

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Nancy Wynne Attends the Opera and Supper-Dance at the Academy—She Sees Smart Frocks—Tells of a Charming Who Uses Long Words

Mrs. J. WILMER BIDDLE'S daughters are very attractive. I saw Virginia at one of the balls the other night. She was wearing a dress of sapphire blue and gold brocade.

THE opera last night was very exciting. It's long since we have had an opera that had not been given in this city before, and every one wanted to go, hear and criticize. It was interesting, but you'll always find a great many who would rather hear the old favorites over and over. It's hard to please everybody. In fact, it can't be done.

MRS. JOE LEIDY and Miss Frances Wister received at the supper-dance and Mrs. Van Rensselaer, Mrs. George Drexel and several others assisted. Mrs. Constance Lloyd, the debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stacy B. Lloyd of Wye House, Ardmore.

BETTY has an alarming tendency to use overheard words regardless of their significance. Recently she came on here to stay with grandma, who lives in one of the big old houses on Pine street, which boasts a garden back street possibilities unknown in Betty's Main Line surroundings.

THE other day she ran in from her playing with a very severe and prying expression of countenance, and said she: "The boys from that alley are dreadfully profound." Then convinced that her statement had created a certain amount of sensation among the neighbors she added: "They were dreadfully."

"Oh, you mean that they are profound," said grandma, "Betty dear, do not use overheard words like that. And don't Betty with much dignity. Why grandma, I know perfectly the meanings of all my words—only I can't always remember them."

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph G. Rosenkranz, of 2212 Locust street, will give a ball on Tuesday evening, February 28, at the Ritz-Carlton, in honor of Miss Elizabeth Yarnall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Yarnall, of 2014 Walnut street. Miss Yarnall will be the guest of honor at a dinner at the Ritz-Carlton, on Friday evening, January 27, which Judge and Mrs. Charles B. McMichael, of 2209 Locust street, will give. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wain Harrison, of Happy Creek farm, St. Davids, are entertained at a theatre party, to be followed by a supper at the Ritz-Carlton, on Friday evening, February 10, in honor of Miss McMichael, who is their niece.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlotte Yarnall, of Seventeenth and Locust streets, will entertain at a dinner on Thursday evening, February 2, in honor of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Yarnall, before the dinner they will give that same evening in the foyer of the Academy of Music in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Yarnall.

Mr. William Henry Newbold, of the Coronado, will entertain at luncheon today at the Bellevue-Stratford. Covers will be laid for twelve. Mrs. George Newbold will also entertain at a luncheon at the Bellevue-Stratford, to be followed by a theatre party, on Wednesday, January 11.

One of next season's debutantes will be Miss Elizabeth Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morgan, of Chicago, who will be formally presented to society by her parents early next winter.

Miss Hannah Marlin Elliott, debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Elliott, of 217 South Seventeenth street, whose engagement has recently been announced to Mr. Walter Crockett Dew, will be the guest of honor at a card party to be followed by tea on Thursday afternoon, January 19, to be given by Miss Katharine D. Porter, at her home, Springfield avenue, Chestnut Hill.

The guests who will attend the theatre party to be followed by supper this evening which Mr. and Mrs. L. Howard Weatherly, of 2913 Chestnut street, will give in honor of Miss Ellen Douglas Lloyd, debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stacy B. Lloyd, will include Miss Bessie Harris, Miss Ruth Bernstein, Miss Minerva Meyers, Miss Ida Lenn, Miss Isabel Medoff, Miss Ida Sorokin, Miss Bessie Harris, Miss Mary Getzen, Miss Mamie Althaus, Miss Florence A. Loveland, of Westborough, N. J.; Miss Ruth L. Phillips, Miss Effie Stens, Mr. Abraham Bernstein, Mr. Harry Althaus, Mr. Silas Stens, Mr. David Dren, Mr. Albert Rosenfeld, Mr. William Delbert, Jr., Mr. Joseph Sandier, Mr. Samuel Meyers, Mr. David Chambragne, Mr. John Weiner, Dr. Laurence M. Rosenfeld, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wachtel, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Edelmann, of 1625 North Thirty-second street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rose to Mr. Samuel Maxwell Weinstein.

On Friday evening of this week the members of St. Thomas' Dramatic Association will entertain at the Navy Yard. Among those who will assist in the affair are Miss Anna McLaughlin, Miss Nan Hanigan, Miss Regina Corish, Mr. Joseph Finnerty, Mr. William Carey, Mr. John Maloy, Mr. Thomas Finn, Mr. Daniel Malloy, Mr. William McDonald, Mr. John Eley, Mr. Anthony McElroy, Mr. William Barratt, Mr. Joseph Hickey, Mr. James McLaughlin, Mr. John Nehill, Mr. Robert Fitzgerald, Mr. Frank O'Brien and Mr. Carroll.

POPULAR YOUNG MATRON



Mrs. James H. R. Cromwell, who has an apartment at the Wellington, will leave shortly with Mr. Cromwell for Palm Beach.

NORTH PHILADELPHIA

Mr. Stanley Wachtel Rosenfeld was the guest of honor at a surprise party which his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Rosenfeld, of 3720 North Seventeenth street, gave last Saturday. The guests included Miss Beba R. Sugarman, of Devalut, Pa.; Miss Helen Orkin, Miss Miriam S. Rosenfeld, Miss Ruth Bernstein, Miss Minerva Meyers, Miss Ida Lenn, Miss Isabel Medoff, Miss Ida Sorokin, Miss Bessie Harris, Miss Mary Getzen, Miss Mamie Althaus, Miss Florence A. Loveland, of Westborough, N. J.; Miss Ruth L. Phillips, Miss Effie Stens, Mr. Abraham Bernstein, Mr. Harry Althaus, Mr. Silas Stens, Mr. David Dren, Mr. Albert Rosenfeld, Mr. William Delbert, Jr., Mr. Joseph Sandier, Mr. Samuel Meyers, Mr. David Chambragne, Mr. John Weiner, Dr. Laurence M. Rosenfeld, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wachtel, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Edelmann, of 1625 North Thirty-second street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rose to Mr. Samuel Maxwell Weinstein.

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bastian, of 1119 Ritter street, have been entertaining for a few days Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fulton and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Barth, of Westville, N. J. On January 27, Mr. and Mrs. Fulton and Mr. and Mrs. Barth will leave for Florida, where they expect to remain for several months.

DELAWARE COUNTY

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Armitage are entertaining Mrs. Armitage's sister, Mrs. Kenneth McDonald, of Pittsburg, who was before her marriage, Miss Miriam Pudan.

PROMINENT PARENTS INTERVIEWED

Miss Ada Deering, entertained the members of her bridge club at her home on Friday evening. The guests included Mrs. Harry Armitage, Mrs. Logan Annette, Mrs. William Todd, Mrs. Kenneth McDonald, Mrs. J. William Simmons, Miss Martha Comfort and Miss Sarah Sweeney.

LALO'S "LE ROI D'YS" GIVEN FOR FIRST TIME

Excellent Performance Proves Opera to Be Distinctive but Not Great

THE CAST: Benjamin Gill, Giuseppe Danise, Paolo Ananian, Jeanne Gordon, Francis Alda, Albert Wolff.

The Metropolitan Opera Company last evening continued the excellent plan which Mr. Gatti-Casazza has adopted toward Philadelphia this season, of giving our audiences the really worth-while novelties which are produced in New York by the first Philadelphia performance of Lalo's 'Le Roi d'Ys' with an excellent cast and the accurate and beautiful stage settings for which the company is famous.

The opera as a whole proved to be a distinctive and original work, peculiarly French in style, but French in a different way from the operas of any other composer of that nationality. There is little use of the Wagnerian 'leit-motif,' but that composer's idea of continuous melody, instead of set recitative, is followed throughout. Most of the melodies are very effective, and the aria for tenor in the first scene of the last act, 'Vainement, o bien-aimée,' is one of the loveliest in modern operatic writing. The vocal requirements and the situation exactly fit the voice and the style of Mr. Gill, and it is doubtful if any tenor living could have given a better performance than he did. The applause at the close of the aria stopped the performance for several minutes.

The orchestration of the opera is singularly uneven. At most times it is exquisitely beautiful, but in a few places it is peculiarly ineffective, especially when Lalo's experience with instrumental music is considered. At these spots the orchestration is not adapted either to the dramatic situation nor to the vocal effect apparently aimed at.

Another interesting point is the ballet. A ballet has no more place in this tragic and gloomy story than it has in the Wagnerian music drama, and the composer apparently realized this, but knew at the same time that the French operatic tradition demands a ballet, even if it has to interrupt a funeral scene on the stage. To omit it entirely would probably mean a real funeral for the opera. He gave a better performance than he did. The applause at the close of the aria stopped the performance for several minutes.

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