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WARBLERS WILL COME MONDAY

MISUNDERSTANDING IN DATES IS MADE CLEAR

Many Local O. A. C. Adherents to Receive Touring Songsters.

Oregon Agricultural college's glee club is coming to La Grande next Monday—conflicts and rumors to others effects notwithstanding. Explorers of the trip to Eastern Oregon failed to enclose the proper dates with a copy to the Observer in the first place and considerable misunderstanding has developed, but the Steward has been leased for Monday night and that is the date of the club's appearance here.

The many O. A. C. graduates in La Grande are planning on looking after the visitors' welfare while here and it is possible that the club will arrive Sunday morning though this has not been definitely determined. Referring to the club's visit to Salem, recently, the following will be of interest:

Tuesday afternoon the Oregon Agricultural college Glee and Mandolin club visited the Oregon state penitentiary at Salem, where they sang several numbers for the men in confinement there. An extensive program was rendered, to the delight of the prisoners. Instead of the usual Tuesday night moving picture show to which the convicts are regularly treated, the show was moved forward to the afternoon, and the musical numbers were put on the program. It is seldom that State Warden

James has the opportunity to give the prisoners the benefit of such an entertainment, and great appreciation was shown the club. Every number rendered was encored two and even three times, and the boys, inspired by the applause, sang especially well. The Mandolin club proved exceptionally popular and were forced to play seven numbers before they were allowed to go.

Raymond Coursen, the accompanist of the club, played a piano solo, which was encored twice. The piano number was received well by the men who applauded every appearance of any of the musicians without partiality.

Under the present system, the prisoners are treated very leniently, and some sort of program is arranged for them every Tuesday. The lenient system adopted by Gov. Oswald West has proven very satisfactory in handling the men, and Oregon leads the United States in the prison system.

After going through the prison the Glee club inspected the state lunatic asylum. They were escorted through all of the wards, and had a chance to see all of the workings of the institution.

DODGE TO GIVE MASTERPIECES

"RIGHT OF WAY" TO BE SHOWN TONIGHT.

Clever Actor and Company to Produce Two Shows Here This Week.

Sanford Dodge, he who has won renown throughout the country for his splendid portrayal of masterpieces in the dramatic world, is to be seen tonight at the Steward. He comes with his company to produce "The Right of Way" and theatre goers know what "The Right of Way" is without explanatory remarks from the Observer. The show itself is a masterpiece in literature and Mr. Dodge is said to be fully capable of producing it at its best.

Tomorrow night Mr. Dodge will present "Faust" which most show goers are familiar with and no doubt his performance tonight will attract for the company a large audience tomorrow night.

Sanford Dodge's leading woman is Miss Adele Nickerson who is making rapid strides in her work and this season she has been engaged by Mr. Sanford Dodge to play the part of Rosalie Eventual in "The Right of Way." Miss Nickerson has never seen the part played so to all intents and purposes it is as if she had created

the role. Although Miss Nickerson has played such great roles as Juliet, Marquerite, Portia, Faustine, etc., the role of the sweet, winsome village girl, Rosalie, is entirely different and requires as much talent to make it effective as any of the others.

That Miss Nickerson succeeds so well is owing to her training and ability. She was born in Wyoming, but was educated for the stage in Boston. People born and bred in parts of the world when climatic conditions are unusual, seem to inherit naturally dramatic talent and instinct. This is true of people who are natives of California; it is also Mountains. Western life is a daily true of the children of the Rocky drama, only it is real. Miss Nickerson has imbibed this spirit as a child drinks its milk, and this, in some measure, accounts for her dramatic and artistic ability. She will be seen with Sanford Dodge as Rosalie Eventual in "The Right of Way," the role that made Miss May Buckley famous.

Violins Old and New.

There is a general impression that very old violins and violoncellos are much superior in tone to similar instruments of modern construction. The point was debated by a number of Paris musicians, who decided in favor of the modern instrument. Six ancient violoncellos were chosen, including a Stradivarius, a Theckler, a Cappa, a Pressenda and a Guarnerius, together with six modern instruments. These were played alternately by Senor Casals, who was hidden from sight, the instruments being indicated to the jury by a number and marks awarded according to beauty of tone. The modern instruments aggregated 1,484 marks and the ancient instruments only 883, although the six ancient cellos represented a value of £6,000 and the modern ones £160.—London Express.

A Chinese Columbus.

According to a Chinese chronicler, Hui Sen, who lived in the sixth century of the Christian era, North America was known to the Chinese under the name of Fusang or Fusu. It was said to be a continent lying 6,500 miles to the east of Asia. The chronicler states that in the year 453 five Buddhist priests sailed from China for Fusu, landing in Mexico, where they taught their religion to the natives, built temples and set up enormous statues of their gods all over the country. Traces of a Mongolian civilization have been found in Mexico. There exists in particular a statue of a god resembling not the Aztec god, but one of the grotesque deities of the Chinese.—Harper's.

Deceit.

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