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A uniform price of 50 cents has been established for the appearance of the Royal Gwent Welsh singers at the Methodist church tomorrow night. This group of 20 men are demanding \$1.00 admission everywhere but were prevailed upon to cut prices here, and also to allow students a 25-cent admission if taken in a block of 100. On this plan Rev. Edwards is now working.

Following are a few excerpts from the press of Manhattan and the national capital:

The audience was most cordial in its applause of the work of the Royal Gwent Welsh Male Singers at Carnegie Hall last evening. The choir has a good ensemble and soloists of rare merit.—Globe and Commercial Advertiser, New York, N. Y., October 29.

The mellow clarity of voice and phenomenal register, which the sing-

ers themselves believe to be the result of climatic environment, gave a surprising charm to the concert, apart from and above the musical interest of the unusual program.—Daily Standard Union, Brooklyn, N. Y., October 29.

They brought forth numerous encores from a large and appreciative audience. The choruses were well sung, the shading and volume being inspiring and fascinating. Several solos were given in bright, interesting and dramatic style. The individual voices are excellent as well as the chorus work.—Brooklyn Daily Eagle, Brooklyn, N. Y., October 30.

Commenting upon performance in the national capital city by the Gwent Welsh Male Singers.

The critic from the "Post" wrote: "A distinct hit was made by the Gwent Welsh Male Singers at their two concerts given at the Belasco theatre yesterday afternoon and evening. The company is a full-balanced body of fourteen singers, with excellent soloists."

Says "The Washington Herald": "The choir is composed of well trained voices, all capable of solo work, and the program alternated between the full choir, and solo, duet and quartet numbers."

The criticism was favorable throughout and went on to speak of the fact of their former success at the White House and their command performance before King George and Queen Mary of England at Buckingham Palace, by which command they have been twice honored.

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Republican Being Asked to Enter the
Political Ring—Other News.

Delile Green, Republican, is being pressed into the political ring. Friends are importuning him to become a candidate for assessor on the Republican ticket at the May primaries. Mr. Green has not openly declared himself, at least had not early this afternoon, and it is not known if he will but his friends think so.

Commissioner W. J. Townley is in La Grande today from Union attending the regular session of the county court. When asked by a reporter for the Observer if he would be a candidate for election Mr. Townley said:

"Yes, I have decided to run. There are a number of things in the county business that I have helped start and I would like to assist in the finishing of them, for I believe in the policy of the present county court implicitly. I believe we will give the county good roads for reasonable expense, and that is one of the things that prompts me to want to stay with the job. You may say in the Observer that I will be a candidate for the Republican nomination."

Mr. Townley, it will be remembered, was appointed by Judge J. C. Henry to fill an unexpired term caused by the resignation of James Hutchinson of Union. Mr. Townley has never been a candidate for election until the present time.

County Clerk Wright has received the announcement from the secretary of state of the form of the state ballot for the primary election, May 19. Union county Republicans, Democrats and Progressives will vote upon candidates for nomination to the following offices.

Five electors for president and vice president.

One representative in congress (second district.)

One secretary of state.

Two justices of the supreme court.

One dairy and food commissioner.

One public service commissioner (eastern Oregon district.)

One joint representative (Union and Wallawa counties.)

One joint senator (Union and Wallawa counties.)

One representative for Union county.

One district attorney.

Four delegates at large from the state and two delegates from second congressional district to both Republican and Democratic national convention.

Two delegates at large and one from district to Progressive national convention in case one is held.

County Officers.

One county clerk, one sheriff, one treasurer, one assessor, one school superintendent, one commissioner, one surveyor and one coroner.

One committeeman for Republicans, Democrats or Progressive from each precinct in the county.

Says Battle was Planned for April.

Paris, March 12.—(By Mail)—

"April showers

Bring May Flowers."

You know that one, don't you? Well try this one on your vocal chords:

"January's suns

Bring February guns!"

The German Crown Prince first made the practical application of this truth, but the proverb is ours, likewise the versification, school histories of 2016 to the contrary notwithstanding.

A close study of the Battle of Verdun proves it to have been a freak of nature, like January strawberries, or peach-blossoms in December.

The Battle of Verdun was planned for April or May, but in the German military plans there was an "unless" which, when followed by the remainder of the sentence read: "Unless by some strange atmospheric phenomenon we get a long spell of fine, dry weather before that time."

True to Teutonic traditions of preparedness, as early as December the Germans began bringing up material for use in the attack. Every available big howitzer, including the 305's and the 420's, was hauled to the Verdun sector through which the Crown Prince opened to make a breach and commence a march on Paris down the historic poplar lined roads following the banks of the Marne. Trenches were dug, ammunition in vast quantities was stored at strategic points and everything put in ship shape for springing the big offensive.

Then the January sun came out. Rarest of all rarities in France, a mid-winter dry spell came accompanied by lots of spring like days and sunshine. From January 15 until the middle of February one would have thought May at hand. The "strange atmospheric phenomenon" had come to pass, and the decision to let fly was the result. According to German prisoners they had been told on the eve of the battle:

"The artillery is going to blaze the way for you. It will do its work so completely that all you will have to do will be to march at parade step into Verdun."

They were told, they said, that the fighting would not amount to much and it would all be over in no time.

Judging from what the German soldiers admit, the Crown Prince's plans must have included a swift march and a quick victory, with Verdun and outlying forts, as a minimum in German possession. Otherwise, experts are agreed, probably he never would have undertaken the Verdun attack. For to plan long drawn out operations in which artillery is the

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