

YSAYE AND ELMAN IN JOINT RECITAL

They Delight an Immense Audience at the Metropolitan Opera House

Ysaye, violinist and conductor of the Cincinnati Orchestra, and Mischa Elman, violinist, gave another of their recitals of music for two violins before an immense audience at the Metropolitan Opera House last evening.

The second number on the program was the sonata in E major by Handel, but when the performers appeared Mr. Ysaye announced that they would play the Bach double concerto instead.

\$1,000,000 Overpay to Contractors, Charge

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waded through a mass of formal reports of work in a certain district. Do you fancy that he would go to the trouble and expense to verify those facts and endeavor to obtain personal observation and examination the number of men at work for a contractor in a certain district on a particular day?

Easy to Explain Discrepancies

"And carrying the idea to its final analysis suppose he did discover discrepancies, nothing is so easy to explain them away to a nonexpert investigator, to say nothing of other obstacles that might be placed in his pathway through the workings of a great and powerful political and business system."

From a drawer in his desk Mr. Hepburn produced a sheet of letters, tabular reports and other documents, selecting a tabulated statement from the mass, he continued:

"In connection with this specification, which I have just quoted, and which requires that the contractor shall employ at all times a sufficient force to clean the streets," I have been a reporter which gives in detail the amount of money paid daily to the contractor in each of the nine districts into which the city is divided for street cleaning, with the contract price divided by 300, the estimated number of working days in a year.

Report of Daily Payments

Table with 4 columns: District, Estimated Number of Working Days, Contract Price, Amount Paid Daily. Rows include 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th districts.

"Taking the three largest contractors," said the chief, "the figures show that E. H. Vane receives \$4182 daily for his work in the Third and Fourth districts, the estate of David McManis receives \$1067 daily in the Ninth district, while James Irvin every day gets \$955 in the Second district.

Number of Cleaners at Work Jan. 29

Table with 2 columns: District, Number of Cleaners. Rows include 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th districts.

"The tabulated figures show a total of 859 men employed for the entire city of Philadelphia as a street cleaning force," explained the chief.

"Forees Ridiculously Inadequate" have determined to take that specification regarding the number of men to be employed in its literal sense.

same, I herewith request that you increase your gang on street cleaning to at least 200 men, until such times as every crossing and intersection, inlet and freepipe, in your district, is cleaned. It is absolutely essential that you put every wagon used on street cleaning out for the removal of snow from the business sections where they can do the most good, or for the intersections that are so full of snow as to be continually littered after being cleaned.

Furthermore, I ask you for a daily report of the number of men in your district, and the work accomplished each day. I wish to see such a report for this, which I will send you shortly.

Yours very truly, D. M. HEPBURN, Chief of Bureau.

Business Proposition

"This is a business proposition," said Mr. Hepburn. "This department must be run on business principles, and to make certain that the specification mentioned is lived up to by the contractors I have prepared a system by which every street cleaner in every district is checked up every day, and the contractor paid accordingly. This is the peak of the season and contractors should be employing more men than at any other time of the year, due to emergency. In some instances their payroll should exceed their daily income at this particular time. The loss can be made good during months when fewer men are required."

When the streets are covered with snow or ice so that the regular work of street cleaning cannot be prosecuted, the contractor shall employ a sufficient force to keep clear all crossings, fire hydrants, inlets and gutters leading to inlets. It is to be distinctly understood that when snow is on the ground all the equipment, including wagons, must be engaged in its removal, and any equipment absent will be subject to the specified deductions.

All street crossings for a width of at least eight (8) feet, inlets, gutters approaching same, and all gutters necessary to drain crossings within one hundred (100) feet of inlets and streets in front of freepipes for a radius of ten (10) feet, must be kept clear of dirt, mud, ice and snow. A pathway at least 35 (35) feet in width between the curb-line and the tracks, at a suitable distance beyond all intersections, must be kept clear at all times of ice, snow, mud and water, so as to enable pedestrians to comfortably enter the rear end of trolley cars, where rear-entrance cars are operated. All bridges not otherwise provided for, and gutters and footways on and under the same, and steps leading thereto shall be kept clear of snow, ice, dirt and mud; when dangerous to public travel shall be sprinkled with bar sand or cinders, to be furnished by the contractors.

Some Things Overlooked

"It may surprise you," continued Chief Hepburn, "to know of the many things required of street-cleaning contractors which are neglected or overlooked by them. For example, they are required to sprinkle, at their own expense, with bar sand or cinders, all footways and steps of city bridges when they are dangerous to travel."

"Does the number of men employed in each street-cleaning district, which you have already quoted, represent the minimum number employed?"

Once more Mr. Hepburn dug into his pile of reports and memoranda and, extracting a sheet of paper, said:

"On January 31 I requested every street-cleaning contractor to appear at my office. I had abundance of written reports, but I wanted to get some verbal information on the subject. I had been making private investigations into the bureau which affect their interests. One instance in particular which I recall was that of a letter, on official business, which before it was returned to me for my signature, had been communicated to the outside world.

"It amounts to a system of espionage. I have heard an open boast that this system is so perfect that nothing of any moment can take place in the bureau without it being instantly known to those interested on the outside. If this be true of my bureau it is a foregone conclusion that it is true of others. But we shall see," commented Chief Hepburn, with significant emphasis.

"Every contractor with the exception of two confessed that he had about twenty men in his district as a force for street cleaning. Twenty men at the average wage of \$3.60 per man would represent a total outlay of \$75, and yet one of these contractors is collecting \$295 per day from the city for that work. The city pays another \$39 per day for this service, and so on down the list.

"You can now understand, perhaps, why, when demanding that the street cleaning force in every district in the city shall be maintained in sufficient number to keep the streets in condition and give the city a fair return for its money."

Two Answer Promptly

"Two contractors, one in the center of the city and another on the outskirts, answered promptly when I asked as to their forces. They made the best showing but even they did not come up to what I consider a fulfillment of the specification.

The removal of snow from the streets in the removal area in the heart of the city is emergency work in which thousands of dollars daily can be wasted and no one is the wiser, unless constant and honest supervision is maintained. We are endeavoring to eliminate every opportunity which affords a chance for intentional or unintentional errors.

It is possible by altering a check mark to add eight or ten dollars a day to the legitimate amount earned by the big motor-truck or team. We have a diagram which by a series of measurements shows the capacity of any wagon or truck. The load capacity is indicated by a punch mark in a card that is daily furnished every driver. Mistakes are frequent, but I regret to say that the majority of them are against the city, by crediting the truck or wagon with a larger capacity than it is entitled to."

Errors Were Common

All down the list errors of half a yard against the city were common. At the same time the list showed a credit in favor of the city, but in no instance did it exceed half a yard. They were few and far between.

"One other thing that I desire to mention," went on Mr. Hepburn, "is the facility with which the contractors and their employees are able to secure information of affairs in the bureau which affect their interests. One instance in particular which I recall was that of a letter, on official business, which before it was returned to me for my signature, had been communicated to the outside world.

"I am now in the position of one seeking information. I am looking for facts and figures. Before undertaking to make any definite statement I want to get down to bed rock and get at these facts and figures.

"It will be some time, of course, before my inquiries are completed, and before I am ready to make any further statement. Like the Mayor, I am interested in saving the money of the taxpayers and in getting the best possible returns on what is spent."

Ada Huff Is Held in Abduction Case

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It was her child. She said the father, William Nagle, had been killed by crossing wires in New Jersey. The principal witness for the Commonwealth was Mrs. Leonard. She admitted she had answered the advertisement in the newspaper, and that she had gone to the house at 2213 Walnut street, when she would take the baby home, and that she had gone away somewhere.

The only other witness was William C. Nagle, "the dead husband," according to one agreement. I was told she had been discharged from the house and had gone away somewhere.

MAYOR WILL PROBE STREET CLEANING

With Director Winston He Will Go to Bottom of Question, He Announces

Mayor Moore and Director Winston announced this afternoon that they would go to the bottom of the street cleaning question.

Both expressed lively interest in the assertion of Donald M. Hepburn, chief of the Bureau of Street Cleaning, that the street cleaning contractors were overpaid \$1,000,000 a year.

"We intend to save money wherever we can," said Mr. Moore. "The contractors are being pressed hard at present in clearing the streets under extraordinary conditions.

Director Winston and Chief Hepburn are going into the matter thoroughly. I have heard rumors that the contractors' profits have been large."

Director Winston is eager to get at all the facts concerning the work of the street cleaning contractors and their profits.

I have heard it stated that the con-

tractors made very large profits," he explained. "Therefore, I am deeply interested in George Noe McGain's article in the Evening Public Ledger today. I am looking for all the information possible, and would like very much to talk the matter over with Colonel McCain."

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LOYAL LEGION TO MEET

The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, headquarters commandery of the state of Pennsylvania, will meet at 8 o'clock this evening at the Union League, Broad and Sansom streets, L. W. Munnhall, D. D., will make an address on the subject of "Adopting the Man." Candidates will be voted on for membership.

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it from North Water Gap, to adopt her baby, Mrs. Leonard shook her head emphatically.

"I'll never part with Genevieve again," she said, with conviction, holding the dark-eyed child close to her breast.

Hodge was captivated with the baby during the trip from Stroudsburg to Philadelphia, and after a conference with his wife, had expressed a desire to adopt Genevieve.

Mrs. Leonard got her child back last night at the detective bureau. Frank Hodge, the city detective, who located Miss Huff at North Water Gap, arrived in the city with the woman and baby and took them to detective headquarters.

Mrs. Leonard was waiting. She paid no attention to Miss Huff, but rushed up and got her baby. She brought a bottle of milk to feed it. She and the baby sat on a bench next to Miss Huff, but apparently oblivious of her proximity.

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