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CHAT CHANGES CASUALTIES

WM. F. CONKLING, formerly manager of music store of J. H. Hickok, 21 Colden street, Newburgh, N. Y., has opened up a music store for himself. Mr. Conkling will handle a large stock of musical instruments.

PROF. OWEN I. TURTLE, New York, has invented a wrist and arm rest for acquiring proper position for hands, arms and wrist in playing on piano, and has formed a stock company under name of Piano Wrist and Arm Mfg. Co.

MR. FRED J. SEKER is now connected with Spickers, dealer in musical instruments at corner of Broadway and Church streets, Paterson, N. J.

THE Starck and Strack Piano Co., Chicago, Ill., certified to change of name to Russell Piano Co.

TWAY PIANO CO., New York, has been incorporated; capital \$25,000. Directors: Edwin N. Kimball, Boston, Mass.; Wm. F. Tway, Brooklyn, and Alex. H. Wray, New York City.

H. J. W. CHAPMAN, music dealer, 182 East Fulton street, Grand Rapids, Mich., has made an assignment for the benefit of the creditors. Geo. Holtgeerts, assignee. Assets, \$16,385.50; liabilities, \$12,086.78.

FRANK SCHIVEBUS, employee of the guitar factory, Westside, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., fell down stairs and broke his arm the other day.

PIANOMAKERS of New York report that the conditions of their trade is improving.

SCHLEICHER & SONS, piano manufacturers, have discontinued their branch store in Yonkers, N. Y., but will continue their other branches.

THE Levassor Piano Co., Cincinnati, O., will, on April 7th, give a Shaw piano to the person who guesses the nearest to time it will take a messenger boy to climb from company's office to roof of their four story building, 26 West 4th street, and drop a quarter to the ground below.

A NEW string instrument was used for the first time a few weeks ago at a concert given by Fritz Schlachter. It is called the violetta and was invented by Dr. Alfred Stelzner, of Dresden, Germany.

S. K. MYERS, Cedar Rapids, Mich., has opened a music store at 18 1st street.

L. O. SHIBLEY, for six years connected with music house of Century Piano Co, Minneapolis, Minn., has severed his connection with that house, and will leave for Chicago, where he has two very fine offers, but has not yet decided which to take.

THE Equitable Trust Company, receivers of the Columbian Organ and Piano Co., 95 Dearborn street, Chicago, intend selling out the general stock of that concern on March 15th.

GEO. M. GUILD is out with another new piano action which he has patented, and, as might be expected, assigned to L. A. Guild.

MR. ROBERT A. STORY, brother of Mr. Ed. H. Story, of the Story & Clark Organ Co., died at El Paso, Tex., on March 2d. He had been sojourning in the South for some time, hoping that a milder climate would relieve a pulmonary trouble from which he had for some time suffered.

MR. S. K. MYERS, of Cedar Rapids, Ia., has concluded to handle the line of goods manufactured by the Chicago Cottage Organ Co. exclusively in the future. Mr. Myers has recently opened one of the finest stores in that city.

THE territory which has been mapped out for Mr. John Summers, who has recently connected himself with Lyon, Potter & Co, embrace the States of Illinois, Iowa and the eastern part of Michigan.

MR. W. B. PRICE has issued a call to the different piano houses in Washington for the purpose of forming a Music Trade Association in that city. This has been rendered necessary by the fact that numerous private individuals have entered the ranks of "commission fiends" to the injury of the legitimate dealers. Mr. Price, the temporary president, is the representative of the W. W. Kimball house in Washington.

MR. WILL McARTHUR, son of F. E. McArthur, manager of the Schubert piano warerooms at 14th street, will be interested with W. T. Crane in pushing the Kimball instruments in Syracuse, N. Y.

FRANK JONES, the well-known dealer in musical instruments and sheet music at Orange, N. J., has entered the field of piano manufacturing. He has taken Mr. Adam Ruckstuhl as his mechanical man. Mr. Ruckstuhl is a well-known piano maker and has been connected with many important firms. The Ruckstuhl piano will probably be placed on the market within the next two months.

THE Piano Manufacturers' Association of New York and vicinity have postponed their March meeting until April 10th. There was nothing of importance to be transacted.

MR. H. W. BATES & Co, of Boston, suffered a loss of about \$5,000 by fire in their warerooms, at 72 and 74 Pearl street, on the 28th ult. The loss is covered by insurance.

LECHNER & SCHOENBERGER, of Pittsburg, intend to remove to a new and capacious ware-room on April 1st. It is in an attractive centre at 94 Fifth avenue, next door to the Opera House.

THE W. W. Kimball Co., Chicago, have become interested in the C. H. Martin Piano Co., Sioux City, Ia. They have closed out the entire stock of their branch house in that city to the C. H. Martin Piano Co., and appointed them exclusive agents of that territory. C. A. Elmsendorf, who has been manager of the Kimball branch in Sioux City, has become a member of the C. H. Martin Co.

JOSEPH H. HUBER, of J. Huber & Son, music dealers at Greenburg, Pa. died suddenly of heart failure on February 21st, at his home on Arch street.

LUDWIG & Co. are about to erect a three story building for the manufacture of pianos on Southern Boulevard, between 135th and 136th streets. The lot is ninety feet front, with a depth of one hundred feet. The ground will be broken immediately, so the factory can be occupied by the first day of May.

MR. CHAS. H. DITSON, of C. H. Ditson & Co., this city, has left for an extended sojourn in California. The latest report to hand locates him at Los Angeles, where he will spend a few weeks.

IN 1892 Chas. Edwards, agent for M. P. Moller, manufacturer of church and concert organs, Hagerstown, Md., sold John Beekley, of West Nantmeal, Pa., an organ for \$90, \$30 cash and the balance to be paid in two notes. Edwards took the notes to Honeybrook and induced Love Lemmon to cash them, and when the notes became due Mr. Beekley paid them. Edwards went West, taking with him proceeds of organ sales. The organ company has never been able to capture the fugitive, and is trying to make Beekley, through their attorneys, pay the notes over again. His position is that Edwards' transactions were binding on the company as their agent.

JAS. B. ADRIANCE, at one time a very competent tuner, now out of work, was fined \$5, Tuesday, in the Yorkville Police Court, by Justice Voorhees, for striking Capt. Reilly of the 51st street Police Station.

GEMMEL & TASMAN, dealers in musical instruments, etc., Summit, N. J., will move, April 1st, from their present quarters on Union avenue to Maple street.

S. K. MYERS, formerly of the music firm of Myers & Early, Fort Dodge, Ia., has opened up a new music house in Cedar Rapids, under the firm name of S. K. Myers Co.

C. W. LEASURE, has purchased the music business of Leasure Bros., Faribault, Minn., J. E. Leasure who went to California last fall having decided to locate there permanently.