

Notice of Annual Fair.
The management of the First Eastern Oregon District Agricultural society, wishes to announce that the county fair will be held this year at La Grande, beginning October 4th, and lasting one week.
The new catalogue will be out now in a short time, the cause of the delay so far has been due to the effort to get the Wallbwa county people to join us and combine the two fairs. The new catalogue will be practically the same as the old one, but with this exception, many of the premiums have been raised and new features added, and also a large special list of premiums will be offered by the business men of La Grande.
Get your exhibits ready for the largest fair that Union county has ever had.
F. M. HUFFMAN, Sec.
First E. O. Dist. Agri. Society, La Grande.

For Sale.
We have a large amount of old papers which we must get rid of in some way. They are good for underlaying carpets, for covering shelves, and anything for which waste paper is used. They are tied in large packages waiting for you. If you wish any call at this office.

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EVAN STEPHENS, DIRECTOR.

PROGRAM. PART I.

- Devoted to Characteristic Home Work.
- 1—Dedication Ode "Hosannah" Stephens. Written specially for, and sung at dedication services of the Great Mormon Temple, Salt Lake City, April 1893. Tabernacle Choir and Accompaniment.
 - 2—Ladies Chorus "A Christmas Song" Stephens. Written for the Young Ladies Mutual Improvement Associations. 100 Choir Ladies.
 - 3—Gents Chorus "A Song of Freedom" Stephens. Written for the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Associations. 95 Choir Gents. Obligato by 12 young ladies.
 - 4—Tenor Solo "Dream Visions" McClellan. Mr. Alfred Best.
 - 5—Motette "God of Israel" Stephens. Written for Tabernacle Choir.

PART II.

- Miscellaneous, Operatic and Oratorio.
- 1—Contra Solo, "Storm and Sunshine" Buck. Miss Mabel Cooper, first prize winner first Salt Lake Elisteddoff.
 - 2—Bartone Solo, "Gypsy Sweetheart" Herbert. Horace S. Ensign, and the Choir.
 - 3—Soldiers Chorus, (Faust) Godnod. Tabernacle Choir.
 - Soprano Solo, Miss Edna Evans (first prize winner last Salt Lake Elisteddoff).
 - 5—Seattle Choral Contest pieces, \$1,000 prize. (a) Rise Up! Arise! (St Paul) Mendelsohn. (b) Part Song, "Twilight" Prothero. 125 Choir Singers Selected.
 - 6—Organ Solo, Prof. J. J. McClellan.
 - 7—Tenor Solo, "On Away Beloved" S. Colendse Taylor. J. W. Summerhays, first prize winner last Elisteddoff.
 - 8—Chorus "Hallelujah" (Messiah) Handel. National Anthem. Evan Stephens, Conductor. J. J. McClellan, E. P. Kimball, Accompanists.

Mr. Evan Stephens, born in South Wales, emigrated to Utah when a boy of 12 and subsequently was put through the peculiarly western process of development at all sorts of manual and mental toll, on the farm, in the canyons, on the railroad, during the daylight of the week days; at the Sunday school and afternoon and evening services, in the little town of Willard where he lived, on the Sabbath; and at his beloved music, when darkness of night brought to an end the labors of the day.
The simple love of it was his only promoter; the application born of that love, his only teacher. The master's works, sacred and secular, were his constant companions. So when he laid down the pick, shovel and crowbar he was prepared to enter his baton in Salt Lake, which Utahans regard as the leading musical city of the west. And beginning with the

training of his children—familiar now to him for having trained them in the village—he soon had the more honored work of training the adults. A general class of 100 students in an evening school finished their course by giving performances of three operas, "The Bohemian Girl," "Martha," and the "Daughter of the Regiment," at the Salt Lake theatre in a manner that at once established him as being a director of adults—as he he was already "the children's man."
Patrick Gilmore, the noted bandmaster, hearing of him, engaged him to organize and train a local chorus to take part in a musical festival in the great Tabernacle. It was done so successfully that the chorus refused to disband and a magnificent choral society in which "Mormon" and "Gentile" voices mingled and members of all denominational church choirs sang together.



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The "Mormon" church leaders encouraged his labors and successful concerts were given from time to time in the great Tabernacle. He had not until 1890 been given charge of the chief "Mormon" musical organization; then he was given the directorship of the Tabernacle choir with instructions to create and maintain an ideal church choir of large proportions corresponding with the great building facing them and the magnificent organ flanking them. He had the choir galleries remodeled and a choir of 300 voices greeted the new era. Today the aggregation totals over 500 voices on its roster, not one of which receives a salary.
Despite the fact that Director Evan Stephens during the past 25 years has trained thousands of sopranos and contraltos, he still remains a bachelor with two hobbies, the "Mormon" Tabernacle choir and his pretty suburban home, which lies just outside of the city limits of Salt Lake.

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