

Periodical Documentation about the Organ

The Washington (KS) Palladium of May 24, 1912, carried the following "Special Notice":

This will be interesting to the subscribers for the pipe organ to be installed in the Presbyterian church. The pastor received a letter this week from Mr. Carnegie's secretary stating that Mr. Carnegie will be glad to provide the last half of the cost of an organ for the church, at the price of sixteen hundred dollars, when the first half has been raised by the congregation. The Westminster Circle has this amount already pledged. The committee will make arrangements at once to have the instrument built and installed. Mr. H. C. Robinson is the treasurer of the committee.

The Washington (KS) Republican-Register of January 24, 1913, reported:

The new pipe organ for the Presbyterian church of this city has arrived and is now being installed. C. W. Pollard of St. Louis is here putting in the organ and will have it ready for use at the services next Sunday.

The organ is a two manual organ built by the Kilgen Organ Co., of St. Louis. It will completely fill the arch in the church and will be run by water power. The dedicatory service will be held probably some time next week, consisting of a concert given by Edward Kreiser of Kansas City. Mr. Kreiser is one of the best organists in this part of the country and the concert promises an evening of great enjoyment.

The same newspaper carried a brief report of Kreiser's recital in its issue of February 7, 1913:

A good crowd attended the organ recital given last Thursday night at the Presbyterian Church by Edward Kreiser, of Kansas City. Mr. Kreiser, who is organist at the Independence Boulevard Christian Church in Kansas City is one of the best organists in the country. The crowd thoroughly enjoyed the excellent music he rendered Thursday evening. Further enjoyment was added to the program by several violin solo [*sic*] by Dave Parkinson of Pond Creek, Oklahoma, who is visiting here.

The March 1913 issue of The Diapason included the organ in a list of recent instruments built by the Kilgen firm: "George Kilgen & Son of St. Louis report that they have just completed organs as follows: . . . First Presbyterian Church, Washington, Kan."

Sources:

"Finished by Kilgen & Son: Large Number of Organs Installed and Contracts on Hand," The Diapason, March 1913, 12.

"Good Crowd Hear [*sic*] Kreiser," *Washington (KS) Republican-Register*, Friday, February 7, 1913, 1, Newspapers.com, accessed February 8, 2023, <https://www.newspapers.com/image/387645765>.

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