tional convention will be marked by a deal more interested in getting some- the day and the scruples of many of the struggle between the political bosses thing for themselves than they are in audience, I am not sure that it woul and what may be called the rank and advancing the cause of McKinley. They not be wisest to err in this on the side fe. The boenes are not MeKiley. And it's greatly to his credit.

Even the Journal has caught some thing of the McKinley enthusiasm that is abroad in this state. When an en thusiasm reaches the Journal it comes pretty nearly being all pervading.

John C. Watson, of Nebraska City, is reported by the Journal as saying: am for McKinley, but I hope the national delegation from Nebraska will not be sent under instructions, for the simple reason that if the state should happen to want something an instructed delegation would never be able to get it." Should the state happen to want some thing. Say rather if some aspiring poli tician should want something. It may be accepted as crue that the men who are opposed to instructions are a good advancing the cause of McKinley. They idea of instructed delegations is wrong. but in the present instance it is appar ent that some of the men who are liable to be chosen for delegates are not likely o stay with McKinley or any other candidate if their personal interests dictate therwise. And after all the national republican convention should be something more than a political grab-bag. something more than a mart where, along with the adoption of a platform and the nomination of a candidate for president and vice-president, all of the ederal offices in the country are bought nd sold. The sixteen delegates from Nebraska should go to St. Louis with a higher purpose than the purchase or barter of a minor oflice or two. The first thing is to secure the nomination of the man best fitted for the office. Shouid Major McKiniey be nominated there is

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A large audience, the largest yet ownd the Universalist largest yet, onset, not at all likely to unsettle his rogram wasticularly attractive; thens Foundations." But when it came or did, perhaps, the weather has some thing to do with it? The opening number. Bach's Prelude and Minuet, was played, it seemed, not quite with the the usual smoothness. It was followed by Beethoven's Sherzo and Minuetto, from op. 18, No. 4. The Sherzo was characteristic, with all the composer's wilful originality. The trio somehow disappointed me. It had grace, delicacy, elaboration. It was well played. Some way, however, it seemed unimpressive. It may be that it is a composition that grows upon one. Beauties may develop. To me, at the first hearing, it eemed a trifle colorless
The Schlummerlied was pretty;rather longer, 'by the way, than most compositions with this title, and was very smoothly played. The program ended with the Mendelssohn Wedding March.
I suppose this march will never grow old, except to those estimable people who always affect to be bored by what they think eminently proper to be bored by. Mr. Statham, I see, regards this march as one of Mendelssohn's great achievements. He never, he says, tires of hearing it. But he makes one reservation. He thinks that there should be a law forbidding people to play it on pianos, organs, autoharps and all such other instruments. It is music for orchestra. I think that Mr. Statham might make an exception in favor of a good quartet. I am glad to hear the march given by a quartet,-when I cannot hear an orchestra. But I should like to hear Mr. Hagenow give the march with a full orchestra. How many in Lincoin have ever heard it so given It is surprising $x$ hat merits come out. The brass and the punctuation of the cymbals help wonderfully. This is noticable particularly at that place where the upper voices soar crescendo to a crash ing reiteration of the triumphant theme. This the quartet could only hint. Mr Kimball's playing helped a good deal Possibly in the "trill" passage it was too loud,-or the strings too soft. At any rate, their flowing subject was almost inaudible. But the effect of this may have been different in different parts of the building.
The idea of adding the choir was ex cellent. They help the hymns greatly. They need, however, more contidence before taking up numbers on their own account. "The Onward Christian Soldier," in spite of Mr. Randolph's in
spiring leadership, made rather a feeble
to the last hymn, the old "Adeste Fideles," there was plenty of force. It is ever burdened with the words that were sung to it Sunday, the words that evangelical tradition has hoplesssiy afflicted it with. It should be sung only o the words of the grand old Christ mas Hymn, "O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant." It fits rejoicing, not a discussion of "What more can he say?" I should like to hear it sung only to the literal translation of the
old hymns or now and then to the old Latin hymns themselves, with it "Lastin Triumhantes," and its final shout of "Dominum."
The two solos by Mr. Charles Hagenow showod his ability in compositions very different. Rode's Ariso as flowing
lyric. David's "Fountain" sparkles and ripples in the most complicated of utter ance. In it it Mr. Hagenow showed the greatest techical skill be has yet howed. He should appreciate the fact prefers music, It is a step in the right direction. The rage for virtuosity has driven macy into what, in bicyclists, would be called "trick-riding." Mr. Hegenow avoids this. At the same time we feel that, if he did want to do it, he would not be lacking.
Miss Sewell, on account of illness, was unable to be present. Mr. Tucker sang "Still as the Sea." He sang with his usual force and expression. A slight defect was a certain blurr in enunbsence of tremolo, the accuracy of
but this was atoned for by the pitch, the intelligent phrasing. Mr Tucker seemed to carry the audience with him.

The kindergarten in the south bal cony was active as usual. Some parents are peculiar. Some one should depute an usher with a hard heart and a long stick.

It is a pity that so many vocal solos lapse into the amorous. Instrumental music is free of words. The weakness of vocal music is the inanity of the words it is fettered to. There are strong profound love song songs, religious love songs, like some from Tannhaeuser, or from Loheegrin. There are many grand songs that are not love songs at all. I should be glad o see the powers that decide on the Sunnay music rule out all songs that have not, to their words, the dignity of deep earnestness. Besides, considering

If the people who go to these concert vsuld pay five cents apiece, the Univer salist charch would be able to supply mrre chairs,-able, too, to continue the concerts without financial loss. It woyld be amusing, were it not pathetic, to see the weil dressed people, the very well dressed pesple, who affect to be oblivi ous of the passing of the basiket. I sup pose they go on the principle that it is not well to pay for what one can get ree. Or, perhaps, those good clothes ook their very last cent!

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