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LARGE CROWD
AT CONCERT
TO AID ARMYLocal Talent Offerings
Please, Frequent Encores DemandedMUNICIPAL BAND
OPENS PROGRAM

Solo Numbers and Two Comedy Skits Add to Charm of Benefit Entertainment Here.

With practically every seat in the L. D. S. tabernacle taken the Salvation Army benefit concert was presented last night and was received with much enthusiasm by the large audience.

The program was well arranged and every participant performed in such a manner that an encore was necessary following each number.

Band Plays First

The La Grande municipal band, under the direction of Andrew Loney, Jr., opened the program with the overture "The Gunpowder" by Gomez, and an equally interesting number closed the program, which was the appearance of the Monday Musical chorus, directed by W. W. Nussbaum, in a group of two selections, "The Miller's Wedding" by Fanning and "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise" by Selts.

Other concerted numbers were two selections by the boys' high school glee club, "A Gypsy Song" and "The Two Magpies" by Hyde; and two numbers by the girls' glee club, "Neath the Autumn Moon" by Vanderpool and "The Best of the World Go By" by Ball, both clubs being under the direction of Mr. Nussbaum. Layanna Graham was piano accompanist for the boys' glee club and Bethel Trill accompanied the girls.

Quartet Sings

The chamber of commerce quartet sang a selected number, after which it furnished two encore numbers. Mrs. George S. Hume accompanied at the piano in the first selection. The quartet were William Hume, soprano; Mrs. Hume, alto; Mrs. Hume, tenor; and Mrs. Hume, bass.

The first soloist on the program was Paul Knautz, baritone, who sang "Kubrick Song" by Amy Woodford-Under with band accompaniment. Miss Ann Stange, mezzo soprano; G. L. Dutton, tenor; Mrs. Earl Stoddard, contralto; Mrs. A. L. Richardson, soprano; and Mrs. Ray Fuller, soprano, were the other soloists, and all responded with encore numbers.

Miss Stange sang "Who is Sylvia" by Schubert; Mr. Dutton sang "For You Alone" by Gecht; Mrs. Stoddard sang "Eyes a Song" by Gecht; by Ashford; Mrs. Richardson sang a group of two numbers, "O Mio Babbino Caro" by Puccini and "Villanella" by Dell'Acqua.

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BAND CONCERT
WILL BE HELD
HERE APRIL 3

The next indoor concert, to be given by the La Grande municipal band is scheduled for next Sunday, April 3, at the Arcade theater. It is announced today by Director Andrew Loney.

With the band in excellent shape and with its instrumentation augmented, a program of especial interest is expected.

WHEN
YOU BUY
A DISHPAN

If the old dishpan springs a leak and the bottom falls out, do you wait for some store selling dishpans to advertise them, describe them, and price them?

Not at all. You go right down to some store and buy a dishpan when it's needed.

But why do you pick that certain store? Because you have been impressed in some way by what your neighbors have said, or by a previous shopping experience, or by the appearance of the store's windows and interior as you passed by sometime, or by the constant information and description of the store's service and stock carried regularly in the Observer's advertising columns. In some cases you have been impressed with the idea that this particular store is the place to go when you need dishpans and kindred things. Giving you that idea is nothing more nor less than clever advertising. While describing and showing and offering merchandise for sale, the business man in question has also been SELLING you on the idea that his store is the best place to buy that particular line.

It is noteworthy that the stores and shops which do this most effectively are most constant and careful Observer advertisers.

Advertiser—Mechanizing Service

Earl Reynolds
New President
Of Secretaries

Union County Chamber of Commerce Official Heads Oregon Association for Coming Year

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 26 (AP)—E. C. Reynolds, of La Grande, was elected president of the state commercial secretaries here late yesterday. H. G. Cully, of Roseburg, was elected secretary-treasurer.

The executive board appointed for the year include L. P. Subin, retiring president, of Klamath Falls.

Election of Earl C. Reynolds, secretary of the Union county chamber of commerce, to the position of president of the Oregon State Association of Commercial Secretaries was in line with the policy of the association.

Last year Mr. Reynolds served as vice president and was therefore the logical man for the presidency this year. Incidentally, Mr. Reynolds is one of the oldest members of the association in point of service.

Mr. Reynolds has been secretary of the local chamber of commerce for several years and at the annual meeting this spring, he was re-elected to his position unanimously by the board of directors.

RAILROAD SOLD
TO WOODBURY CO.

C. R. of O. to Be Operated for One Year, at Least, by Purchasers

UNION, Ore., Mar. 26—An agreement was reached here late Thursday whereby the interest in the Central Railroad of Oregon recently acquired by Union business men for the period of one year from the date of transfer and then, if the company desires to retire and if the business men of Union agree to this, the road will be sold to them at an identical price.

The purchasing company agrees to equip and operate the railroad for the period of one year from the date of transfer and then, if the company desires to retire and if the business men of Union agree to this, the road will be sold to them at an identical price.

It is more than likely, Union rumor has it, that the new company will be a subsidiary of the Union Pacific, the road indefinitely, but the saving clause protects Union from being cut off from the O.-W. mainline regardless of the Woodbury company's desires.

Pomona Grange Is Meeting at Elgin

The Union county Pomona grange is meeting at Elgin today and is being entertained by the Rock, Wolf and Cricket. Phil Granges, L. E. Brillhant, of the O. A. C. extension service; Representative H. H. Westphalen and the Rev. G. H. Pease are to be speakers. Wolf Creek grange sent a drill team to Elgin to conduct the fifth degree work.

It is also announced today that State Master George A. Palmer will visit the Eastern Oregon granges the first of April, for the purpose of debating three new grange halls and attending a number of Pomona meetings.

Mr. Palmer is planning on attending the meeting of the Blue Mountain grange on April 6 and on the same evening will dedicate the liberty grange hall at Joseph. On April 8 a joint meeting will be held with Muddy Creek, Wolf Creek and Wingville granges in attendance.

No Main Speaker
At Chamber Meet

Although there will be no special speaker at Tuesday's formal luncheon of the chamber of commerce, many important matters will be brought up at that time. Plans are to have several such meetings, when various subjects of interest will be discussed, during this year.

The high school glee club will furnish music for the luncheon, which will be at the Sommer hotel.

Men's Club Meets
At Eakin's Home

Members of the Presbyterian Men's club enjoyed an interesting meeting Thursday evening when they met at the home of Robert E. Eakin.

Gustav Wiesler was the first speaker of the evening and his talk was about the national parks of the United States.

Harley Storking spoke of Presbyterian schools and colleges, giving an explanation of how they are managed and financed. At present the denomination has 24 active institutions and two which are closed.

Mrs. Eakin served lunch following the program.

PRISONER IS
BEHIND BARS
AT MEDFORD

Hugh De Autremont, Alleged Slayer, Received in Oregon Today

SMILES AT CROWD
ON QUITTING TRAIN

Siskiyou Suspect Will Be Arraigned Monday—Officers Describe Him as Very Obliging.

MEDFORD, Ore., Mar. 26 (AP)—Hugh De Autremont, 28, alleged Siskiyou tunnel bandit and slayer, indicted in this county for murder, was brought back this morning, managed to Sheriff Ralph G. Jennings and a postal inspector, a straw hat at a jaunty angle on his head and a philosophical smile on his face. His features brown from the Philippine sun, he chewed gum as he came down the car steps and posed for a picture on the depot platform.

The mentally alert appearing youth, charged with participation in the most atrocious crime in the annals of the Southern part of the state, searched the crowd of 500 for a glimpse of his kin. His mother arrived on the same train with him. The father, Paul De Autremont, of Eugene, accompanied by Fred Smith, attorney for Hugh, arrived this morning by automobile. The father at noon sought the aid of local friends in procuring a meeting with his divorced wife, who is sequestered in a local rooming house. They have not met for years. Steps toward an interview today are said to be progressing.

Rushed to Jail

De Autremont was taken from the train, placed in an automobile and rushed to the steel cell in the county jail at Jacksonville where he will be under special guard. He laughed heartily when his keepers forced to beat a curtain drawn to the automobile and, it worried, did not show it in his soldierly bearing and manner.

Officers in charge described De Autremont as an obliging prisoner.

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Club Sextet to
Present Cantata
Tuesday Evening

The cantata, "Three Springs" by Paul Hill presented at the last meeting of the Neighborhood club by the club sextet, will be repeated Tuesday evening in the library auditorium, when the public is invited to attend.

So successful was the program in its first presentation that many requests have been made that it be repeated in the evening which the sextet would be able to hear, so arrangements were made for a second presentation.

Members of the sextet who appear in the cantata are: Mrs. V. L. Maxwell and Mrs. James M. Nance, sopranos; Mrs. Earl Stoddard and Mrs. Lester Stoddard, second sopranos; Mrs. Vernon Almsworth and Mrs. A. W. Nelson, contraltos; Mrs. E. L. Holmes is piano accompanist.

Assisting the sextet in the cantata and adding much to its beauty are six girls who give interpretative dances. They are Jane Stange, Sally Seigrist, Judith Stodard, Ruth Stoddard, Louise M. Williams and Patsy Josse.

Going to Baker

On Thursday night the sextet and assistants will go to Baker, where they will again give the cantata as a part of the Methodist Episcopal church benefit program.

A small admission will be charged for the cantata here Tuesday night.

Some of Best Young Musicians in
State Play on O. A. C. Cadet Band

Compared with the college bands of the Pacific coast in training, appearance and in strength, the O. A. C. military band scheduled to appear here Thursday, March 31 for a concert and dance, is rated as one of the best. Many of its former members are leaders in musical circles in different parts of the United States, playing in well known organizations. One of the two chapters of the national honorary band fraternity, Kappa Kappa Psi, is on the O. A. C. campus. Membership in this fraternity is given for work and interest shown in the band.

Popular, classic, patriotic and religious music is played by the band under the direction of Captain H. L. Beard, who has had 22 years' experience as a musician and director; the program to be given here includes varied selections that appeal to every audience.

With olive drab uniforms complete to leather leggings and orange lined capes, the band is said to present an appearance that is in harmony with the quality of the music that it plays. Drilled to march with precision and led by the drum major that won the marching contest in San Francisco two years ago, the O. A. C. band received much favorable comment from the towns visited on its 1200-mile tour of Western Oregon last spring.

A large number of persons from Portland and the Columbia River valley who attended the U. of O. O. A. C. football game in Corvallis last fall were particularly impressed with the music played and the training shown by the college band.

Many of the best young musicians of the state go to O. A. C. where they can play under the direction of Captain Beard and receive credit toward graduation for their work in the band. The recent trips made by the organization is also a big factor in attracting student musicians of the state each year. Under the leadership of Captain Beard the band has grown stronger year by year until now it is a financially self-supporting organization.

TROUBLE IN
CHINA ONLY
IN INFANCY

So Says Reuter's Shanghai Correspondent in Dispatch to London

SOVIET FLAG UP
ON RAIL STATION

American Consul at Chefoo Requests Destroyer—Pendleton Woman Missionary Safe.

LONDON, Mar. 26 (AP)—Reuter's Shanghai correspondent writes a "practically informed high official" as declaring: "We are only at the beginning of the trouble in China. The real thing is only now beginning."

SOVIET FLAG UP

SHANGHAI, Mar. 26 (AP)—The Soviet flag flies over the Shanghai north station, terminus of the Shanghai-Nanking railway, just outside the international settlement.

The Chinese workers, who went on strike when the Cantonese entered Shanghai, are returning to work, but most of them are armed and they are endeavoring to run the railway with workers' committees without foreign aid.

Since the strike began, none of the British officials have been allowed in the railway station. At the railway's shops, all Chinese foremen were dismissed by armed committees.

Reds Control Unions

Intense activity is reported among the labor unions in the native cities joining Shanghai. All these unions are said to be controlled by reds, and an intensive organization campaign is reported, especially among the lower laboring classes.

Thus far there has been no sign that General Bai Tsung-shi, the Cantonese commander, can cope with the reds' activities. He has had to recognize the general labor unions, which are described as purely communist, with a membership of 2,000 men, of whom 800 are well armed.

This army, which is reported also to have been recognized by General Bai, functions as a sort of police force. The disbanded shen Pai arrived in Shanghai has been chiefly of independent gunmen and not members of the plainclothes army.

RECEIVERS TAKE
Over Portland
Telegram Today

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 26 (AP)—Receivers were in charge of the Portland Telegram today, having been appointed last night by Presiding Circuit Judge Evans after a hearing on a petition filed by the Lumbermen Trust company and the Bank of California, creditors.

W. F. Briggs, secretary of the Lumbermen Trust company and MacDonald Potts, business manager of the Telegram, were named receivers. They announced they would continue publication of the newspaper as usual.

The application for receivership followed filing of suit late yesterday by Rose, Edith, Sophie and Hirsch Hirsch against the Telegram for \$2,000 alleged due for rent.

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Even while the rival tong leaders were conferring with the district attorney two more Chinese were killed, one in Washington and the other in Cambridge, Mass. Both shootings had the appearance of tong murders, but they occurred before the "manifesto" had been sent out.

Chinese Tongs To
Quit War, Report

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O. A. C. CADET BAND COMING TO LA GRANDE



The O. A. C. cadet band, which will appear in La Grande Thursday, Mar. 31 for a concert in the high school auditorium, is pictured above. La Grande is the eighth stop on the annual tour through Eastern Oregon and Idaho. The 48 musicians, under Captain H. L. Beard, director, will give a concert of popular and classical music to be followed by a dance in Zuber hall.

COUNTY TO GET
SUM OF \$17,992

Share of Money Derived from Auto Licenses in Half-Year Period

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 26 (AP)—Gross receipts derived by the state of Oregon through the sale of motor vehicle licenses and motor vehicle operator registrations during the six months period ending March 15, 1927, amounted to \$5,153,782.51, according to a report issued by Sam Koser, secretary of state. Deducting administrative expenses, net receipts amounted to \$4,960,000. Under the terms of the law three-fourths of this sum, or \$3,720,000, has been turned over to the state highway department, a check for that amount having been turned over by the state treasurer. The remaining one-fourth, or \$1,240,000, is to be distributed among the counties in proportion to the amounts derived from the counties.

Sums to be sent out among the various counties include: Baker, \$15,562; Douglas, \$28,117; Jackson, \$44,700; Josephine, \$15,716; Klamath, \$32,907; Lane, \$29,674; Multnomah, \$43,054; Umatilla, \$38,865; Union, \$17,992; Wallowa, \$6,229.

Harrowing Tale
Of Escape Told
By Consul's Wife

SHANGHAI, Mar. 26 (AP)—Harrowing tales of escapes from death at the hands of lawless Cantonese soldiers, inflamed against foreigners, were related today by Nanking refugees arriving at Shanghai on the steamer Kungwa and Wenchow. The number of refugees brought by these steamers totalled 220.

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FAVOR PLAINEST
EASTER STYLES

Dressmakers, Seeking to Return to More Feminine Vogue, Puzzled

By Hazel Havens

PARIS, Mar. 26 (AP)—Every thing is becoming more feminine, the little French saleswomen whisper to their rich customers in the dressmaker's salons above the Rue de la Paix and the Avenue des Champs Elysees.

The customers, some of them tailored by Bond street, London, and shingled at the Ritz-Carlton in New York, squirm uneasily in their gilt chairs and take another squint through their fingerets at the indicated waistlines, the softened shoulders and embryonic ruffles.

Then they order the plainest things in the shop.

Several designers with money too heavily invested in the back-to-femininity movement are beginning to wonder if they picked a winner. They complain plaintively, some of them, that women don't seem to want to get away from brazen masculine lines, abrupt skirts and clean-cut mannish silhouettes. They don't seem to want to be soft and girly and feminine again, to judge from the orders they place, these dressmakers announce with surprise.

Two Sides

But there are two sides to the question.

If waistlines leave the Adamized modern women cold, at least trousers don't seem to excite them any more. At present the rival schools of dress—those who want women to be more feminine and those who want them to be less—are running neck and neck. Women seem to be giving up the straight, boyish lines which go well with their short hair and long cigarette holders.

Trousers Skirts

Nobody can say that the Paris dressmakers have not been fair minded in the matter. Just when a preponderance of the designers announce that women are at the style cross-roads and will follow the sign post reading, "To frills and fur-below," the same dressmaking circles offer trouser-skirts, which are technically a jump more masculine than anything Paris fashion editors have offered since the war, when they went the whole way and showed trousers.

French patriots suggest that the trouser-skirt is only part of the beamer-womanly movement and represents a real step away from the exaggeratedly masculine mode of the ultra short skirt. But that deduction also is challenged.

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