the chorus and the Old Ladies' Home received a handsome benefit. Professional singers from all the churches and studios sank their individuality in one sublime chorus, the like of which was never heard before and has been unequalled since. The lone Adam of this Garden of Song was the conductor, he who pens these lines, and the announcement of the occasion ran as follows:

AK-SAR-BEN JUBILEE.

Tuesday, Nov. 12th, 1895.
Under the Esteemed Patronage of the Loyal Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben.
Managed by these Royal Ladies of the Court, to-wit: Mrs. F. E. Ford, Mrs. George Tilden, Mrs. Elta Matheson, Mrs. Jennie Wertz, Mrs. Lyman Richardson, Mrs. Edward Peck, Mrs. Charles M. Wilhelm.

Assisted by the Royal Decorators, Mrs. William Tupper Wyman and Mrs. William R. Morris.

And the following acknowledged wits of the Kingdom of Quivera, to-wit: Mr. Samson, Lord High Chamberlain, Miss Kate Bradley.
Court Jesters:
Mr. Corbett.....Mrs. Elta Matheson
Steve Brodie.....Miss Jessie Dickinson
McKinley Bill.....Miss Annie Doyle
Mr. Fitzsimmons.....Mrs. Harry Morrill
Mr. Sandow.....Mrs. Frank Green
Chimmie Fadden.....Miss Georgia Sharp
With Columbia.....Miss May Dundy
and Chief Musician of the Court,
.....Mr. Thomas J. Kelly

What He Raised

Washington Star: "I see that your friend the politician affects farming."
"Yes," answered Farmer Cornstossel.
"He goes in for that sort o' thing a good deal. Us country folks kind o' like to be flattered that way."
"Has he ever raised anything?"
"Wal, he's raised the hopes of the people around here several times. But that's about all."

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