MUSIC AND MUSICIANS

It was my pleasing duty to stand up for Omaha artistically last week in this column, and Mr. Clement Chase came in for a more or less indulgent criticism. Mr. Chase—the St. Clement of Omaha—comes back handsomely in the editorial page of his paper and acknowledges his faults and promises to do better, for, first, he approaches me with reverence, as he should, and alludes to me as "Father" Kelly (this will delight my mother, who always wanted me to be a clergyman), and in the second place, St. Clement says in cold type that "the Excelsior never claimed to be a society paper;" and, in the third place, Mr. Chase shows by his article and its numerous references to Bee articles of times past that he has been making a careful study of the musical column of The Bee, and that he has been reading, marking, learning and inwardly digesting the truth contained therein. Such honest repentance, conversion and attempt to learn the right way, as set forth Sunday after Sunday in The Bee, should appeal to every person's spirit of forgiveness, and it certainly does to mine.

If the Excelsior keeps on reading The Bee carefully and sincerely, with its best understanding, people may begin to read the Excelsior.

There is a truth, as old as the eternal hills, but sadly neglected, and that is found in these words: "Like attracts like." If one could only apply that constantly the world would be a better place to live in, for right is always stronger than wrong, it has more endurance, more patience, and always wins out in the long run. Therefore the cohesion of all right thinking people would work wonders. But we fail because we neglect to apply the means to the conditions. In other words, we lack Faith. And then, again, we lack Works. Faith without Works is dead, said a scholar and philosopher years ago. The combination of these two, Faith and Works, would do great things for us. If we are seeking for higher ground to work on, for more helpful environments to be surrounded by, for better opportunities of work, we can accomplish what we are desiring. First, we must have cheerful, abiding, persistent faith that the one thing desired will come. This must never be overcome by Doubt, for literally and actually and truly, "He that doubteth is damned," whether you take it in connection with its context or just as I have quoted it.

I had gotten just this far when Rev. Edwin Hart Jenks of the First Presbyterian church came into the particular editorial room in which the musical critic does his work and inquired for some information. The subject of Sunday writings came up, and I showed Dr. Jenks what you have just read, remarking that I feared that I was encroaching upon his territory. But I had been very much struck with a line from a book by Ralph W. Trine, in which he said that God did feed the sparrows, to be sure, but he never threw the food into their nest. There is my idea for this homily on Faith without Works.

Dr. Jenks then gave us a little talk on the subject and said: "A good illustration of that idea is the building of the Central Pacific. The men who, with Collis P. Huntington, went to work upon that apparently impossible feat of applying the grain of mustard theory to the removal of mountains, accomplished what they set out to do. They proved that the grain of mustard seed would accomplish just what the Master told his disciples it would accomplish. For you and for me there are no mountains to oppose us. They are, as it were, cast into the midst of the sea. They exist not, for the trains pass through them daily. From the mustard seed of faith, the smallest seed, but one which grows the greatest tree, came the accomplishment of the great engineering feats, because those men backed up their faith by their dollars, their worldly goods, their everything, in the face of ridicule and laughter of their friends, for faith and works being a strong combination, the unknowing ones laugh." Dr. Jenks went on to show that there was no necessity for us to be discouraged if we would only realize the actual dynamic powers of a living faith. It is the living force in that little seed-grain that does the business.

The student who wants success must fulfil these conditions and the results will come. If a student has no faith, or, in fact, if the student has not complete faith in the teacher, the student ought to either water the faith-seed or change teachers. If the teacher has not implicit faith in the possibilities of the pupil he should advise the pupil to seek another teacher.

If the pupil has faith in the fact that she will, one day, be among the best singers of the country, she must first begin by being (not posing as, or saying she is), "being" the best singer in her block. Then the best singer in her precinct, then in her ward, and then in her city, and so forth. Faith in success is useless without work. Work at what you are doing, and aim to do it the best way you know how, and hold firmly to the thought that you will be called to greater things. You cannot fail.

A great concert will be given at the Creighton-Orpheum on Tuesday night. It will be by the students of the University of Sweden, who are on their way to St. Louis to sing at the exposition. There are fifty male voices, and John Forsell, the famous baritone of the Royal Opera of Stockholm, will sing. The musical critic of The Bee recommends you very strongly not to miss this. It is very exceptional. Among the things to be sung is the "suite," one might call it, entitled "The Peasant's Wedding," including the "Wedding March" (which most of us know), "In Church," "The Return Home" and "At the House." It is by Sodermann.

The pupils of Mr. Lee G. Kratz gave an enjoyable recital at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gratton last week. Mr. Kratz has gone to his Chautauqua work at Lake Madison, S. D., and Canton, S. D.

Mrs. Millie Ryan has left on her vacation.

A very neat announcement of the commencement exercises of the Western Conservatory, Norfolk branch, comes to The Bee. Things seem to be doing in Norfolk.

THOMAS J. KELLY.

LOOMIS IS STILL MISSING

American Has Not Been Found by Men Who Are Looking for Him.

PARIS, June 25.—The whereabouts of Kent J. Loomis, brother of the American assistant secretary of state, Francis B. Loomis, who disappeared shortly before or after the arrival of the North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II at Plymouth June 20, remains in the same state of doubt as yesterday.

The officials who are conducting the search for the missing man say there is no truth in the report published by a London newspaper to the effect that Loomis turned up here yesterday. The announcement presumably resulted from confusing the names of Loomis and W. H. Ellis, the latter sailing from Marseilles this afternoon for Abyssinia.

LONDON, June 25.—The mystery which surrounds the disappearance of Kent J. Loomis is no nearer solution. Not a solitary clue as to his whereabouts has resulted from nearly a week's widespread investigation. Consul General Evans and the assistant consuls have made and are still making all possible inquiries, but without the faintest trace of the missing man. The statement of Gustav Flamm of San Francisco, a passenger on the Kaiser Wilhelm II, that he saw Loomis at Plymouth is so far uncorroborated. The American consul at that port says that 150 landed, all of whom gave their names. These tally with the passenger list and Loomis' name is not among them. One American who left for London during the evening of June 21, the day after the Kaiser Wilhelm II touched at Plymouth, and who it was thought might have been Loomis, proved to be many years older than the assistant secretary of state's brother.

At the request of Consul General Evans the hospitals of Plymouth are now being searched. Scotland Yard also has the matter in hand and the English papers, especially the local papers at Plymouth, continue to give prominence to the American's disappearance, so if Loomis is in England and in possession of his faculties he could scarcely fail to know he is being looked for.

The authorities here are unable to form a conjectural explanation of Loomis' disappearance. The theory that he fell overboard finds no supporters, as it is pointed out that it would be almost impossible for a small man to fall over the high deck rails, especially when the sea is particularly calm, as it was in this case. The bright moonlight also practically precluded such an event occurring without attracting notice from the hundreds of passengers and the many officers who thronged the liner's decks when nearing Plymouth. The suggestion that Mr. Loomis might have unintentionally disembarked at Plymouth is now regarded as quite probable. From one of Mr. Loomis' fellow passengers a representative of the Associated Press learned that W. H. Ellis and Loomis were constantly together and were known as intimate friends. Mr. Loomis did not make any acquaintances. Several well known Americans who came to London by the boat train say that they did not even know Loomis was on board.

The utter failure of all efforts here and on the continent to discover any trace of the missing man excites much interest and no litle apprehension among the large class of the public taking the transatlantic voyages.

The circumstances connecting Loomis with the Abyssinian treaty creates especial interest here as the sphere of influence of that country is one of the current matters especially engaging the attention of European diplomats and as announced in these dispatches, is one of the subjects on which exchanges of confidential communications are occurring between Great Britain and Russia.

MOTHER RECOVERS HER CHILD

Sequel to Sensational Scene in Cheyenne Five Months Ago.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., June 25.—(Special.)—Five months ago George Duff, a Union Pacific fireman of Omaha, kidnaped his 2-year-old daughter from her mother while they were walking in one of Cheyenne's residence streets and fled with the child to Omaha. The kidnaping created a sensation here at the time, Duff being followed out across the prairie by a number of the friends of Mrs. Duff. As he had a fast team however, he was not overtaken and boarded a train for Omaha at Pine Bluffs. Yesterday Mrs. Duff returned from Omaha with the child, having obtained it from Duff, who evidently had grown tired of the little one. Duff has brought suit in the Omaha courts for divorce.

WARREN MAY GO INTO CABINET

Wyoming Senator is Slated for Secretary of the Interior.

CASPER, Wyo., June 25.—(Special.)—The Casper Tribune, which is close to the republican leaders in this state, announces that Senator F. E. Warren will be appointed secretary of the interior by President Roosevelt if the latter is re-elected. Governor Brooks, if he is elected, will appoint Congressman Mondell to succeed Senator Warren and Brooks will also name a successor to Mondell.

Elopers Are Sent Back.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., June 25.—(Special.)—William Lee, a cook at Sidney, Neb., became infatuated with 15-year-old Annie Stickley, daughter of a Sidney railroad man, and induced the maiden to elope to Cheyenne with him. It was the intention of the couple to get married here, but the father of the girl prevented the issuance of a license and instructed Sheriff Smalley to arrest the couple. Lee and Miss Stickley were returned to Sidney and Lee will be prosecuted.

New Railroad South from Cody.

CODY, Wyo., June 25.—(Special.)—George T. Beck, one of the leading residents of this section, and formerly in business with Buffalo Bill, has gone to New York to arrange with eastern capitalists for the building of a railroad from Cody south to the Kirwin gold mines and from thence westward to the Meeteetse coal fields, and southwest to the Thermopolis hot springs.

New Mexico Gets Place.

ST. LOUIS, June 25.—C. J. Gavin of New Mexico has been appointed reading clerk of the democratic national convention. One of his qualifications is the marvelous voice which he possesses. It is believed that every person in the great hall which is to be used by the convention will hear distinctly and with ease every word of the proceedings voiced by Mr. Gavin.

ECHOES OF THE ANTE ROOM

Woodmen of the World.

United States camp No. 229, Woodmen of the World, will meet on next Thursday night in the hall in the Omaha Commercial College building, Seventeenth and Douglas streets (entrance on Seventeenth street). A large class of candidates will be on hand for instruction. Among them will be several prominent citizens of Omaha. A fine program of music has been arranged for, which, with varied literary features and refreshments of ice cream and cake, will make the occasion one worth waiting for. This camp is growing very rapidly and its future may yet place it among the largest camps of the sovereign jurisdiction.

Modern Woodmen of America.

The annual log rolling picnic of the Modern Woodmen of America of this district will be held at Blair during the early part of August. The details of the log rolling have not yet been completed, but will be arranged during the coming week.

The building committee will hold another meeting this week to further details for the proposed Woodmen building. The project is moving along encouragingly and the final details will be given out for publication shortly.

The Forester team of No. 120 is arranging to attend the Mills county (Iowa) Chautauqua to be held at Malvern July 4. This team will enter the prize drill contest to be held there on that date and will enter into competition with the leading Forester drill teams of the Hawkeye state.

Knights of Pythias.

Triangle lodge No. 54 will confer the rank of knight next Thursday evening. The installation of the new officers will take place the week following.

The Rathbone Sisters are making elaborate arrangements for a lawn social for Wednesday evening. An interesting program is being prepared, which in addition to the social features will make the event a memorable one.

Masonic.

Bellevue chapter, Royal Arch Masons, No. 7 held a rousing meeting at Masonic temple Saturday evening, at which six candidates were initiated. The initiatory proceedings were conducted by two teams, and following the interesting ceremonies a sumptuous banquet was served.

Nebraska lodge No. 1 held a largely attended meeting Tuesday evening. Two initiates were conducted through the F. C. degree. No. 1 is forging to the front in great shape in both increased interest and membership.

Tribe of Ben Hur.

Omaha court No. 110 Tuesday night elected the following officers: Past chief, L. E. Lucas; chief, B. B. Coons; judge, Mrs. F. Ferguson; teacher, Mrs. E. P. Johnson; scribe, Mrs. M. Whipple; keeper of tribute, F. A. Maxfield; captain, C. R. Swartz; guide, R. L. Williams; keeper of inner gate, Miss Eva Benson; keeper of outer gate, Miss F. Briner; musician, Miss Grace Johnson. The lodge announces it is important that the eighty members or more who signed the petition for a new court make arrangements for their transfer at once, to take effect July 1. There is a certain blank to be signed and these can be procured from Supreme Deputy L. E. Lucas or the chief. By attending the literary entertainment and box social in the hall, Seventeenth and Douglas streets, on Tuesday night, June 28, you can learn all about it and make arrangements. All friends of the new court have been especially invited to attend this entertainment. Installation of officers will be held July 5, when a good time will be had.

Mecca court No. 13 gave a very enjoyable "shirt-waist" party and dance Friday night. Ice cream and cake were served as an additional pleasing feature of the evening.

Ancient Order of United Workmen.

The picnic held by this order at Krug's park Saturday afternoon was a big success, both in attendance and enjoyment. A feature of the afternoon was a very interesting address by Deputy Grand Master Simmons, in which he gave an interesting history of the work and progress of the order, that was listened to with the closest attention.

The competitive drill between Ak-Sar-Ben lodge No. 173, Degree of Honor, and Gate City lodge No. 98 was also very interesting and showed that both drill teams were in the highest degree of efficiency. The pleasures of the afternoon were much enhanced by foot races among the children and numerous other diversions that the Workmen know so well how to apply to make their picnics the big success they always are.

Scottish Clans.

Clan Gordon No. 63 met last Tuesday evening and accepted three new members. Much business was transacted and Clansmen Gadin, Falconer and Forgan contributed to the social hour's entertainment in their usual happy manner.

Royal Achates.

The district convention of the Royal Achates, which convenes in this city on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, will mark an important event in the affairs of this organization. The fraternity was organized on July 25, 1900, and this is the first district convention to be held since the order was established. The delegates present in Omaha during the week will transact such business as pertains to local jurisdiction and from their membership will elect delegates to the supreme lodge, which will also convene in Omaha in September next.

This district convention will represent some forty lodges and hundreds of delegates will be gathered here pursuant to the call recently issued. This is the headquarters district of the Royal Achates and embraces the states of Nebraska, Colorado and California.

The local lodges and supreme officers have been busy the last few weeks preparing for the reception and entertainment of the visiting delegates and social pleasures are planned to intersperse with the business character of the convention. The sessions will be held in Royal Achates hall, Seventeenth and Douglas streets.

Miscellaneous.

The ladies' auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen No. 7 will hold memorial services at Myrtle hall, Continental block, Fifteenth and Douglas streets, this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Eagles held a largely attended and social meeting Thursday evening. A sumptuous banquet was served and the affair was in all respects a big success.

GETS THREATENING LETTERS

Man Believed to Have Been Object of Switala's Wrath is Being Annoyed.

Fred Riley, who was a witness to the shooting of Officer William Halterman by Frank Switala, Twenty-ninth and Castellar streets last Tuesday night and who is alleged to be the party whom Switala was really gunning for, is being pestered with anonymous letters which in a measure disturb his peace of mind. He received a letter Saturday through the postoffice which reads as follows:

OMAHA, Neb., June 22, 1904—To Tileys and Grim: Will give the two of you two days with which to get out of this settlement as you will be dealt with harshly you can't live here any longer. Friends of the men with whom you have had this trouble. You had better move and do it quick.

Fred Riley says he is not the man with whom Switala had his trouble and he is at a loss to know why he should be singled out as the object of the special wrath of Switala and his friends. Riley says further:

"I have nothing to leave this town for and I do not intend to be driven out by any threats. But I think I will be ready for any violence that they may undertake against me."

ELECTRICITY KILLS TWO MEN

While Picking Cherries Pennsylvanians Come in Contact with Live Wire.

LANCASTER, Pa., June 25.—Two brothers, Benjamin and Edwin Goshkey, were killed by electricity at their home near Wabank, this county, while picking cherries.

A wire carrying a current for arc lights runs through the branches of the trees. Benjamin climbed a tree to pick some fruit when he was suddenly seen to fall, catching on a limb below. His brother went to his assistance, and when he touched Benjamin's body he was precipitated head first to the ground. He survived but a short time. Benjamin was dead when he fell from the tree. It is presumed Benjamin came in contact with the electric light wire and that his brother also touched it when he went to his aid.

Lose Trace of Fugitive.

LOUISVILLE, June 25.—Word today from Jackson, Ky., says the posse headed by Sheriff Ed Callahan, which has been on the trail of the man who is supposed to have shot and killed Mack White from ambush, followed their man during the night, but lost him at Oakdale. Sheriff Callahan thinks the fugitive secured a horse there. The report that two of the sheriff's posse have been shot in a battle is erroneous.