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AN EVENING OF GREAT MUSIC

Large Audience Praises New Presbyterian Organ and Mr. Depew's Fine Recital.

WAS DEDICATED ON SUNDAY

Program That Included Numbers of Wide Range Heard With Great Pleasure — Quartet of the Church Assisted.

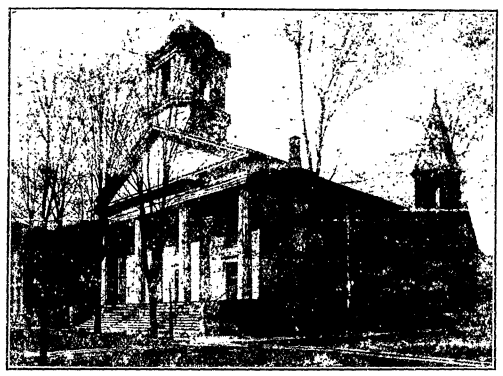
An audience more or less familiar with organ recitals which comfortably filled the Presbyterian Church on Friday evening was unanimous in proclaiming that rendered on the new organ by Mr. Arthur Depew, of Brooklyn, as one of the finest they had ever listened to and that they could have heard several more selections with genuine pleasure. Perhaps the general interest of the Presbyterians in the fine new $6,000 addition to their house of worship and the pleasurable anticipation with which they have looked forward to hearing the new organ had something to do with the enthusiasm expressed, but certain it is Mr. Depew's playing of a particuclarly well chosen program left nothing to be desired, and the organ itself even exceeds expectations.

Mr. Depew's program began with the introduction to the third act of Lohengrin, Wagner, which includes the familar strains of the wedding march. Each number similarly was of a sort more or less familiar to a great part of the audience, music that will live on earth while human beings have souls and that the composers seem to have drawn from somewhere where only fine things dwell and all earthly fetters are loosed. Played by such an artist as Mr. Depew on such an instrument as the new organ, it could not but be impressive, uplifting and enthralling to all who gave it their attention. The program included Toccata in "G," Dubois; Andante from First Sonata, Mendelssohn; Largo, Handel; Daybreak, Peer Gynt Suite, Grieg; Vox Angelica, Henrich; Serenata Napolitana, Seeboeck; March from Tannhauser, Wagner; Introduction and Love and Death, Tristan and Isolde, Wagner; Fantasia on Faust, Gounod-Depew.

It afforded a wide range of movements to meet almost every mood of humanity, the grave and brave and gay and gray, so that at one time or another every one in the audience must have responded to the mood of the theme being played and perhaps that was another reason for the general approbation. More reasonable however to believe that each number swept all the audience with it as indeed the hearty applause, which greeted every number, indicated. Largo, Handel, may not sound like much in mere words in a newspaper, but when a fine organ rolls out a majestic harmony that breathes of eternity like the waves in mid-ocean, one forgets he's a clod of the earth and walks the upper atmosphere. Daybreak, Peer Gynt Suite, Grieg, may be a wooden sort of a thing as it is read, but played as it was, one could see the first dim light of day heralding the sun and bit by bit the orb itself coming into view over the eastern hills until it filled the earth. Vox Angelica, Henrich, in words, is a foreign sounding sort of thing, but it breathed of things that nobody knows or understands, angel voices, if one will, singing some song of the ages. The march from Tannhauser needs no comment. It was magnificent.

All this is only a poor attempt to express what every one knows is in good music, but the better to emphasize that the concert was good music, possibly the best that Port Jervis has been privileged to hear in a long time. The acoustic properties of the auditorium under the new arrangement of the organ are higly pleasing, the sound rolling from one side to the other and intermingling in great bursts of harmony. Mr. Depew was called back for an extra number at the close, and played "Old Folks at Home," a selection that held its own with the rest, and made a happy one to carry out of the church.

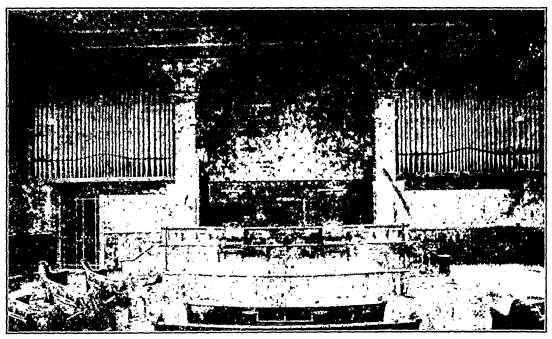
The male quartet of the church added no small part to the evening's pleasure, as their recall, (not Teddy's but), on both appearances on the program, demonstrated. Their first selection was Water Lillies, Linders. To an encore they sang a humorous song. At their second appearance they gave "A Father's Lullaby," an exceptionally fine number, of which the audience demanded more. The quartet is one of which the church has reason to be proud. It is composed of Dr. G. A. Hammond and Mr. Frederick Schwelker, tenors, and Messrs. Herbert and Walter Senger, basses.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND CHAPEL OF PORT JERVIS.

The last number on Mr. Depew's program, Fantasia on Faust, which it is assumed was arranged by himself, was particularly pleasing, bringing out the more familiar parts of the tuneful opera.

Rev. Robert Bruce Clark and all who have helped to bring about the installation of the fine organ had reason to feel considerable satisfaction at the consummation of their efforts. It adds to the appearance of the interior of the church, in fact seems to fit in as though the arrangement had been intended when the church was built. That it will equally fit into the services goes without saying. Under the new arrangement the choir desk is in the exact center of the former pulpit, the choir in front and at either side of same, and the pulpit is in front. The organ pipes are of plain gold decoration, arranged as is best understood from a glance at the picture herewith given. Palms and potted plants about the pulpit added to the beauty of the arrangement last evening. The church will have practically the same seating capacity as formerly.



INTERIOR OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SHOWING THE NEW ORGAN.

Handsomely printed programs, a product of the Union's job printing department, set forth the numbers, besides the specifications of the new organ and gave pictures of the church, inisde and out. Pictures of the interior of the church were on sale at the door.

Mr. Daniel Holbrook, who was the organist of the Presbyterian Church 42 years ago, when the old organ was a new organ just dedicated, was in the audience at the concert. Mr. Holbrook selected the old organ which took the place of the little cabinet organ in the church, and it cost $3,000. Judge Holbrook was greatly pleased with the new organ, and impressed with Mr. Depew's ability as an organist.

The organ was officially dedicated on Sunday morning, March 31st, at 10.30, a full account of which appears elsewhere.

DIX COMMUTES COSMO'S SENTENCE

Adjudged Insane, the Governor Changes Death Sentence to Life Imprisonment.

WILL NOW GO TO DANNEMORA

Convicted of Murdering a Fellow Countryman at Middletown, He was Originally Sentenced to Die on May 13th.

(By Associated Press.)

Albany, April 3. — The Governor commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence of Michael Cosmo, convicted of murdering a fellow countryman at Middletown. Cosmo was originally sentenced to die in Sing Sing May 13th, but was declared insane by a special commission. He will be transferred to Dannemora State Hospital.

Albany, April 3.—Michael Cosmo, who shot and killed Dominick Marone at Middletown in November, 1910, has been declared insane by a special commission headed by Dr. James V. May, president of the State Lunacy Commission. The commission, which was appointed by Governor Dix, reported today. The Court of Appeals May 13 as the date for Cosmo's electrocution at Sing Sing, but under a recent law he will be sent to the Dannemora State Hospital, and if he recovers his reason eh eventually may have to pay the death penalty.

Cosmo, the commission reports, evidently became insane from fright. He was convicted in May, 1911, and at the time showed a spirit of bravado. After 24 hours' confinement in the death house at Sing Sing he became a mute and did not utter a word until September 15.

Smoky Stove Cause of Fire Alarm.

At 1.50 Wednesday afternoon, the firemen were called out in response to an alarm sounded for the second district, and, upon investigation, it was found that smoke had issued from the front windows of the second floor of the building at No. 9 Front street, in the rooms occupied by Mrs. Mary Hunter. A fire had been started in a stove and the strong wind forced a "back draft" through the chimney and caused the stove to smoke. The recall was soon sounded as there was no fire or any need of the department.

Slight Fire in Erie Caboose.

The caboose of the Erie Delaware Division way freight in charge of Conductor Frank Lane, while in the Port Jervis yard, west of the roundhouse, caught fire Wednesday from a stove which upset. A switch engine with fire hose equipment soon hastened to the scene and extinguished the blaze before much damage was done.

Flying Fish Display.

The Gordon & Malven Company have a complete window display of fishing tackle to which many people are attracted by the sight of four paper fish struggling at the end of as many fishing rods. The fish are kept in motion by the breeze from an electric fan and make a novel display.

KILLED BY TRAIN WHILE DRIVING

Mr. Benjamin B. Hursh Was Struck and Never Regained Consciousness.

BODY BROUGHT TO THIS CITY

A Son-in-Law of Mr. Samuel Major, of Hainesville, N. J.—The Funeral Was Held There Sunday.

Mr. Samuel Major, of Hainesville, N. J., received word by telegraph Tuesday, March 26th, that his son-in-law, Mr. Benjamin B. Hursh, of Maconn, Saskatchewan, Canada, had been killed in a railroad accident on Monday, March 25th, 1912. Particulars of the accident at the time were not known. A letter was received by Mr. John A. Kadel, of Port Jervis, who is a friend of the Hursh family, telling of the accident in full. It is as follows.

Mr. Hursh was driving to a nearby town to transact some business on March 25th, was compelled to pass over a railroad crossing, and in doing so was struck by a fast express passenger train. It completely demolished the cutter in which he was driving and threw him many yards away against a heavy wooden fence, breaking his right arm and three or four ribs on the same side, also inflicting many cuts and bruises.

He was taken to a nearby hospital, where he passed away without regaining consciousness. The letter states that he could not have known what did it.

The body and family of six arrived in Port Jervis Saturday on train 4 at 1.29 p. m. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon from the home of Mr. James Black, at Hainesville, N. J., at four o'clock.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Andrew W. Dickert.

Mary Althisar, wife of Andrew W. Dickert, formerly of Port Jervis, died at her home at Youngsville, Warren county, Pa., Monday, March 25, at 7.40 a. m., after a long illness of general debility, in the 84th year of her age. The funeral took place at 3 p. m. Tuesday, March 27. Burial was in the family plot in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery at Youngsville.

Mrs. Dickert was born at Rome, N. Y., Sept. 9, 1828. Her parents were Jeremiah Althisar and Hannah Killmer Althisar, who passed the last years of their lives in Port Jervis. Of nine children, she was the third, and the only one now surviving is a sister, Martha M., wife of Mr. John Sharp, of Port Jervis.

Mary Althisar was married to Andrew W. Dickert at Rome, N. Y., March 19, 1849. They lived in Brooklyn, L. I., then at Farmington, Pa., and again in Brooklyn, whence they removed to Port Jervis in 1858, and remained here fourteen years to a day, removing hence to Youngsville, Pa., May 2nd, 1872, where the forty remaining years of their lives were passed.

Mrs. Dickert is survived by her husband—now in very feeble condition—by one sister, Mrs. Martha M. Sharp, of Port Jervis, and by six children: Andrew J. Dickert, of New Boston, Ill.; Lillie C. E., wife of Mr. W. T. Doty, of Circleville, N. Y.; Mrs. Carrie M. Halstead, of Youngsville, Pa.; Francis I. Dickert, of Snow Hill, Md.; G. B. Dickert, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Penelope, wife of Mr. Charles King, of near Middletown, N. Y.

Mrs. Dickert was a lovable wife and mother, devoted to her family, a true friend, and a kind, charitable neighbor, and long years a member of the Baptist Church. The older residents of Port Jervis will remember her only with tenderness and affection, and will deeply sympathize with the sorrowing relatives, and particularly so with the bereaved husband, now in his 87th year, and tottering on the verge of the unknown world, where he expects soon to-again meet the faithful companion of his long, honorable and useful life.

Jacob F. Johnson.

Former Sheriff Jacob F. Johnson died in his home on the Grand View Farm on the outskirts of Middletown at 6.30 Sunday evening. He was in the 66th year of his age and had been in failing health for some time, but his death was not expected.

Mr. Johnson was born in the town of Minisink, and was the son of William C. Johnson and Sarah Durland. When 16 years of age he secured a position as brakeman on the Erie and continued with that railroad until 1872, when the New York and Oswego Midalnd Railroad was opened. He became conductor on the first milk and passenger train run over that road, which is now the New York, Suequehanna & Western Railroad.

Mr. Johnson resigned from the railroad in 1888 to take the nomination for sheriff at the hands of the Republican party. He served for four years. In 1892 he took up his residence on the farm near Middletown, where he had since lived. He is survived by his wife and three children: Nellie G., Sarah A., and Jacob M. Johnson.

During Mr. Johnson's term as sheriff Henry M. Howell was the under-sheriff located in Newburgh,

David J. Pierson.

David J. Pierson, an old and highly respected resident of Pond Eddy, N. Y., died at his home at that place on Monday afternoon at three o'clock after a long illness. He was aged 76 years.

The deceased is survived by one daughter, Miss Grace Pierson, and one sister, Miss Harriet Pierson.

The funeral was held at the Pond Eddy M. E. Church at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. The interment was in Van Tuyl's Cemetery.

Daniel P. Welsh.

Daniel Peter Welsh died at his home, No. 18 Jersey avenue, at 12.15 a. m. on Wednesday, after a short illness of a complication of diseases. He was aged 14 years and 10 months.

Deceased was born in Port Jervis, and was the son of Daniel and Hannah Welsh.

The surviving relatives are his parents and one sister, Mamie, at home.

The funeral will be held at the house, No. 181 Jersey avenue, on Saturday morning at 9.30, and in St. Mary's Church at 10 o'clock.

Interment will be in Sparrowbush Cemetery.

OBSEQUIES.

Frank D. Peters.

The funeral of Frank D. Peters was held at the house, No. 25 Hudson street, at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon and at 2.30 o'clock in the Drew M. E. Church, where the services, which were very largely attended, were conducted by the Rev. Joseph Y. Irwin.

The Elks, Knights of Pythias, Mannerchor, and Brewery Workers attended in a body, and at the church the services of the Elks were conducted by Past Exalted Ruler L. C. Fenner. At the interment in Laurel Grove Cemetery, a selection was sung by the Mannerchor and the services of the Knights of Pythias were conducted by Chancellor Commander John M. Happ.

Mrs. James A. Wylie rendered a solo at the services in the church.

There was a large number of beautiful floral contributions from organizations, relatives and friends.

Messrs. George W. Murray, Theodore Ludlum and Lorenzo Wood of the Knights of Pythias, Charles Will, Jacob Portz and P. J. Donohue of the Elks, were the pall-bearers, and the flower-bearers were Messrs. John Whaley and John Schaffer of the Brewery Workers; Jacob Kalmbach, Adam Allmendinger and Michael Obermyer of the Mannerchor.

During the funeral the flag on the Elks' Home on Pike street was placed at half mast.

Mrs. Nancy C. Van Aken.

The funeral of Mrs. Nancy C. Van Aken was held at the house in Sparrowbush at 2.30 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. Rev. S. B. Vandersoll conducted the services. Interment was in Sparrowbush Cemetery.

Messrs. John Maley, William Maley, Frank Patterson, Robert Dedrick, William Reymar and Eugene Tisdell were the pall-bearers.

August Marsh.

The body of August Marsh, of Chicago, was brought to Port Jervis on Erie train Eight on Monday morning and was taken to the undertaking rooms of F. H. Porter on Pike street. The interment took place in Laurel Grove Cemetery at 9.30 o'clock, where the service was conducted by the Rev. Uriah Symonds.

THRILLING EXPERIENCE WITH SWIFT DELAWARE RIVER CURRENT AT MONGAUP

A young man by the name of Reishmyer, 17 or 18 years of age, of Mongaup, Sullivan county, N. Y., had a thrilling and dangerous experience in the Delaware river, near Mongaup, on Saturday morning that nearly cost him his life.

He had rowed across the Delaware to the Pennsylvania shore to hang up the mail pouch for west-bound Erie train One, the Buffalo Express. After the train had gone, he started to return across the river, when some people on the New York State side called to him that the mail bag for Mongaup had been thrown off and was down the bank. When he reversed his course, the high water and the swift current along the Pennsylvania shore carried his boat down stream so that he was unable to land until he struck Butler's Island, between Mongaup and Mill Rift.

Reishmyer managed to catch hold of a tree and called for help and a rope. Several men followed him down to Mill Rift and around No. 2 bridge, but in the meantime he had freed himself of his boots and part of his clothing, and succeeded in swimming to shore. He managed to flag an east-bound train, and came to this city, where he secured clothing and later returned to Mongaup.

TWO DEAD IN MILL EXPLOSION.

Another Man Had Both Arms Blown Off. in Wayne, N. J., Disaster.

Paterson, N. J., April 1.—An explosion at the powder mills at Wayne, five miles west of here, killed two workmen and maimed three others. The explosion was felt over a radius of fifty miles and started reports of a possible great disaster.

The dead are Charles Stultz, Superintendent, and Charles Rysdeck, a workman. William Spernow had both arms blown off.

The mills formerly belonged to the Laflin and Rand Powder Company, but are now operated by E. I. DuPont, of the DeNemours Company.

THEODORE FURMAN IS FOUND ALIVE

Youth, Thought Murdered, Writes He Wants to Join Marine Corps.

ON FARM NEAR PHILADELPHIA

Letter Received by Mrs. Furman at Middletown, on Wednesday, Indicates That Her Son, Theodore, is Alive and Well.

Middletown, N. Y., April 3.—(Special.)—A letter was received here this morning by Mrs. Eugene Furman from her son Theodore, who states that he is working on a farm near Philadelphia. Young Furman gives no explanation of his disappearance, which had led to the belief that it was his body whch was found partly consumed in an O. & W. cinder car at Baker's Switch some months ago. He is 18 years old and writes to obtain his mother's consent to his joining the United States Marine Corps. Mrs. Furman has also received papers from the enlisting officer for her to fill out in the event of her giving her consent.

Since Young Furman's disappearance his family has been subjected to arrest and imprisonment, one of his brothers giving a statement about his having been murdered by another brother, which did not bear up under investigation, and the grand jury failed to indict any save Mrs. Furman who had drawn Theodore's pay from the O. & W. Railroad, where he had been employed.

$50,000 LUMBER DEAL.

Incorporated Company Has Purchased Monroe Co. Tract.

State Senator Harvey Huffman, of Stroudsburg, County Treasurer Miles Rowland, of Pike county, C. S. Houck, of Hawley, and E. C. Mumford and H. B. Ely, of Honesdale, recently purchased 3,700 acres of fine chestnut timber in Resica, Monroe county. Work was commenced on Monday. The new concern will be incorporated and a charter has already been applied for. It will be known as the Monroe Lumber Company. Although no officers have been elected Miles C. Rowland is acting as manager. Headquarters will be in Stroudsburg.

The company has contracted with the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company for all the mine ties it can produce. The Monroe County Lumber Company will manufacture telephone poles, railroad and mine ties.

The incorporators expect to build a five-mile railroad connecting Resica Falls with the Delaware Valley railroad. The property was purchased for about $50,000.

TEACHERS OF THE DISTRICT CONFER

Seventy-Two of Them Gathered at Middletown High School On Saturday.

SEVERAL SESSIONS OF THE DAY

Addresses Given by Authorities on Various Subjects and Teachers' Duties Outlined — District Superintendent Sanford A. Cortright Presided.

A Teachers' Conference for the third district of Orange county, in charge of the district superintendent, Sanford A. Cortright, was held at the High School building in Middletown, N. Y., Saturday.

There were 72 teachers in attendance, and the session was called to order at 10 a. m. by Mr. Cortright, the first business being registration. Following this, at 10.15 a. m., an address on "Nature Study" was given by E. F. McDonald, of the State Education Department.

This was followed by a lecture, "The Apple Tree," by Mr. Van Alstyne, of the State Department of Agriculture, and at 11.45 Richard E. Coons, a representative of the American Book Company, gave an interesting talk to the teachers, after which an adjournment was taken until 1.30.

The first business of the afternoon was an address by Prof. F. D. Moulton, of Unionville, followed by a lecture on "Milk Zones," by Principal Albert C. Mayhems, of Warwick.

At 2.30, Mr. Cortright delivered an address on the duties of the teachers, after which the final adjournment was taken.

The teachers who were registered were: Belle P. Patterson, Circleville; Jessie L. Holt, Edith Myer, Myrtle P. Conkling, Mary E. Mackin, Katherine A. Deniff, Lydia E. Norwood, Eleanor Whaley, Ethel J. VanNoy, Ellen Jones, Margaret A. Cox, Marguerite F. Lyons, Pearl M. Overton, Gertrude Morman, Mary M. Gregg, Minnie G. Brink, Ruba Turner, Emma C. Palmer, Zaida C. Cooper, Mary E. Oakley, Laura B. Nearpass, Jessie Mann, Rena E. Goodfellow, Olive Lundy, Florence A. Cahill, Mildred Joyce, Bessie Deterick, Marguerite C. Brown, of Port Jervis; Florence R. Boyd, of Otisville; Mabel Harris, Johnson; J. Alma Wilkin, Stony Ford; Anna Howard, High View; George H. Clark, Westtown; Edith M. Hopkins, Middletown; Russell Myer, Cuddebackville; Mary G. Lyons, Middletown; Lulu Van Inwegen, Huguenot; Bertha M. Beemer, Unionville; Agnes L. Kiernan, Cuddebackville; Catherine A. Gibbons, Greenville; Anna E. Kiernan, Cuddebackville; Ida Bennet, Ellenville; W. D. Moulton, Unionville; Clara L. Hagen, Sparrowbush; Mae Hotchkiss, Ridgebury; Ruth Myer, Cuddebackville; Emma Starbuck, Westtown; Edna M. Schultz, Westtown; Ellen M. Carter, Otisville; Thomas J. Cole, Middletown; Lottie Rice, Johnson; Clara E. Borland, Johnson; A. W. Blumberg, Otisville; B. J. Wherry, Slate Hill; Rena E. Ostrander, Guymard; Lillian M. Smith, Middletown; Belle W. Lyons, Middletown; Rose Benequit, High View; Cecilia A. Mullaney, Middletown; Grace M. Overton, Westtown; Jean Laing, Otisville; Ella P. Holt, Middletown; Katherine E. Martin, Huguenot; Nellie Vail, Middletown; Drucilla Brice, Middletown; Mary A. Lain, Westtown; Jeannette Johnson, Otisville; Lillian Mae Shafer, Middletown.

Little Girl Bitten by Dog.

Doris Alward, aged four years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Alward, of Tri-States, was bitten by a dog on Saturday, while on her way to the home of an aunt on Bennet street. The dog, a big hound, was on a porch. As the little girl went past, she shrank away from the place at seeing him and the animal sprang at her, burying his teeth in her cheek. George Morris heard her screams and drove the animal away. The wound was cauterized and the dog shot.

Orange County Legislation.

Albany, March 27.—Bills passed by the Senate include the following:

Assemblyman Stivers' Middletown lighting bill.

Assemblyman Baumes', relative to town appropriations for Memorial Day.

Assemblyman Evans', appropriating $4,500 for improvements to Bashas Kill, at the mouth of Pine Kill, Orange county.

The bill of Senator Rose, appropriating $12,000 to acquire Knox's headquarters in the town of New Windsor, has passed the Assembly.