

# THE BIG ORGAN IS ALMOST READY

Fine Instrument Being  
Rapidly Installed  
Here.

## TWO FINE CONCERTS

They Will be Given in  
Latter Part of  
January.

One of the biggest organs on the continent, and by far the biggest in Ohio, is now being installed in Music hall on Exchange street.

The big organ is being erected by a large force of the most skillful craftsmen in the country. The work is progressing rapidly and the new organ will be ready for use January 20.

The manufacturers, Lyon & Healy of Chicago, are so proud of the splendid instrument that they have published a beautiful brochure, giving a complete description of the "Akron Organ," and have mailed copies of it to all parts of the world. The organ was set up in the factory and tested before it was sent here, and it was found to have the finest quality of tone of any big instrument in the country.

**A Splendid Instrument.**  
The new organ is an instrument in which every resident of the city should be interested and of which every one should be extremely proud. It means much to Akron to have such an organ here and a great amount of the credit of getting it here is due Mrs. Spilman Riggs, who was instrumental in securing funds by subscription to meet the great cost of the instrument.

The dedication of the organ will be marked by a musical festival lasting two days, January 24 and 25. The best talent in the country has been secured for the two concerts. The two entertainments will be entirely distinctive and there will be an entirely different array of talent and arrangement of program on the second night. Such a brilliant array of musical talent as will be heard at the mid-winter festival has never been heard in Akron or any other city of the state.

**The First Concert.**  
The organ is of such remarkably superior character that it will be necessary for patrons of the festival to attend both evenings to fully comprehend the magnificent qualities of the big instrument.

The first concert in the mid-winter festival will be opened by Mrs. Riggs, to whom has been extended the honor of dedicating and presenting the new organ to the Music hall. To her the honor of being the first person to play on the organ has been extended, and she will open the program of the first evening's entertainment with three numbers from Guitman and Paul Wachs.

Madame Alice Myron, contralto, Herr Udo Gossweiler, cellist, Prof. George Whitfield Andrews of Oberlin, organist, and George Crampton of London, baritone, are among the eminent musical artists who will be heard in the first evening's entertainment. Mr. Crampton last season toured with Madame Susanna Adams and proved himself a pronounced favorite all over the country.

Madame Myron has been having great success in European cities and great things are expected of her at the concert. Herr Udo Gossweiler is this season touring the entire country in a series of engagements that are proving perfect ovations for him.

Professor Andrews' musical ability is well known to everyone in Ohio, and he will be able to display the new organ to the best possible advantage to the Akron public.

One of the most noteworthy numbers in the first evening's program is one in which Herr Gossweiler, Mrs. Riggs and Mrs. Holcomb will take part on the cello, organ and piano.

The Tuesday Musical club will open the second night's entertainment with a chorus from Tannhauser. Charles Galloway will play the organ on the second night of the festival. Mr. Galloway was the official organist of the Louisiana Purchase exposition and is recognized as America's foremost organist.

**Sale of Seats.**  
The box office of the German-American hall will be open for the sale of tickets for the festival Saturday, January 21, from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., and also on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. President P. E. Werper of the German-American company is taking care of every detail which will make the festival one of the finest musical events ever held in the city. Miss Edith Hale of Columbus will have entire charge of the advance sale of seats, beginning her work immediately after New Year's. This is a work which is a profession with Miss Hale and everything will be handled smoothly.

The new organ is the only instrument in Ohio having a separate and movable console, or key desk. It is the only divided organ in the state, being built in three sections, one section on either side of the procession arch of the stage and a third section, which is an "echo organ," being located in the extreme rear of the balcony, and it is the only organ in the state which has a full set of cathedral chimneys.