

OPERETTA ENJOYED BY BIG CROWD

"Belle of Barcelona" is Successfully Presented by H. S. Students

SHOW DELIGHT TO THE EAR AND EYE

Final Performance of Singers Directed by Miss Miller Will Be Given This Evening.

Musical students of the La Grande high school began their two-night operetta careers in a burst of glory last evening when they presented "The Belle of Barcelona," a Charles Pas Chanez three-act operetta, before a house that continually interrupted the progress of the production with waves of applause and appreciative mirth.

The entertainment was a delight both to the ear and to the eye. Fresh young voices blended in harmonies that seemed like the spontaneous expression of youthful exuberance. Scarlet and gold costumes flashed color across the stage in a play of brilliance that corresponded happily with the spirit of the production.

Most of the action was sprightly and gay, but there were dramatic moments to which the young people rose with a poise and bearing that would have done credit to older and more experienced players. Particularly noticeable was the ease with which they maintained their characters through transitions from speaking parts to songs.

Operetta Well Sailed. Of the operetta itself, it was generally conceded that few musical work presents more attractive melodies. The Villain's "A Scheine Field," the flower girl's "Love is a Garden," and the duet, "No! No! No!" will be hummed for many a day after the score has been laid away. The high school orchestra and Miss Helen Price, pianist.

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PUPILS MAKE GOOD RECORD

Nineteen hundred seventy children attended the public schools of La Grande last month, and 1101 of them were neither absent nor tardy.

The enrollment for November showed an increase of 81 pupils over that of the month before, according to the monthly report of J. T. Longfellow, superintendent.

Attendance in the elementary schools was 95.1 per cent perfect, and that in the high school, 95.4. Mr. Longfellow feels that La Grande has reasons to feel proud of her school attendance records, particularly those of the high school, where irregularity in attendance is usually marked.

The high percentage is due, it is concluded, to the energy that E. D. Towler, principal, devotes to that part of the work, the superintendent declared.

Of the 267 visits to the school made by parents during the month, a large number are attributed to the interest aroused by American Education week.

Elks Secure Baker Man For Memorial Services

An invitation is extended to the general public by the Elks of La Grande lodge, No. 422, to meet with them in commemoration of their departed brothers at the Elks' temple at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The memorial service will be simultaneous with those of Elks all over the world in every spot where the brotherhood has been established.

Frank C. McCulloch, of Baker, an eloquent speaker and a leader held high in esteem throughout the state, will deliver the memorial address here. Baker lodge, No. 235, will be addressed at the same hour by Hugh E. Brady, esteemed loyal Elks, ritualistic ceremonies, vocal offerings, a roll call and the eulogy will supplement Mr. McCulloch's part on the program, which will observe the following order: "Funeral March" (Chopin)—Mrs. J. A. Tedford.

Jack Hilary Accused of Burning Dog

Enters Plea of Not Guilty in Justice Court This Afternoon; Bonds Set at \$150.

Jack E. Hilary, 701 X avenue, accused by Lewis Wetzel of pouring oil on Wetzel's purchased Fleecy setter "Rex," and then setting the dog afire, appeared before Judge Hugh E. Brady this afternoon shortly before 2 o'clock in the justice of peace court, and pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Judge Brady set Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock as a tentative day for Hilary's trial, and set his bonds at \$150.

Hilary was arrested about 1 o'clock this afternoon by Police Chief Clint Haynes.

According to the chief of police, Hilary yesterday afternoon told him of an accident that occurred at his place that resulted in the death of the dog. Hilary, the chief declares, said that Wetzel's dog and his dog were fighting and they brushed against a bench, upsetting a can of oil. Later the Wetzel dog, Hilary said, came within range of a lighted blow torch and caught

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COMMERCE CLUB LUNCHEON WILL BE AT IMBLER

The Union county chamber of commerce will drive to Imbler Tuesday for one of the three staged out-of-town meetings of the year, and will be served a chicken dinner at the L. O. O. F. hall by the women of the Imbler Parent-Teacher association.

Frank McKennon, an Imbler member of the chamber, will be chairman of the program. The speakers will be Dr. W. T. Fay, of Hot Lake, and Charles Cleaver, a fruit grower of Imbler. Music by Miss Emma Baxter, vocal soloist, and the chamber of commerce quartet.

The chamber of commerce holds all of its meetings in La Grande but three. The exceptions take the members to Imbler, Island City and Perry.

Retail Dairymen May Organize Association

According to Lee Reynolds, prominent dairymen of Union county, there will be a retail dairymen's meeting in the chamber of commerce offices next Wednesday evening. The purpose of the meeting is to work out a cooperative agreement on methods of handling milk, including sanitary measures and general distribution.

JUDGE TO RETURN

Judge J. W. Knowles is expected to return today from Enterprise in anticipation of the adjourned session of circuit court which will open at the courthouse here at 9:30 a. m. Monday.

H. E. Hanna, who has been with the judge reporting the regular session of Wallowa county court, is expected to come with him.

Of the five cases set for trial, three are criminal and two, civil. Green and Hess have the opening case, in which the state charges Allen Delaney with a statutory case. Carl G. Helm, district attorney, will prosecute.

PORTLAND CHIEF HERE

M. Eberstein, new head of the police department at Portland succeeding Chief Watt, was in town yesterday, the guest of Chief Clint Haynes. Eberstein comes from the east and is spending a short time looking over the state before he settles to his desk in Portland.

Grazing Policy to Be Settled by Congress

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Opposition to conferring any "vested rights" upon present users of western ranges was expressed in a statement today by the department of agriculture.

The statement declared the policy upon which grazing fees to be imposed should be fixed by congress, and that a fair settlement of differences existing between stockmen and the forest service would not be difficult.

ARTERIAL SCLEROSIS

McCAITHY'S SUBJECT. HOT LAKE, (Special)—A discussion of arterial sclerosis and the need of watching closely for kidney diseases was given at Hot Lake last night by Dr. H. H. McCarthy, of the sanatorium staff. Dr. McCarthy's talk was the feature of a well attended program.

"Billy" Up



Colonel "Billy" Mitchell, "stormy petrel" of the air controversy, is now on trial before a court-martial, is here pictured as he swears to tell nothing but the truth as he takes the witness stand.

POULTRYMEN PLAN MEETING

Egg marketing and feed buying were the two main topics discussed yesterday afternoon when a dozen members of the Union County Poultry association met in the office of H. G. Avery, county agent.

Arrangements were made for the first annual meeting of the association to be held sometime in January, at which time officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

The association was first organized November 21, 1924, but it was not until February 1, 1925 that they began cooperatively egg marketing.

The present officers are: William Kamber, of Medical Springs, president; George C. Hill of Fruitdale, vice president; and Rex Griggs, of Union, secretary.

Men's Forum Campaign Will Close Tomorrow

Spirited competition between the "Blue" and the "Red" members of the Men's Forum of the Methodist church which has been under way for the past three weeks, will be concluded tomorrow morning.

The "Blue" led by C. C. Dunning were the head last Sunday on a basis of new members gained and sustained attendance at the meetings.

Appreciating this the "Red" element, led by Chairman Johnson, have gauged up during the week and are going to pull something tomorrow morning that will leave the "Blue" gasping, according to Mr. Johnson.

The losers in the campaign must pay the cost of the first social gathering of the year to be held next Tuesday evening. The topic which E. D. Towler, leader, will discuss and around which the round-table will hinge, is "Is Modern Progress Due to Superior Intellect or Divine Plan?"

ESTATE MAY GO TO STATE

A search for the relatives of the late Mrs. O. G. Hamilton, whose tragic death followed two-day after that of her husband left an estate of about \$2000 without any will to provide for its disposal—has disclosed no heirs to date, according to A. V. Andrews, who was appointed administrator by the county court on the request of conductors friends of the Hamiltons.

Clues were followed to Breckenridge, Mo., and to Cedar Rapids, Ia., but they led to no information as to possible heirs. The estate will fall to the state of Oregon if the search does not disclose the existence of relatives within a few months, the administrator said today.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton had five children, but all of them died in infancy. A mother and a sister of Mr. Hamilton survive him, but they cannot share in the estate since the entire amount of it fell at his death to the widow. She

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ry Finds Mrs. Tucker Not Guilty

Woman Freed of Home Brew Charges; Charles La Bine Fined \$100 and Costs Today.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tucker was acquitted by the jury that heard her case in the justice of the peace court yesterday afternoon. The verdict was returned about half an hour after the jurors withdrew for deliberation.

The defendant had been accused of illegal possession, following the finding of 50 quarts of home brew in the cellar of her house by prohibition officers early in September. Eugene Astwill was her attorney.

This afternoon Mrs. Tucker will appear in the juvenile court, to contest the charge of delinquency that has been filed against her 18-year old daughter, Leota Tucker. Leota's father, John Tucker of Elgin, will also attend the hearing. Judge J. G. Couch will try the case at 2 o'clock.

Miss Tucker was one of the principal witnesses for her mother in the justice court yesterday. She is walking with crutches, one foot being helpless from an infection that is bandaged almost to her knee.

Judge Couch has a second juvenile case to hear this afternoon—a charge of delinquency against a 12-year old boy that was filed by the boy's mother. The youngster is accused of habitual truancy and incorrigibility. His case is set for 4 o'clock.

CHARLES LA BINE ADMITS GUILT; PAYS \$100 FINE

Charles La Bine admitted to Justice Hugh E. Brady in court this morning that he was the owner of the flask of whiskey that prohibition officers pulled from under a hidden door in the floor of his bedroom when they raided the French restaurant the afternoon of Nov. 22.

The court imposed a fine of \$100 and costs, which the defendant paid. He had been freed of an earlier charge of sale of whiskey.

Jack La Bine, proprietor of the French restaurant, was convicted of possession by a jury of five last week. He has appealed the decision to the circuit court, where his case probably will be tried during the February term.

H. L. Hess has served as defendant in counsel for all three of the La Bine cases.

MINERS ESCAPE FROM COLORADO TUNNEL ALIVE

NEDERLAND, Colo. (By the Associated Press)—Twenty-two miners entombed in the Fairview mine near here for nearly 18 hours, following an outbreak of fire, today emerged from the mine alive.

Robert Stephenson, miner, and Charles Hornet, rescuer, are dead, the result of being overcome by gas fumes. Prentice Norris, member of the rescue crew, is in a critical condition from the deadly fumes.

The rescue party, led by J. W. Lillie, appointed penitentiary warden, was today appointed warden of the state penitentiary succeeding A. M. Darymple, resigned.

Lillie had been deputy warden under Darymple, and prior to that time served as deputy under Johnson Smith.

Immediately after his appointment today, Lillie announced his appointment of Captain W. S. Golden, prison guard, as his deputy.

Darymple's resignation, announced after a conference with the governor this morning, is considered the result of a prison break last August and subsequent unfavorable criticism leveled at his prison administration.

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Clarick Theater Will Open Next Wednesday

The Clarick theater, Baker's newest show house, will throw its doors open to the public Wednesday evening, Dec. 3, with the stage presentation of "Blossom Time."

The Clarick is said to rank among the finest theaters in Eastern Oregon.

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Places Career First



"I want to be an old maid," is the way Laura La Plante, movie star, answers the question: "Love or Career?"

"I get married? How ridiculous," she says. "What of my career? It's difficult to star as an aproned cook and as an actress. But then, they all try it and I'm probably no exception. But I'm not looking forward to marriage in the immediate future."

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ENDORSES TWO OREGON MEN

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Responding to President Coolidge's request that he present the name of a Democrat and a Republican for a place, Senator McNary, of Oregon, today endorsed Frank L. Shall, Republican, and Marshall N. Tuam, Democrat, as satisfactory candidates for membership on the United States shipping board from the north Pacific coast, to succeed Bert E. Hanson.

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ALICE WINS; ANNULMENT SUIT LOST

Leonard Kip Rhinelander Fails to Secure Separation from Wife

JURY ANSWERS IN FAVOR OF MULATTO

Scion of Aristocratic Family Receives Setback When Verdict Is Read.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. (By the Associated Press)—Leonard Kip Rhinelander lost his annulment suit against his mulatto wife, Alice Jones, in a verdict returned by the jury which heard the case.

Answers favorable to Mrs. Rhinelander were returned to all seven questions propounded to the jury except the first and seventh.

The first, that of whether the defendant is of colored blood, had been conceded by the defense during the trial.

The jury made no answer to the seventh, which asked whether the plaintiff lived with the defendant after he learned of the defendant's colored blood.

After receiving the verdict, the court reserved the decision.

The jury hearing the suit handed a sealed verdict to the court clerk at 11:30 o'clock last night and then went home.

At that time it was announced the verdict would be open at 10