

Sorrentino . . . and his Banda Rossa

A. three days' engagement, afternoon and evening, at the Auditorium, beginning June 26, will prove to the lovers of band melody in Lincoln that a new conductor of music is rising in America and the triumphs of Patrick Gilmore are being repeated in the success crowding fast upon Eugenio Sorrentino and his Banda Rossa (red band), the greatest organization of its kind in all Europe. At the Genoa exposition, the Banda Rossa won the gold medal over sixty-four European bands. It takes its name from the red coats and red caps which the musicians wear.

Sorrentino has been called the "March King of Italy," and the title fits him, for his "Willow Grove" and other marches are among the best the world has ever known. They have individuality and a rythm peculiarly their own. But it is as an arranger of operatic music that Sorrentino is greatest, and his works in this class are standard in two hemispheres. He is a personal friend of Mascagni, Leoncavallo, Puccini and other celebrated composers of the modern Italian school.

His band is unlike any other that America has ever heard. It is different in its instrumentation, but what is more important, everything that it plays has as its dominant the singing phrase. "Untamed steeds of melody," these forty-five red-coated players have been called. Their interpretations, particularly of operatic selections, are declared by critics to be revelations of unexpected possibilities in band music. Abandon, fervor and a wonderful ensemble attach to their every number. The solo instruments seem like real voices.

No one can doubt the supreme excellence of the Banda Ressa. Its comevent and ing to this city is a not " have those who hear the

something to treasure in memory. No other band has so distinguished a corps of soloists.

The Banda Rossa was founded twenty years ago by the citizens of San Severo, a small city in south central Italy. In 1889, Sorrentino, who had just been graduated with highest honors from the Conservatory of Naples, was called to the conductorship. Sorrentino's genius soon made itself felt, and in 1892 the Society for the promotion of Music, which had founded the band, decided that it should enter the contest at the Genoa exposition, 'The city had its reward when Sorrentino and the Banda Rossa won the gold medal over sixty-four contestants.

When the band returned to San Severo, the city took a day off to celebrate the victory. The feature of the jubilee was the presentation of a medal to Sorrentino by the city officials and band went to Germany, where it was tremendously successful. While in Berlin, Sorrentino received a decoration from the kaiser.

Eugenio Sorrentino was born in Calabria, Italy. He has superlative ability both as a leader and a composer. Most of the members of his band are graduates of Italian conservatories and many of them have been with him for more than ten years.

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Service of papers and officers' fees,	
incidentals, etc	19

Total \$40 This is the minimum price of a divoice in Lancaster county. There are no cut rates, no bargain days. To shave the \$40 is impossible except by cutting the price for the lawyer and this the attorneys will not stand because it introduces into the profession

sordid commercialism in its worst

A marriage can be pulled off for \$7. Of this sum \$2 must be expended for a license and \$5 for the minister. If it is any less the preacher stands the difference. But for a divorce \$25 must be expended for the lawyer and the remaining charges are exacted by law and must be met. So \$40 is about bed rock.

Witnesses are expensive items, unless they are willing to remit the costs. Other charges are made when the opposite side puts up a defense or sends a lawyer to ward off alimony. Then they roll up the expense on continuances and other mysterious counter checks, well known to minions of the

In Nebraska there are many reasons sufficient to give the citizens of the commonwealth surcease from weilbek. prominent citizens. From Italy the Almost any striking moral defect, coupled with an ugly disposition, will has not visited us yet.

enable a complainant to win out. Nonresidents find the course a trifle devious because they have to remain too long to get a residence.

A number of suits are settled by compromise. There is a tacit agreement before the parties go into court and no fight is made. In all such cases the expense is close to the \$40 minimum, barring of course, such additional fees as the attorneys must

But as a matter of fact a man may be married in Lincoln for \$7 and divorced for \$40.

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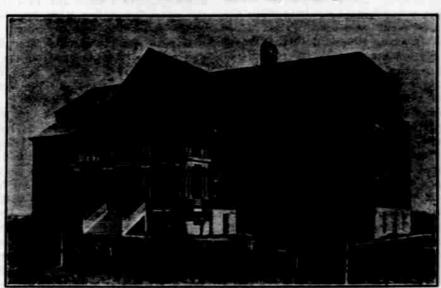
St. Peter-Who are you? New Arrival-I am the paying teller

St. Peter-You'll have to get somebody to identify you.

Mr. Hoyle-Is your husband a Christ-

Mrs. Doyle-I don't know; mother

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