#### CITY NOTES.

"Belle Minnie," by Otto Auschuetz, was played with im-nense success by Gilmore's band at the Exposition.

eo. Enzinger, of 2818 Russell Ave., was under the weather a while, but has now recovered and resumed his classes in an and organ.

Miss Retta Ricks, the soprano, has been very successful with her pupils in voice culture, and has entered upon the present season with many new pupils. Her music rooms are located at 4051 Fairfax avenue.

Wesley M. De Voe, the artist, makes a specialty of portraits Pastel, also Oil, Crayon and Water Color. Those wishing a time photograph should call on Mr. De Voe at Room C, the Studio," 2818 Washington Ave.

The Beethoven Trio Club will shortly begin its third season. The success of this club in the past and the fine character of its work assure it a splendid season. The principals are I. L. Schoen, violinist; L. Mayer, Sr., cello, and A. G. Robyn,

Lowell Putnam, teacher of violin and mandolin, is kept very busy with his classes, and is one of the most popular teachers of those instruments. Mr. Putnam is a young and energetic musician, having studied with the well-known mas-ter of violin, Sev. Rob. Sauter.

Miss Anna Vieths, who was graduated last May by Miss trong, passed in New York the examination entitling her to he degree of Associate in the College of American Musicians, nod has since gone to Vienna for the purpose of continuing er studies with the celebrated Leschetitzky."

Herman Barosch, the well-known tenor and vocal teacher New York, will locate in St. Louis within a few weeks. Mr. arosch, who has a splendid voice, has sung in opera for the ast fifteen years, having lately been engaged with Antogidel in New York. His repertoire embraces fifty-three operas.

Miss Alice Bell Thistle, late of the Chicago Conservatory, as opened music rooms in the St Louis Conservatory of Vocal usic. Mr. Robert Nelson, director, 2627 Washington Ave. its Thistle gives special attention to technical development in interpretative phrasing. She is very highly recommended where teachers, H. A. Kelso, Jr., and Robt. Goldbeck.

The Fifth Annual Plano Recital by the pupils of Miss Carrie Vollmar, assisted by Miss Julia Vollmar, soprano, H. H. Jacoby, tenor, Oscar H. Bollman, Baritone, and Bethel Choir, was given at South St. Louis Turner Hall. The programme was varied and well chosen. Miss Vollmar's pupils played in excellent style, creditable to themselves and teacher. Miss Julia Vollmar gave an artistic rendition of the song "An Evening Thought." by Bollman, and was rewarded by unstined applause. The duet, "O Come to Me," Kücken, was song by Miss Julia Vollmar and O. H. Bollman in a way that captivated the audience.

#### IN THE MOUNTAINS.

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#### DR. J. W. JACKSON, F. C. O.

The addition of Dr. Jackson, a prominent teacher of Macclesfield, to the musicians of St. Louis is a source of congratulation to his many friends who have urged his location here. He has opened music rooms at 4054 Finney Ave., and has been very successful. He has accepted a temporary position as organist of the "Church of the Unity." No doubt Dr. Jack son will soon preside at the organ in one of our principal churches. He has made many firm friends within a short time. We quote from the Macclessleld Courier the following:

"Dr. Jackson, is one of the many sons of whom Macclessleld has reason to be proud. He has recently taken the distinguishing degree in his profession, conferring honor alike on himself and the community to which he belongs.



He was born in February, 1862, at Macclesfield, Eng., and is the second son of Mr. Thomas Jackson, ironfounder. He began life under anything but promising auspices, as many another successful and talented man has done before him. He first decided to adopt music as a profession after a severe accident which almost proved fatal, and having put his hand to the plough he never looked back.

Endowed with a good ear and taste for music he frequently surprised accomplished musicians by the facility with which he read at sight both vocal and instrumental music. For several years he was a choir boy at St. Michael's Church, and had the benefit of the careful tuition first of Mr. H. C.Wright, then organist at the Old church, and latterly of Mr. Seal, Mus. B., the latter gentleman giving him his first lesson on the organ shortly after his appointment as organist at St. Michael's in 1878. He was an organ pupil of Mr. Seal's for fully two years, and in 1879 was appointed organist of the Private Chapel at Mottram Hall, a position which he held with reedit to himself and acceptability to his patrons for eleven years, the last four of which he was also organist and choirmaster of St. Michael's Addington Hall.

All this time the future Mus. D. was studiously at work in his spare hours. For about three years he was coaching by correspondence for the Entrance Examination in Arts at Trinity College, Du blin, this being first imposed upon candidates or musical degrees by Sir R. P. Stewart in 1862. He was successful in the Entrance in March, 1886, obtaining high marks in Latin, and sat for the Mus. B. examination the following June, in which he was eminently successful, receiving special mention by the examiner. The exercise for the Mus B. degree was the cantata "I cried unto God." In 1890 he was one of eighty-five candidates for the Fellowship of the London College of Organists; only eleven of this large number was successful, Dr. Jackson being one. Five years after the conferring of the Mus. B. Degree—he obtained the degree of Mus. D. at Trinity College, Dublin. There were four candidates; but only two were successful, and Dr Jackson was first in order of merit, which, all musical men especially, will understand means a very great deal. The exercise for the Mus. D. was written throughout he eight read parts, for solv voices, double chorus and full orchestra, the performance being held in the chapel of Trinity Coll

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"The Holy City," by A. R. Gaul, under the direction of Wm. D. Armstrong, was superbly rendered at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, at Alton, Ill., on the 18th ult. Mr. Geo. F. Townley, the well-known tenor, who was specially engaged for the occasion, gave a magnificent rendition of his part, in proper spirit and artistic throughout. The soprano was admirably sustained by Miss J. Du Bois. of Chicago, and Mrs. G. F. Crowe, of Alton, sang the contralto part with great credit. Wm. D Armstrong, the organist and director, is to be congratulated upon his efficient work.

The circumstances of the death of Mme. Trebelli were pathetic, writes a London correspondent of the Sun, under date of August 20th. On Wednesday she was in excellent spirits and apparently in her usual health. She had invited a large party of friends to breakfast on the following day, and

was looking forward with manifest pleasure to the gathering. At night a heavy thunder storm visited the town and kept Mme. Trebelli awake until past 2 o'clock. Suddenly, while chatting merrily with a pupil, who was staying with her at her villa, she was selzed with an attack of heart disease and died within a half hour. Her decease has quite thrown a gloom over Etretat, France, where the lamented artiste was greatly beloved.

The fact that Mrs. Anna Sneed Cairns, principal of Forest Park University, employs only the best teachers to be had, is exemplified by the offers made to them by other leading schools. For instance, Miss Jessie B. Allen, former instructor in Greek and Mathematics, was offered a high salary by the Hosmer Hall, and is now at the latter institution Prof. Wm D Armstrong, the well-known composer, for two years head assistant to Prof. Kroeger. is now music director at Shurtleff College, Alton, at a high salary. Mad. W. Runge-Jancke, pro-

fessor of singing, has also recently accepted the post of vocal instructor at the Mary Institute, in this city. Patrons may rest assured that the new teachers engaged by Mrs. Carns, in place of those formerly at her school, will be of the same

THEODORE THOMAS has requested these musical conductors to unite with him in a committee to judge of American compositions to be offered for performance at the World's Fair: Carl Zerrahn, of the Handel and Haydn Society in Boston; B. J. Lang, of the Boston Apollo Club and St. Cecilia Society; Asger Hamerik, of the Peabody Institute in Baltimore; Dr. A. C. Mackenzie, of the London Philharmonic Society, and Camille Saint-Saens, of Paris, Antôn Seidl and Arthur Nikisch declined invitations to serve in this capacity.

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#### DEATH OF GILMORE. V



The great and beloved Gilmore has passed from earthly strains to those of a celestial sphere. The hearts of the people, who loved him, have been pierced with sorrow. The thunderous applause that greeted him night after night, to which his kindly face beamed greatful thanks, has hushed for evermore His coming, which awakened eathusiasm in the hearts of thousands, has been announced for the last time. The final concert has been led.

He died suddenly on the 24th ult., after a short illness in the midst of his work, as he wished, and upon the threshold of great undertakings. When the news of his death reached the band, not one of the members could believe it. Again and again each one asked, "Is it true?" Many of them broke completely down and cried like children. The people who sat patiently in the large music hall awaiting his coming could scarcely be dispersed; they deemed it some joke or other, when the few words said "Gilmore is dead," but when they assured themselves of the truth, they wandered about the halls with one thought overshadowing all others—the loss of their pride, Gilmore.

The band will be directed by Sergt. C. W. Freudenvoll, under the management of Mrs. Gilmore, and will continue its Western tour after the Exposition engagement.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his beloved wife and daughter, who with the father formed a noble trio.

The Forest Park University for Women opened on Sept. 14th with a larger attendance than ever before. The College of Music was particularly well filled, and the able instructors, with Prof. E. R. Kroeger as director, are kept busy.

#### CITY NOTES.

Mrs. Lucy B. Raiston has returned from the coast of Maine, where she spent a very delightful summer.

Miss B. Mahan has returned from a delightful trip out West, and is now busily engaged with her organ and piano pupils.

M. A. Gilsinn, organist of St. Xavier's Church, is quite in demand as a teacher of the organ and plano. His residence is 3852 Windsor Place.

Louis Conrath, with teaching and composing, keeps himself very busy. He has received many new pupils at his central location, 810 Olive street, Room 504, Fagin building.

Mrs. Louie A. Peebles, the prominent soprano and vocal teacher, has opened a very auspicious season. Nearly all her pupils have excellent choir positions which they readily secure.

Louis Retter, the young composer and teacher, was complimented by Gilmore's band, which rendered two of his popular pieces, "Sweet Message" and "Charge of the Dragoons." "Cupid's Victory" is his latest.

G. Neubert, the talented young musician and director of the Philharmonic concerts. Belleville, has very successful piano classes in both Belleville and St. Louis. His teaching is char-acterized by thoroughness and ability.

Miss Mary Wilkinson Harlan is giving vocal instruction at the St. Louis Conservatory, 2627 Washington Ave., Robert Nelson, director. Miss Harlan's method is the same as taught by the late Sig. Lamperti of Milan, Italy.

Miss Nellie Strong, after a pleasant summer in the East, during which she combined some teaching with a good rest, is back at work again. Besides her usual course, Miss Strong has organized special teachers' classes in piano playing and the art of teaching.

I. L. Schoen, violinist and director of Schoen's Or-chestra, is recognized as one of the best teachers in the West. His pupils are thoroughly and systematically taught, and their progress is remarkable. Mr. Schoen is also violinist of the Beethoven Trio Club, whose concerts are features of the musical season.

Miss Marion Ralston, long known as one of our gifted young planists, and who had studied with her mother. Miss Payne, and lastly with Miss Strong, was obliged on account of her health to try a change of climate, and will spend the winter in Boston, where she will study with Mr. Faelten, who has placed her at once in the graduating class of the New England Conservatory.

Theo. B. Spiering, the talented young violinist, returned to this city from Europe after an absence of nearly four years spent in study under the celebrated Joachim; he also spent several years with Henry Schradieck, of Cincinnati. Mr. Spiering will locate in Chicago at the Kimball building, and will very likely be heard here in a testimonial concert in November.

#### THE TEMPLE OF THE TEUTONIC MUSES.

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It is about a month since the Germans of this city dedicated a splendid, comfortable, and luxuriously furnished Temple to the Teutonic Muse; to Schiller, Goethe, Lessing, Grillpalier, Koerner, and the long train of heroes in the poetic fields.

This Temple is the Germania Theater on Fourteenth street and Lucas place, which so far has proved a great success, its management being in able hands.

But not the German alone; we Americans too can be proud of this new theatre, as it is an embellishment to St. Louis, and has, perhaps, no equal in respect to comfort and commodity in the entire West.

Furthermore, we broadminded English-speaking Americans perceive in this institution more than a place of amusement. It is a school for us and for our children. There we are taught the beauty of the German tongue and we find opportunities to improve our own knowledge of that language in a most pleasant way.

To construct the Germania, the old First Presbyterian Church has been remodeled and enlarged at an expense of \$150,000, and the result is one of the handsomest and best appointed theatres in the country. It is of the renaissance style and the interior is finished in soft colors. The seating capacity is 1700 in trontains besides the parquet, a handsome and commodious balcony and gallery, twelve boxes, and four boge boxes. The proscenium arch, which has a width of thirty-five feet, is encircled by fifty electric lights. From the dome is suspended a handsome chandelier of sixty electric lights, while a circle of forty-eight surrounds it, bringing out in strong relief the elegant frescoes representing Morning, Noon, Evening and Night. The seats are the same as those used in the Auditorium in Chicago, being of exceptional width, and upholstered in a canary colored plush.

Two curtains are provided, the first being of asbestos and fire-proof, ornamented with a landscape and draperies, while the act drop is a dream of the nine Muses. More than \$5,800 has been expended in scenery alone. One scen

the building is free all around. On the first floor are seven large exits. The balcony and gallery are provided with spacious stairways, besides emergency stair-cases leading into the street. A special feature of the Germania is the foyer, a large airy room off the balcony, fitted up with toilet rooms.



Waldemar and Buechel, the lessees of the Germania, have provided a choice list of attractions for the season. A large stock company has been gathered from the leading theaters of Germany, and will present a change of bill nightly, the repertoire running the entire dramatic gamut, from classic tragedy to roaring farce.

The director of this institution, Carl Waldemar, whose picture we here present, was born on May 23d, 1863, the son of a Berlin merchant. He was educated at the Sophieen Gymnasium in Berlin, and already at an early age displayed a lively interest for the stage. When about twelve years old he arranged theatrical plays with his schoolmates, and appeared to appreciative audiences of children. After having passed his military examination in Prussia, he entered on an apprenticeship in a large mercantile establishment in his native city. The monotony of the daily routine of a merchant, however, did not appease the longings of desire and after a year's experience he yielded to the irrestible temptation that drew him to the stage - his fond hope, his ideal! His parents opposing him, he clandestinely collected his personal effects, bid adieu to his intended career and without their knowledge followed the promptings of his heart and entered on the stage. The beginning of the turning era of his life was very trying; with much sorrow and great privation he worked steadfastly a d indefatigably onward until he succeeded in attaining a strong foothold in the larger theatres. And then his parents approved of his chosen vocation.

Already in his 19th year he appeared at well-known theatres of Germany in principal characters, such as Othello, Franz Moor, Mephistopheles, etc., and from now on he progressed with untiring zeal. For three years his efforts at the most renowned theatres in Berlin, namely, Residenz, "Victoria, Belle," Alliance and Ostend Theatre, were crowned with great success. Then he made an engagement of three years with the managers of the great Thalia Theatre, of Hamburg. After this he appeared for



where the German population predominated, after which he returned to Hamburg, and, desirous of seeing the world, accepted the offer for an engagement in St. Louis. In late years Mr. Waldemar has also been active as theatre director, having had such excellent examples as Ludwig, Barney, Anton, Anna, etc.

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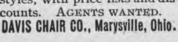
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#### SIGHT READING.

In a judicious practice of playing at sight, one can best acquire a faculty of reading well, soonest become skilled in playing, and most surely become possessed of a musical character. The main thing is, to strive quickly to get a clear conception of the piece. But, as quickness of apprehension is seldom a natural talent, it being in most persons only the product of a facility acquired by long practice, the following observations may not be superfluous. In order to obtain a quickness of apprehension, one must not at first endeavor to apprehend the whole at once, but go through the thing gradually.

1. As quickly as possible apprehend and analyze the time.

2. As far as possible guess out the harmony which can be done by directing the attention more to the left than to the right hand.

3. Avoid all precipitation, when the passages are somewhat intricate, and play them, so to speak, according to convenience.

4. Never be afraid of doing anything in too imperfect a manner, while you endeavor to play on in due succession, but rather fear not to do it, which happens when one hesitates or stops during the performance.

If one only avoids being frightened from his purpose by apparently serious difficulties in the first commencement, he will always overcome some of them with every repeated performance, and indeed there is often in that case no further exercise necessary, or, at most, very little.—Ex.

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As there has not yet been developed an American school of composition, and there is no style of writing to which the name American can be properly applied by way of distinction, there are no standards to be offered other than those of good taste; and the question of the formation of an American school may safely, as it must be necessarily, left to the future—
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The natural result of this overhaste is, that such players, by omitting the requisite preparatory studies, always continue imperfect, lose much time, and are at last unable to execute either difficult or easy pieces in a creditable manner.

This is the cause why, although so many talented young persons devote themselves to the planoforte, we are still not so over and above rich in good players; and why so many with superior abilities and often with enormous industry, still remain but mediocre and indifferent performers.

Many other pupils run luto the error of attempting to decide on the merits of a composition before they are able to play it properly. From this it happens that many excellent pleces appear contemptible to them, while the fault lies in their playing them in a stumbling, incorrect, and unconnected manner, often coming to a standstill on false and discordant harmonies, missing the time, and making mistakes too many to mention.—Czerny.

A good illustration of "the retort courteous" was given to the rough and rude Count Herbert Bismarck, at the Prague Railway station, when on his way to Vienna, where he was married last week. Having pushed rudely against an Englishman traveling by the same train, the latter remonstrated against such behavior The German Count turned round haughtily and said: "I don't think you know who I am; I am Count Herbert Bismarck." "That," replied the English gentleman, "as an excuse is insufficient, but as an explanation it is ample."

#### AUTHORS AND MUSIC.

Daudet Says that Most Great Writers Care Little for the Art.

Alphonso Daudet has some interesting things to say regarding music. "As a rule," he writes, "we literary people care comparatively little for music. Gauthiea's opinion of the humming and drumming called music is well known. Hugo Leconte de Leslie Bauville Victor agrees with him. Goncourt turned up his nose as soon as a piano was opened. Zola insists at times that he has heard this or that piece of music somewhere, but he never knows from whom it is. The good Flaubert pretended to be a great musician, but only to please Turgeneff, who in reality loved only the music cultivated in the 'Salon Viarodot.'"

"As to myself, however, I love everything musical, the lively music as well as the sad and classical, the music of Beethoven, the music of the Spaniards, Gluck and Chopin, Massenet and Saint-Saens. Gounod's 'Faust' and 'Marionette,' the folksongs, the hand-organ, the tambourine, even the bells, music for dancing and music for dreaming. It all speaks to me, thrills me, hypnotizes me, and the violin harmonies of the gypsies, those sorcerers of music, have always drawn me to the exhibitions. The despicable fellows always stop my progress. I cannot leave them."

VIENNA, Sept. 21.—Mascagni, the composer, became suddedly ill while conducting a performance of his "Cavalleria Rusticana" this evening. The performance was about half over when he turned white, caught at his throat, and whispered hoarsely that he was suffocating. He recled in his seat, but was caught by a man behind him and was assisted to the foyer. He did not recover, and eventually was taken home in a carriage with a physician from the audience. Heart trouble is supposed to have caused his illness.

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