## Omaha Saengerfest is a Happy Epoch in German-American History

On the March



A Group of German Litors

to Right-II. Harthun, Denison, Ia.; al Joseph Elbosck, Des Molnes, A. C. Sloux City; Adolf Petersen, Daven-Henry Heinz, Muscatine; Hans th. Sloux Falls: Charles Welss, Hart-Neb.; Hans Schwartz, Believille, III.



E of the impressions left in the wake of the Sachgerbund, which came from ten states into Omena for a fest, is the everincreasing prominence of the sturdy German-American as a in the citizenship of this country.

The German, in fact, readily Americanized soon after landing on United States soil, becomes at once a power not to be lightly reckoned. He takes his place among men, not only in commercial life, but in music and the higher arts. His versatility is a marvel-he may be a pork packer or a stone contractor by day, but after the hours of toll are over he has the happy faculty of putting sordid business cares away, and to hear him sing at night, even after a hard day's work, you would be warranted in classing him as a professional

Another result following Saengerfest week is demonstration of the fact that Omaha appreciates the Saengerbund, and is willing to pay for a Saengerfest. Witness in support thereof an incontrovertible bit of proof. Here it is: The net profits of the Omaha Saengerfest are reported to be \$4,000 more than cleared in Milwaukee, the little Germany of the United States. Can any other city show stronger testimonial of Saengerfest endorsement?

But the German-Americans did not come would be future Saengerfests notwithstanding. It is not a commercial proposition, and the boxoffice receipts are a mere rouincident. However, since money is I requisite in the life of

braska has many German newspapers of the convention, lows and other adjoining states.

Seward; G. N. Harms, Columbus; Emil stronger drawing power. Davenport, Ia ; Otto Faul, Denison, Ia,



retary, Henry Heinse. Muscatine, Ia.; interests throughout the west.

It was the general sense of the editors in week. calling their convention during the Saen- German

New members were accepted as follows; hereafter editorial conventions would be not been exaggerated in the estimates set. So great a success was the saengerfest sack and Robert Rosenzweig. J. B. Windolph, Grand Island; John Watts, held at a time when the editorial work forth by admirere of the Teutons.

association were elected as follows: Pres- success, none the less, and one result of democratic spirit of the German, lines of

as well as Omaha's regard for the Ger. the music over at the Auditorium carried that settles it. What else is there to be de- place where "the people rule." tempts at meeting. It was decided that the sturdiness of the German race has Jensen-Wylle, and Mrs. Lehmann-Root.

tion that was expected to be devoted to the stars were imported, but for the most part, sition.

ident. Adolph Peterson. Davenport, Ia.; the convention was a determination for a social distinction are not closely drawn in vice president. Val J. Peters, Omaha; sec- closer co-operation of German newspaper the saengerbund. The banker, for example, treasurer, August Hilmer, New Hampton. So, with the editors and the singers and butcher, or the society woman from Quality Ia. The executive committee is as follows: the laymen, who are not directly identified Hill may mingle voice with her dressmaker. to Omaha to sing for money. Whether the Lubke, Sloux City, Ia.; Hans Demuth, links all who are of the Deutscher Father- management is that if song is potent for Carl Lohmann, Burlington, Ia.; J. B. with either except through the bond that Evidently the theory of the saengerbund Sloux Falls, S. D.; Gustave Donald, Daven- land, last week may very properly be good among the rich, it is equally good port, Ia.; Charles Welk, Hartington, Neb. chronicled in history as Omaha's German for the poor. Therefore, the saengerfest is everybody's fest-a big, whole-souled comconvention that a mistake was made in "Wicked people have no song," is the mingling of free-hearted, jovial spirits, in any kind of an organization, it is a matter gerfest-a mistake for the reason that the saengerfest is that song begets content- ventionalities of polite custom may mingle speaks well for Omaha's devotion to music Many of the editors are singers, also, and life. If a man or woman or child is happy, grocery store. Truly the saengerfest is one

and so highly pleased are the men who

Officers of the Western German Editorial editors' meeting, it was in the aggregate, a it was a home talent affair. True to the In the official directory of the men who dozens of others that might be enumerated almost as much as though he had been



President, R. C. Strehlow; vice president, of others who came to Omaha in more re- portrait of him along with editorial menthem in that direction, while in accordance sired? And the Germans who congregated Among the local artists who received un-Simultaneous with the Saengerbund came with the program, they should by all rules in Omaha last week bore every outward limited praise for their clever work, Mrs. urer, W. H. Bucholz; musical director, Th. professions. the German editors for a convention. No. of the editorial schedule, have been at evidence of supreme happiness. Their Wagner-Thomas was prominent. Mrs. Rud. Reese. The directory working in conruddy cheeks told of physical health, their Thomas has devoted much time to vocal junction with the aforementioned officers that German industry has done much to "western" in scope, thus taking in Paxton hotel after several ineffectual at- minds of those who stood in review that Munchhoff, Miss Myrtle Moses, Mrs. Louise Sinhold, Fred Lehmann, John Latenser, have a large percentage of German popula-

Kountze. Andreesen, Metz, Krug and death was mourned by German-Americans American citizen, the exponent of song, is

J. J. Hess; second vice president, Emil cent years, high on the ladder of success

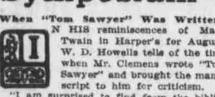
extensive influence and circulation, and "Everybody wants to sing, and if there smile-wreathed countenances bespoke study in European centers, and all Omaha was composed of the following: A. Wehr- bring Nebraska into front rank as an agrithe power of the German press is ever on be one who cannot sing, he wants to hear lightness of heart and their clastic step is proud of the manner in which she acthe increase. The Omaha meeting was not, somebody else sing." That is the way one as they marched song-laden from place to quited herself at the recent festival of Hoffman, Peter Laux, Dr. R. S. Lucke, Dr. and towns of Nebraska you will find German as is generally supposed, limited to German German editor expressed it when the con- place, some advanced in years, some in the music. Others of whom the same may be E. Bruning, August J. Eggerss, H. Fischer, names on bank windows and other places editors in Nebraska. On the contrary, it vertion was at last called to order in the hay-dey of youth, impressed upon the said in like full measure, are Miss Mary Dr. F. Sedlacek, Rev. B. Sinne, Theodore of business strength. Omaha and Nebraska Peter Melchlor, W. F. Stocker, G. A. Schod-tion, a fact which is the signal for rejoicing among all progressive Nebraskans, regard-German brawn and German brain have less of nationality. The late Count Creighir., Nebraska City; Joseph Lagwerter, will not be overshadowed by events of One especially pleasing feature of the managed it, that the guarantee fund will blended with telling effect in the upbuild- ton, although not of German blood, was an saengerfest from an Omaha viewpoint, is probably be refunded. This is a matter yet ing of Omaha as a city and Nebraska as a admirer of the German race and was so plenty along the firing line, Schultz, Beatrice; L. G. Rohmeyer, Auburn; Notwithstanding the fact that the program was largely to be determined, but there is considerable state. Note how interwoven into the program was largely to be determined, but there is considerable state. Dr. S. Gerhardt, Lincoln; John S. Lebens, gerfest had the effect of decreasing atten- made up of Omaha singers. Two or three sentiment, it is said, in favor of that propo- ress of Omaha are the names of Brandels, and German institutions in Omaha, that his

tion in which his deep regard for Omaha

While German loyalty to the Fatherland is never diminished, no matter how long the German may remain away from the kalser's domain, yet there is something in the nature of the German that enables Sim to retain that loyalty as a sacred memory and at the same time to serve the United States, his adopted country, with unswerving allegiance. More than one name of Teutonic origin was written into official rosters on the side of the union during the civil war, and again when war with Spain came up German-Americans were found in

So, by way of concluding analysis, there comes the deduction that the Germana good citizen.

## Symposium of Current Gossip Concerning Notable People in Various Parts of the World When "Tom Sawyer" Was Written, latter's not being asked to sit at the bridal bringing up the "tone" of the place to the shore avenues that this new Harriman night Orlando Harriman nig



"I am surprised to find from the biblio- worth family and "Nick" in particular, E. H. Harriman's when he handled the Every show and spectacle on his property, dishes like pork and beans, boiled codfish graphical authorities that it was so late as A friend of Longworth told him what the great railroad systems of America, so also with the exception of a few very small and pumpkin pie best appealed to his ap-1875 when he came with the manuscript of duke was saying. "You go back," said is the golden touch of Brother Orlando. No- affairs turns in its takings every hour or petite. It was said in Washington that the "Tom Sawyer," and asked me to read it, "Nick" "and tell him I am too busy with where along the Atlantic coast has there so to this new magnate's cashiers. When Fuller Saturday night dinner was baked iBut good Lord! exclaimed the chief jusas a friend and critic, and not as an editor. this wedding celebration just now to come been a more successful amusement season the last seeker after cool enjoyment has beans and nothing else, and this story is I have an impression that this was at Mrs. to the club, but that when my sister and Clemens' instance in his own uncertainty her husband get away I will come around about printing it. She trusted me, I can and punch his nose." The message was say with a satisfaction few things now conveyed to the duke. His highness did give me, to be her husband's true and not wait. He found business elsewhere and cordial adviser, and I was so. I believe I left Cincinnati a day or two later, withnever failed him in this part, though in out revisiting the club.

so many of our enterprises and projects I was false as water through my temperamental love of backing out of any undertaking. I believe this never ceased to astonish him, and it has always astonished is Oriando, the eldest brother of the late rne; it appears to me quite out of charac-ter; though it is certain that an undertaking, when I have entered upon it, holds me rather than I it. But however this immaterial matter may be, I am glad to re-member that I thoroughly liked "Tom Orienda Marriagon" Sawyer" and said so with every possible amplification. Very likely, I also made my suggestions for its improvement; I could not have been a real critic without that; and I have no doubt they were gratefully accepted, and I hope never acted upon. I went with him to the horse-cur station in Harvard square, as my frequent wont was, and put him aboard a car with his MS. in his hand, stayed and reassured, so far me I could, concerning it. I do not know what his misgivings wers; perhaps they were his wife's misgivings, for she wished him to be known not only for the wild and boundless humor that was in him, but for the beauty and tenderness and 'natural pitey;' and she would not have had him judged by a too close fidelity to the rude conditions of Tom Sawyer's life. This is the meaning that I read into fact of his coming to me with those doubts."

Law school, he is well prepared for public this summer.

W. D. Howells tells of the time at this lack of respect for his high estate. those who wish to dance, and, all in all, it and Sunday, July 9 and 10. when Mr. Clemens wrote "Tom According to the narration, he left the brings in quite a pretty penny in the way Orlando Harriman has his offices in this Sawyer" and brought the manu- house and went a club, where he said of revenue. some unpleasant things about the Long- Just as infallibly as the golden touch was flows a mighty stream of small coins.

The New Harriman

There is a new Harriman who is making a crown for himself as a business king of the late ruler of American transportation in his day that it far overshadowed and almost entirely obscured the person-

Orlando Harriman has kept in the background all his life, reports the Chicago Record-Herald. He has shunned notoriety and has preferred to jog along in a quiet way as a trader in real estate. In the big office building in Park Row, where he has deskroom in a dark corner, his name does not appear upon the directory. Neither is there any trace of it on the ground glass of the entrance door to the suite. Orlando Harriman himself is a thin, dark, tacitura man of the height and build of his celebrated brother. Indeed, he resembles to a marked degree the Edward Harriman who used to figure largely to the world's news. Although very well-te-do. Orlando does not seem to have bad the superhuman

knack of piling up millions which his brother possessed. Yet down at Brighton Beach Orlando Harriman is now heaping up a fortune in nickels, dimes, quarters and haif dollars out of the amusement enterprises, which he controls as the guiding Mr. Longworth has made himself on at. spirit of the Brighton Beach Development tractive figure in national politics, says company. He is a showman and a master day a big chap, wearing a long frock cont. Leslie's Weekly. Barely 41 years old, a of shows, and it is estimated he will make long half and a sombrero, invaded the sanc-

life. He is broad shouldered, well dressed, One of them is a hig dancing pavillon, ruddy faced, an excellent boxer and looks which differs from all the rest down at some of my friends, sah, and myself, sah, a time the senator concluded not to send but just attend to your affairs as if there like a man who can take care of himself. Coney Island in that an admission fee is are very much interested in mushrooms, out any more copies of that speech. In fact, there is an old story which is told charged and no intoxicating liquors sold, sah; and seeing in the papers, sah, that with much gusto in Cincinnati of how the The admission fee is only a nickel, but that you have made a scientific study of their case of a negro I knew down in Mississippi "Til do as you say. You needn't come to

N HIS reminiscences of Mark table of the wedding of Longworth's sister. Harriman standard of cleanness and respection to the wedding of Longworth's sister. Harriman standard of cleanness and respection to the wedding of Longworth's sister. Harriman standard of cleanness and respection to the wedding of Longworth's sister. Harriman standard of cleanness and respection to the wedding of Longworth's sister. Twain in Harper's for August. The duke was reported as much incensed tability. As-additional charge is made for Brighton baths-he took in \$11,000 Saturday the heaps of bills and silver that he has told: "One evening the chief justice, pos- cent trip," Mr. Gompers writes, "made this

bath building, and into his coffers there Chief Justice Fuller's Simple Habits.

received in the previous twenty-four hours. sibly forgetting that it was Saturday, asked little speech to a steward; 'Here's the mini-

The New England boiled dinner and other

## Choice Samples From the Story Teller's Pack

Anticipated Widowhood. SSEMBLYMAN Andrew F. Mur- stools, sah?" ray said in Albany at the com-

cott: There is even talk of their raising prices again. Well, if in Texas." nat they'll show as little knowl-

for York to buy a lot of goods. The goods Angeles Times. were shipped immediately, and, as Bill had lingered in York sightseeing they reached Croydon Four Corners before him.

"The goods, in an enormous packing case, were driven to the general store by the local teamster. Mrs. Sprague came out to see what had arrived, and with a shrick tottered and nearly fell. 'Oh, what's the matter, ma'am?' oried

the bired girl. Mrs. Sprague, her eyes blinded with tears, pointed to the packing case, where- here? upon was stendied in large, black letters; 'Hill inside!" "-Boston Traveler.

Texan Had a Sure Test. The fame of the late Charles A. Dana's mushroom caves at Garden City, L. I., had Washington Star. got abroad in the land, so much so that one graduate of Harvard and the Cincinnati \$600,000 clear profit out of his enterprises turn of the great editor and started right

in by saying: "I'm Colonel Rickworsham of Texas, sah;

to ask how you tell mushrooms from toad- had promised the prosecuting attorney to Mr. Dana glared at his visitor, and "The time came for the trial. The prose-

mencement of the meat boy- shorted: "I don't tell them. If I told them cuting attorne; had no witnesses. He anything they wouldn't understand me, thought none was necessary. While the They are inanimate things, sah, as you say other business of the court was being

edge of the American people's spirit as I want to know is how to distinguish be- of this?" William Sprague's wife had on business tween a toadstool and a mushroom?" "Well, why didn't you say so, then? If i "Hill Sprague kept a general store at eat a toadstool, it kills me, but if I eat a Croydon Four Corners. One day he set off mushroom, it don't. Good day, sah."-Los

A Reflection.

James Wilson, the secretary of agriculture, said in Washington, apropos of the cook book issued by his department: "The women will appreciate this book. As for the men-" Mr. Wilson smiled and resumed:

"In a bookshop the other day I said to a 'I suppose you sell a lot of cook books

" Thousands, sir, thousands,' he replied. Women appreciate a good cook book, eh?" said I 'Oh, it isn't the women that buy them,' said the salesman, 'it's their husbands.'

a speech on wool made by Senator Thomas sent out extensively by the senator. After think about your symptoms all the time. "Reminds me," said Private John, "of the

Seeing Error of Overtalking. Private John Allen of Missleelppi tells of

condition. "You have worried yourself until you H. Carter of Montana some time ago and the doctor to him one day. "You shouldn't

was nothing the matter with you."

plead guilty. cleared up a boal lawyer sat down by the

" 'Yassir, yassir, reckon I does. " Have you got \$57

'No. sah, but I kin git it. "So the negro raised the \$5 and gave it to the lawyer, who told him to say nothing. but when the judge asked him to plead, to plend not guilty instead of guilty: "The negro was arraigned. He pleaded

Look here, you black scoundrel!' yellen the prosecuting attorney; 'what do you mean by that plea? Didn't you promise me a dozen times you would plead guilty?" the negro. but I reckon I done overtalked stopped a moment to admire the building. As every caller at a German house knows, 'Yassir, I done promised that,' replied myself."-Saturday Evening Post.

Taken at His Word. The doctor was telling how he came to

lose one of his best-paying patients. The man was a hypochondriac, who was always imagining that something terrible was about to happen to him, and the doc tor, who was a great joilier, was kept busy trying to reason him out of his morbid

are bordering on a nervous collapse."

"All right doctor," replied the patient Duke of Manchester took affront at the is quite enough to go a long way toward propagation, sah. I have called on you, sah, who was to be tried for murder and who see me any more."-Philadelphia Ledger.

there wasn't." the chief justice was a moderate smoker of voyages." modestly priced cigars. He was said to smoke the same kind of cigars, as far as they were obtainable, that he smoked when he was struggling hard to establish a living

When Astor Sold Realty.

so good to him.

cigars by ties of sentiment and tender rec

"One of the most stringent real estate "You don't quite follow me, sah. What negro and saked: 'Do you want to get out rules of the Astor family is 'never sell,' and only one sale is recorded in the entire life of old John Jacob Astor," said Niles Watkins, a real estate broker of New York. "In 1899 Astor tore down his house gray Quincy granite hotel which held forth cup on the banks of the Rhine or a Roemer not many years ago as the Astor house,

ing pieces of property. were walking through City Hall park, alcohol and has of late years taken less and where the postoffice now stands, and over less. -the finest hotel in America at that time.

give me \$1 and you can have it."

that is cherished by the family to this day visitors to particle of them. A cucumber as the dollar of our daddies-and within an liquor is another specialty at Potsdam. Here hour the deed of the property was made is the recipe: "Peel and slice the cocumbe; out and recorded. This was old Mr. sprinkle sugar over it and let it stand on Astor's only sale of real estate in his life." ice for an hour. Pour a light red wine over,

Gampers on the Tipping Evil.

age citizen. In his recently published dozens of healths and come out unharmed. "Labor in Europe and America." he tells a At night before retiring he drinks a large story about tipping on shipboard which ap- glass of orangeade.

a distinguished English jurist home to din- mum tip for you. I am obliged by custom ner with him. When the beans came on the to give you something, but I'll not make it Englishman promptly declined them. Mrs. enough to help induce the steamship com-Fuller showed some embarrassment, where- pany to still further reduce your paltry pay. upon the Englishman amiably said: 'Never But I pledge you that the day you go on mind. I'll make it up in the next course,' strike for better pay and no tips I'll send tice, "there isn't any other course," and that "it would be well worth that sum to every American passenger to rid himself In ado, uon to being a very small eater of the tipping nuisance on his steamship

When the Kaiser Takes a Ntp. Not only what the German emperor drinks but how he drinks it is the subject of an He said he was attached to these cheap article in the Strassburg Post, and at Strassburg they ought to know, for the emollection, and that nothing else would taste peror occasionally takes an "Ehrentrunk" in public when he is staying at that queer, brand new looking palace of his which stands in a sun-baked square near the university at Strassburg, or when he passes through on his way to the magnificent old

Konigsburg crowning the highest of the Aisatian hills. William II, says the Post, agreeing with Prince Bulow's famous mot in the Reichstar, is no Phillistine in his manner of Vesey to Barciay street and built the huge drinking, for whether he drains a golden in a Bremen cave or a Hungarian crystal being one of the first notable landmarks besker at a nunting box he acquits himself New York, and also one of the best pay. equally well and drinks with frankly boyish enjoyment. But though he is no apostle of "A few days after it was finished the old total abstinence he is a convinced adept of gentieman and his eldest son, William, moderation who never cared for much

some sort of more or less alcoholic drink is Pop, that's a mighty fine building, offered as a matter of course and at any aid William. I wish to gracious it was hour of the day. The Post says that at the emperor's Potsdam residence, the New "So," answered the father. 'Well, Billy, Palace, strawberry liquor and cider are always offered, and the emperor, whose fav-"Out came the dollar-a big silver dollar, orite beverages these are, often urges his strain and serve." The emperor never takes wine without mineral water, which he adds As an enthusiast in the cause of organ- even to French champagne or German sekt, ized labor, Samuel Gompers is even more and it is thir fact, the Post declares, which opposed to the tipping evil than the aver- enables him at public banquets to drink