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FIRST STAGING OF UNION SHOW MAKES BIG HIT

"Contrarie Mary" Replete with "Best Ever" Plot, Music, Acting and Scenery Wins Instant Approval.

MUSIC IN 1913 PRODUCTION RATED AS RECORD BREAKING

Efforts of Principals and Choruses is Basis For Favorable Comment.

Excelling all predecessors in every point that goes to make a musical comedy effective and entertaining, "Contrarie Mary", the 1913 Michigan Union opera, made its initial bow to the public before a well-filled house at the Whitney theater last night "Best Ever", much used term as it is, must be seduced from the vocabulary to describe the piece adequately, according to those who witnessed the opening performance.

In plot, music, acting, singing and scenery the show proved a winner. Dull moments, not infrequent characteristics of previous performances, were lacking. Every number was called back for encores time and again, and the iron-hand exhibitions of the audience were far from being mere politeness.

Plot is Connected.

The book for "Contrarie Mary" furnishes a connected story,—in fact this is one of the novelties of the 1913 show. Besides this, the author, Robert G. Beck, has contributed an environment and setting highly suitable for musical opera purposes. All the possibilities of the situations have been played up to the limit.

Taking place in an ancient college atmosphere, with flood lights infusing romance into the scenery surrounding Winkfield Academy, the conditions are ideal for the kind of scheming, dancing, and merry-making that constitute an opera. Ruleff, who in everyday life is Norman Reed, woos Marietta, G M. Moritz, with all the grace and eye-making of a true woodland lover, and the love-making between Cuthbert, alias G. E. McConley, and Julienne, D. Grinstead, is of an agreeable order.

It is probably in regard to the music that the 1913 opera has most completely outstripped all previous offerings on the local student stage. The melodies, composed by Willis A. Diekema, Earl V. Moore, and Rowland Fixel, are of unusual merit, and not a musical offering in the performance sinks even to mediocre rating. The music, while excellent, would lose much of its effectiveness if it were not for the work of the singers. All the vocal efforts were perfectly executed.

Topical Song is Hit.

Probably the biggest hit of the evening was the topical song, "Things

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FLOODS CUT OFF WIRELESS REPORTS

For over thirty hours the university wireless has crashed forth in a vain endeavor to get news from the flood stricken section of the country but practically every effort has failed. With 25 excellent wireless stations located in different points in Ohio, the one at Cleveland alone has survived the destruction. Calls for every known station in Ohio have brought no responses and it is supposed that the batteries of all the silent stations are submerged.

Cleveland has sent in what little news has reached that city and South Bend has been heard from at intervals but authentic information is hard to obtain. Northern and western wireless stations have appealed to the station here for information and the big static has not been quiet for ten minutes since the first meager reports came in. The last report received here told of the destruction of Fremont.

THE WEATHER MAN

Forecast for Ann Arbor—Cloudy today, warmer tomorrow.

University Observatory—Wednesday, 7:00 p. m., temperature 25.8; maximum temperature 24 hours preceding, 31.2; minimum temperature 24 hours preceding, 25.0; wind velocity, 4 miles per hour; precipitation, 0.2 inches.

OVERWORK COMPELS PROFESSOR TO GIVE UP COLLEGE DUTIES.

Starting Michigan back to the western conference as well as many other committee duties have caused Prof. A. S. Whitney to leave his classes and seek recuperation at Mt. Clemens, Mich., following a general breakdown. Prof. Whitney left for there yesterday and will not resume his college work until after spring vacation.

During his absence his classes will be taken care of by Prof. C. O. Davis and Prof. F. S. Breed.

Saxophone Party to Be Prolonged.

The Wright Saxophone party at the Union tonight will be prolonged in order to accommodate those who will attend the performance of "Contrarie Mary." Tickets will be sold at the door.

HURON RIVER CATCHES FLOOD BUG; CHICKENS GO BOATING IN COOP.

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Not to be outdone by its sister streams, the mighty Huron,topic of poem and song, has overflowed its banks. Oldest inhabitants view the rushing flood with awe and speak respectfully of the day some ten years ago when it got as high as the railroad tracks. So far the situation has not become serious but it was rumored that a well populated chicken coop near the gas plant has temporarily moved down stream.

The old wooden dam below the boat house has stood the strain bravely taking its example from the new power structure just completed near the water works. In case the wooden dam gives way it is estimated a wall of water half a foot high will rush down the valley. The fall of snow last night will swell the mighty volume and it is believed the crest of the flood has not yet been reached

TRAGIC STRAIN MINGLES WITH MERRIMENT OF PERFORMERS

SMILES OF LEADING LADY CONCEAL ANXIETY AS TO WELFARE OF RELATIVES.

Few of those who witnessed the performance of "Contrarie Mary" last night and laughed at the jokes, hummed to the music and applauded the efforts of the actors, realized the tragedies and sacrifices underlying the smiles and cavortings of the comedians.

Joe G. Turpin, '14, reveling in the gorgeous clothes of a care free maiden, carried with him the knowledge that his home in Dayton was under twenty feet of water and his mother and sister were alone in that flood ridden city. Late yesterday afternoon he received word that his home was covered with the flood, but no word came from his mother and sister. His father and brother are absent from the city. Unable to get word there, and with only the uncertain knowledge that extra editions brought him, he carried on his part in the play.

The strains of the violins of the orchestra carried a secret note of pathos. Warren C. Breidenbach, '15, of Piqua, O., seated in the orchestra pit with his violin tucked under his chin, wondered whether any of his beloved ones were among the 540 inhabitants reported to have been drowned there. Hardly a word has been received from that city except the meager accounts of its reported destruction.

E. J. Busjahn, '14, of Logansport, Ind., sang in the chorus knowing that the city was inundated but he had the solace that so far no loss of life had been reported from there and communication was still open.

CLASS HEADS WILL DISCUSS HONOR SYSTEM

Pres. Kemp of Union Calls Meeting of Presidents to Consider Installation of New Exam Plan Here.

OFFICERS WILL GATHER AT UNION SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Methods in Vogue at Other Universities Will Be Investigated

A meeting of all class presidents has been called by President Kemp, of the Michigan Union, for Sunday afternoon at the clubhouse to discuss the honor system question.

Further developments in the honor system campaign will depend upon the sentiment expressed at this informal meeting. If it meets with sufficient approval, the class presidents will be formed into a permanent committee to introduce the plans into the various classes for consideration. Sub-committees will be appointed to investigate the honor system throughout the country, and their recommendations as to the system best adapted to Michigan will be submitted at the close of the spring recess.

The temporary committees will work under the direction of the Michigan Union. The meeting Sunday will be presided over by one of the Union vice-presidents.

FLOOD SPREADS TERROR AMONG 400 STUDENTS

Men From Deluged Districts Besiege Telegraph Office Eagerly Seeking News of Relatives and Friends.

CRIPPLED RAILWAYS PREVENT MANY FROM GOING TO HOMES

All day long yesterday and far into the blizzardy night students whose homes are situated within the flood district crowded the telegraph offices, haunted the long distance phone booths, besieged the news stands for "extras" and filed in and out of the offices of the Michigan Daily, eagerly seeking news from the deluged territory.

Hundreds of telegrams were filed at the local offices destined for Dayton, Troy, Piqua, Fremont,and other points, only to remain on the hook. All day long the distance phone operators gave the same answer, "No service to that point." Late last night, after other offices had closed, the students haunted The Daily offices eagerly devouring every report as it came in over the wires.

Inquiries by the hundred poured into the railroad companies' offices during the day as to possible train service and fear haunted students figured all possible means of getting to their homes. The report that the university hospital staff was to go to the scene of the disaster suggested a means, and all reports of a relief train from Detroit were eagerly scanned Not until the last report suspending train service south of Toledo was received did they give up hope of leaving and resolve to wait patiently for the hoped for news.

Over 400 students in the university hail from the stricken territory. With each message bringing additional tragic news of the increasing disasters many of these made frantic efforts to

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FIRE RAGES IN DAYTON; 200 DIE IN HOTEL

MEDICS READY TO LEAVE FOR FLOOD SCENE

Ohio Governor's Appeal For Aid Comes to University; Doctors and Nurses Await Further Orders to Start.

SENIOR MEDICAL STUDENTS JOIN EMERGENCY TROUPE.

An appeal for help for the stricken cities in flood covered Ohio has reached the university, and part of the medical staff of the general hosptial, a large number of nurses and many members of the senior medic class are in readiness to leave at a moments notice for the scene of the disasters. The order came in late yesterday afternoon and immediately after receiving it, members of the staff, nurses and students were notified to place themselves ready for a telegram ordering them to start.

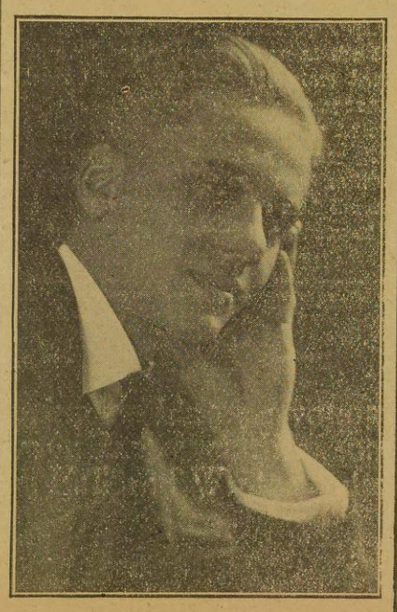
Gov. Cox, of Ohio sent an appeal for medical help to Secretary Warnshuis, of the Michigan State Medical society, late yesterday ,afternoon. Dr. Warnshuis immediately notified Regent Sawyer, of Hillsdale, who is president of the organization, and the latter at once communicated the order to Dr. Reuben Peterson of the university hospital.

As soon as the order was received and the staff placed in readiness for immediate departure, a wire was sent to the Ohio governor, asking for information and stating that the force was prepared to take departure. Up to a late hour last night no further word was heard from Gov. Cox, but it is expected that the order will be sent as soon as it becomes possible to reach the stricken cities.

Good Festival Seats Still on Sale.

Choice seats for the May Festival remain in blocks "A" and "B." Seats in block "A" are being sold at $6.00 each and in block "B" for $5.00. Block "C" seats are now on sale at $4.50. For holders of pre-festival tickets, seats in block "A" will be sold at $3.00 and those in block "B" at $2.00. Seats in block "C" will be disposed of at $1.50 to pre-festival ticket holders.

FOOTLIGHTS HIDE ANXIETY OF UNION OPERA STAR



Joe S. Turpin.

WATER RISES; CITIES APPEAL FOR AID FROM NATION

MEAGER REPORTS PREVENT ESTIMATES OF PERSONS LOST

Bulletin—2:00 A. M.

DETROIT, MICH., March 27.—An unconfirmed Associated Press report received here tonight states that the fire raging in Dayton has destroyed the Beckel Hotel, one of the largest hotels in the city. Over 200 people had taken refuge there and it is believed that all perished. The building is said to have burned to the water's edge and all were either burned or drowned.

It is impossible to get within ten miles of the stricken city. No estimate of the dead can be made.

Bulletin—1:30 A. M.

DETROIT, MICH., March 27.—Latest reports of Associated Press received here from the flood districts indicate that conditions are growing worse. The waters are still rising slowly in Ohio but in Indiana the floods are growing with startling rapidity. Indianapolis reports increasing disasters from all nearby points.

Bulletin—1:00 A. M.

DETROIT, MICH, March 27.—Long distance telephone from near Dayton brings news of greater disaster. The flood is still rising. Fire has broken out in several places in the center of the city and the business district seems doomed. Rescue crews are unable to cope with the flames and the fire has free sweep of the city. Hundreds who took refuge in office buildings,churches and other public buildings are in grave danger of death by fire or flood.

Bulletin—By Wireless.

FREMONT, OHIO, March 27.—The captain of the Port Clinton Life Saving station was drowned here this afternoon while engaged in rescue work. A relief train from Sandusky to flood stricken points is stalled here unable to proceed further.

DAYTON, OHIO, March 27.—The crest of the great flood has passed but the diminution of the water is slow. Estimates of the death list have fallen somewhat but anywhere from 500 to 1,000 are reported drowned. In the business section thousands are still marooned and the actual number of casualties will not be known until the waters have receded. .Great fears are now expressed that pestilence will follow on the heels of the flood and the government has been appealed to for tents and rations.

Cold, which may turn the drizzle into snow, is threatening the survivors with death from exposure. Motor boats are being used to assist in the rescue work as row boats cannot breast the current.

(Bulletin—Midnight.)
(Special by Detroit News Service.)

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 27.—The flood in Indiana is increasing in volume and the crest has not yet been reached. Many points throughout the state are sending out appeals for help and the situation is becoming grave. It is estimated that 250 already have lost their lives here and the population is fleeing to the highlands. The break of the Morris street levee here has been followed by the breaking of many other smaller ones and the water is creeping up over the entire city.

(By Wireless.)

CLEVELAND, OHIO, March 27.—Meager reports from Piqua indicate that the crest of the flood has passed that point and the waters are receding. The condition is evidently improved there but famine and pestilence are feared. No estimate has been made of the casualties but the first report of 500 drowned has not been denied.

(Bulletin—Midnight.)

SOUTH BEND, IND., March 27.—A message reaching here tonight says that Fremont is inundated. Eight are reported drowned. The property loss will reach half a million. Appeals for help have been sent out.

(Bulletin—Midnight.)

DETROIT, MICH., March 27.—Plans are being made to attempt to run a relief train through to the flood districts some time this morning. No time has been set for the departure but it will probably leave as soon as loaded. Surgeons, Nurses, and all sorts of supplies will be taken. .Railroad men are sceptical as to whether it will get through.

Bulletin—11:30 P. M.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 27.—Reports received here from Peru state that the flood is rising there. The entire city is under water and no relief is in sight. It is estimated that 300 people have perished and that no bodies have been recovered.

Bulletin—11:30 P. M.

DETROIT, MICH., March 27.—The flood at Troy is receding and it is believed that the immediate danger from the waters is past. No estimate has been made of the casualities but it is believed that the death toll is high. Property loss is impossible to calculate. Relief for the sufferers will be rushed through as fast as the awful conditions will allow. ....

(Special to The Michigan Daily.)

DETROIT, MICH., March 27.—All train service south of Toledo has been indefinitely suspended and no trains can enter the flooded district until further notice.