Democratic Watchman.

Bellefonte, Pa., June 11, 1909.

Nationalism in Music.

It is a curious fact that no great national music has ever been written among a people living under a republican form of government. The Swiss are, perhaps, the oldest example of a people living permanently under that regime, and there has never been a Swiss composer of any note or of even moderate ability. Against this it may be urged that the American democracy is unquestionably sui generis; that nothing like it has ever existed before, and that for this reason, being in a position to make precedent for ourselves we need not necessarily consider democracy per se as inimical to musical development. On the contrary, the very variety of the elements which are now forming the American nation would argue in favor of the possibility of the foundation of a national school of music, which, in uniting the characteristics of many peoples, might in time develop into something broader and stronger, fresher, more vital and more spontaneous than anything the world has hitherto seen. —Reginald de Koven in North American Review.

A Sign of Death.

There may have been many "signs" of death—so some people believe—but one described here is probably new to many. Mr. W. B. Cooper of Cheltenham tells of his father being ill, but not confined to bed, and one sunny day in June when he walked across the garden another man, the facsimile of his father, met him and "apparently passed into him."

"Shortly after my father came to me and said, 'Did you see me go across the garden?' I said, 'Yes.' 'Well,' he said, 'I shan't be here long. Our family see themselves before they die.' Although I had seen this, I said, 'Nonsense.' He shook his head and walked away. Shortly after he took to his bed and died July 5. My father during the few days he was in bed—we were haymaking at the time—asked each morning, 'Which field are you in now?' When we came to a certain field called 'Cadley,' he said, with a sigh of great satisfaction, 'Ah, I shall die now.'"

He died the same morning near midday.—T. P.'s London Weekly.

A Financial Parable.

Just before the collection was taken up one Sunday morning a negro clergyman anounced that a certain brother had forgotten to lock the door of his chicken house the night before, and, as a result, in the morning he found that most of the fowls had disappeared. "I doan' want to be pussonal, bredr'n," he added, "but I hab my s'picions as to who stole dem chickens. I also hab reason fo' b'lievin' dat if I am right in dose s'picions dat pusson won't put any money in de plate which will now be passed around."

The result was a fine collection. Not a single member of the congregation feigned sleep. After it was counted the old parson came forward.

"Now, bredr'n," he said, "I doan' want your dinners to be spoilt by wonderin' where dat brudder lives who doan' lock his chickens up at night. Dat brudder doan' exist, mah friends. He was a parable gotten up fo' purpose of finances."

Old Time Salaries.

How often clerks and other employees of big firms are heard to complain of the small salaries they receive! Yet if they realized that Columbus drew a salary of only just over £66 a year they would, perhaps, hesitate before grumbling at their £100 or £150 per annum. Prominent clergymen have received as much as and more than £10,000 a year, and yet John Knox only got 16s. 8d. a week, and that was 4s. 2d. more than Scottish judges of his time. It must be confessed, however, that at this period of small salaries money went a long way. For instance, a good Christmas dinner for a family of six during the sixteenth century could be provided for an outlay of about eightpence halfpenny.—London Standard.

Died With Warm Feet.

Isaac O'Barns, once pension commissioner in Boston, appointed by President Franklin Pierce, was known for his terse and cutting sayings. It was told of him that he promised to subscribe for the erection of a Baptist church on condition that they should "baptize 'em in hot water."

It is of Mr. O'Barns the story is told that when on his deathbed, or when he thought he was dying and the doctor had pronounced his feet warm and said that no one had ever died with warm feet, the old gentleman inquired in a whisper whether the doctor had forgotten the case of John Rogers.

Skinny Boys and Chunky Girls.

In referring to a thin boy it is all right to call him "skinny," but you must call a thin girl "spirituelle." It means the same, but sounds better. Never call any one but a boy "puny." A "puny" girl should be called fragile." It sounds more like delicate china, and all of that sex like to be compared to fine Dresden. A "chunky" boy is all right, but a girl has a "finely rounded figure." A boy is "gawky," but a girl displays "untutored grace." —Atchison Globe.

Quite Natural.

"That play had some very natural touches."

"Drama of domestic life, eh?"

"Yes; they had a new servant in every scene, and the heroine was a brunette in act 1 and a blond in act 2."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Penalty of Kindness.

The man who had about three times as much as he could carry felt in his pocket for a nickel. The conductor waited patiently while he extracted a package of cigarette papers, four matches, a little wad of string and a corkscrew.

"Noshing doin'," said the sozzled one and immediately lost interest in the matter.

"Come, get off," said the conductor. "Here; it's Jefferson avenue. I can't let you go any farther without paying."

Just then a fat man leaned over and gave the conductor a nickel. "Let him ride," he said, and the "con" rang up the fare and passed on.

When the car reached the end of the line the inebriated gentleman was still dozing.

"Why don't you get off?" roared the "con," shaking him. "Where do you want to go?"

The passenger opened one watery eye sleepily.

"Where do I go?" he exclaimed. "W'y, Jefferson avenue!"—St. Louis Republic.

Bigger Than the Sun.

A minute parallax of about one-sixtieth of a second of arc found for Arcturus by Dr. Elkin gave a most astounding result. This small parallax implies a distance from the earth equal to about 12,000,000 times the sun's distance. This vast distance would produce a diminution of light of about thirty-five and one-fourth magnitudes, so that the sun placed at the distance of Arcturus would be reduced to a star of only nine and three-fourths magnitude. It would not be visible with an opera glass. Arcturus is therefore in round numbers nine and one-half magnitudes, or over 6,000 times brighter than the sun would be at the same distance. Assuming the same density and brightness of surface as the sun, the diameter of Arcturus would therefore be about seventy-nine times the sun's diameter, or over 68,000,000 miles, and its mass about 500,000 times the mass of the sun—figures well calculated to "stagger the imagination."

Why Sailors Like "Scraps."

It has long been observed that the sailor, whether in commercial or government service, takes a peculiar delight in "mixing up" with the bluecoat, but this inclination has been attributed more to a natural exuberance which comes with a land leave, accelerated somewhat by artificial means, than to animus inherent with deep sea life. But why this feeling? Perhaps it is that the strict rules of marine service, the long periods of close confinement to which the seaman is subjected, make him a hater of any one who wears the emblem of authority when he is temporarily enjoying freedom on shore leave away from the restraints aboard ship. The sailor wants liberty in its full sense, and, realizing that the bluecoat is the chief obstacle to his obtaining it, he develops a firm conviction that the policeman ought to be trounced on general principles. In time it becomes his chief peaceful ambition.—Brooklyn Standard Union.

Poetic Justice.

A certain couple in a New England village, each the parent of six children, had meted out to them a kind of poetic justice in which they failed to see the poetry.

The woman, a widow, pleading that she had no home and was therefore unable to care for her children, induced the local authorities to admit them to an orphan asylum. The man, a widower, pleading he had no housekeeper and therefore no one to care for his children, induced the authorities to admit his six also. Thereupon, being freed from all incumbrances, these two married.

All went well for a few months, when the authorities, learning of the situation, promptly dispatched the twelve children back to their parents, and, the woman no longer able to represent herself as homeless or the man as without a housekeeper, they were forced to receive them.

Death in Various Forms.

A crank came running into the office and said that a man swallowed a two foot rule and died by inches. The editor started out at once to learn further particulars of the death and, meeting Dr. Martin, told him about the case. He said that was nothing; that he had a patient once who swallowed a thermometer and died by degrees. A couple of bystanders just then chipped in. One of them said it reminded him of a fellow in Kansas who swallowed a pistol and went off easy. The other one said he had a friend who took a quart of applejack and died in good spirits.—Exchange.

All Right.

"That girl's all right," said the blond girl in the dressing room after she had looked everywhere for her overshoes. "The one who has just left, she's gone off with both the right overshoes and left me the left ones."—New York Times.

An Early Riser.

"Are you an early riser, Pat?"

"Am I? Sure, I'm sich an early riser, sor, that I'm afeared some time I'll ketch mestlf gittin' up when I'm goin' to bed!"—Yonkers Statesman.

A Good Excuse.

Little Willie—I don't need to take a bath tonight, mamma. Mamma—Why not? Little Willie—I was out in the rain today and got all wet.—New York Journal.

I speak the truth, not so much as I would, but as much as I dare, and I dare a little the more as I grow older. —Montaigne.

Cause For Regret.

"I licked the stuffin' out o' Dick Smith this mornin'."

"You bad boy! Aren't you sorry for it?"

"Yessum—awful sorry. I jest found out that he's goin' ter have a birthday party tomorrow."—Cleveland Leader.

In the Toils.

"Were you ever sent up in a balloon, Sam?"

"No, sah. I's been sent up several times, but never in a balloon, sah!"—Yonkers Statesman.

Beware the geese when the fox preaches.—Spanish Proverb.

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†7 05	6 55	2 20	BELLEFONTE.	9 10	5 05	9 40
7 15	7 06	2 32	.....Nigh.....	8 57	4 52	9 27
7 20	†7 11	2 37	.....Zion.....	†8 51	4 47	†9 21
7 27	7 18	2 45	...HECLA PARK...	8 45	4 41	9 15
7 29		2 47	..... Dunkles.....	8 43	4 38	9 13
7 33	†7 23	2 51	...Hublersburg...	†8 39	4 34	†9 09
7 37	7 28	2 55	...Snydertown....	8 36	4 29	9 05
7 40	†7 30	2 58	.....Nittany.....	†8 34	4 27	†9 02
7 42	†7 33	3 01	.....Huston.....	†8 32	4 24	†9 00
7 46	7 38	3 05	.....Lamar.....	†8 29	4 21	†8 57
7 48	†7 40	3 08	....Clintondale....	†8 26	4 18	†8 54
7 52	7 44	3 12	...Krider's Siding.	8 22	4 14	8 50
7 56	†7 49	3 16	...Mackeyville....	†8 18	4 09	†8 48
8 02	7 54	3 22	...Cedar Spring...	8 12	4 03	8 43
8 05	7 57	3 25	.....Salona.....	8 10	4 01	8 41
8 10	8 02	3 30	...MILL HALL...	8 05	3 56	8 36
(*N. Y. Central & Hudson River R. R.*)						
11 40	8 53		.....Jersey Shore.....	3 09		7 55
12 15	9 30	Arr.	WM'sPORT Lve	2 35		†7 26
†12 29	11 30	Lve	WM'sPORT Arr.	2 30		6 50
(*Phila. & Reading Ry.*)						
7 30	6 50		.....PHILA.....	†8 36		11 30
10 10	9 00		.....NEW YORK..... (Via Phila.)			9 00
p. m.	a. m.	Arr.	Lve.	a. m.		p. m

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2 00	10 15	6 30	...Bellefonte....	8 50	12 50	6 00
2 07	10 20	6 35	..... Coleville.....	8 40	12 40	5 50
2 12	10 23	6 38	..... Morris.....	8 37	12 37	5 47
2 17	10 27	6 43	.....Stevens.....	8 35	12 35	5
			..Lime Centre..			
2 21	10 30	6 46	.Hunter's Park.	8 31	12 31	5 40
2 26	10 34	6 50	....Fillmore.....	8 28	12 28	5 32
2 32	10 40	6 55	.....Briarly.....	8 24	12 24	5 30
2 35	10 45	7 00	.....Waddles.....	8 20	12 20	5 25
2 50	10 57	7 12	....Krumrine.....	8 07	12 07	5 07
3 20	11 10	7 25	..State College..	8 00	12 00	5
		7 27	.....Strubles.....	8 45		3 30
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