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O. S. Henninger in Valley Record.

The concert given for the purpose of raising money for the hospital proved a great disappointment. Financially it was a disastrous failure. The Academy of Music would have been amply large enough to hold the crowd. While about \$1000 was realized that sum was only one-half of what the promoters expected. It simply goes to show that the public does not care to have a hospital. The men of wealth and means stand aloof from it. They have contributed their \$10, but that is all. The public may be all wrong in its indifference towards a local hospital, but facts are stubborn things and the poor attendance at these concerts was like a wet blanket on a cold night. The hospital committee has been criticised for not working up the affair properly. The members of the committee indignantly resent this and say they did all they could to arouse the interest of the public in the matter, and that they failed is not any fault of theirs. And this is probably correct. The question is daily asked, how is the hospital going to be supported after it is built and started? And that is where the trouble lies. If hospitals with rich endowments find it hard to get along, how can an institution which must look simply to the support of the public manage to get along. To build it is the easiest part, but what is needed is provision, sure and trust worthy to keep it agoing.

