

VALE ENTERTAINMENT COURSE

The Killarney Girls and Rita Rich--At The Rex

December 16. Tickets \$1.00; Balcony 50c



THE KILLARNEY GIRLS AND RITA RICH

To be at the Rex Saturday Evening, December 16.

The Killarney Girls appear in Irish costumes and, with an appropriate setting, present a program of instrumental music and singing, with emphasis on the latter. There are Irish songs that range from simple folklore to the Irish classics, all of which are rendered by a company of real artists.



THE KILLARNEY GIRLS AND RITA RICH

The company, as before, is headed by Miss Rita Rich, one of the best known lady singers and entertainers. She has so many accomplishments that it is difficult to tell of them in detail. It is, however, as a reader, entertainer and impersonator that she has gained her chief distinction.



MISS RITA RICH

Miss Rich is ably seconded by Miss Laura Werno, who has a splendid mezzo soprano voice, great dramatic ability and has gained much praise for herself and distinction for the company by her interpretation of humorous and dramatic readings and stories.

Miss Marguerite Andrews, contralto soloist, possesses a wonderful voice that has brought her much favorable comment on account of its unusual quality, its dramatic brilliance and its sympathetic appeal.

The reports from the committees and the press during all of their four seasons of booking have been warm and enthusiastic in their praise.

An area of 19,840 acres has been eliminated from the Rount National Forest in Colorado by Presidential proclamation. This area has little value for National Forest purposes or for farming and one-third of it is already in private ownership.

Fifteen thousand people from thirty states and a dozen foreign countries visited Eagle camp grounds on the Oregon National Forest in 1916. This camp ground is 45 miles east of Portland on the Columbia Highway.

The Wind River Forest Nursery, on the Columbia National Forest, has an annual output of two million young trees which are used in reforestation work on the National Forests of Oregon and Washington.

The total estimated number of visitors on the National Forests of Colorado during the summer of 1915 is 605,000. Of this number, 471,500 visited the Pike National Forest.

A total of 1,154,385 head of sheep, cattle, horses and hogs were grazed under permit on the National Forest ranges of Oregon and Washington during 1916.

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McKay's

Vale's Only Variety Store

RIVERDALE

RIVERDALE, Ore., Dec. 6.—A. D. Kyte is building an addition to his barn in order to make room for more stock. Mr. Kyte is always busy making improvements and looking after his stock.

John Thorn butchered about twenty fat hogs this week and expects to live on easy street with plenty of hog and hominy for the next few weeks. He likes the swine business and may go into it more extensively in the future.

C. H. Spicer is completing a new barn and making other improvements on his ranch.

J. W. Stoneman has traded his eighty acre ranch for four hundred acres of farming and grazing land near Cambridge, Idaho, and will move about the first of March. Mr. and Mrs. Stoneman arrived here about eight years ago from Colorado and have made many warm friends during that time who are reluctant to see them go, and all join in wishing them much joy and prosperity in their new home.

Charles Johnson is making some improvements on his place south of Snake river bridge which he purchased a few months ago. The place has been neglected for some years.

Game Warden Kyte has had some lively times with "smart" guys who insist on hunting in season and out of season without license, however, when he turns them loose they are only too willing to fan the breeze to their homes and mamas.

N. O. White has about completed a large new barn and will be able to give his dairy cows and other stock better treatment than usual—saving feed, flesh, etc.

Myron Patch butchered a big fat cow a few days ago, selling the meat to the neighbors at most reasonable prices. If more farmers would go and do likewise the high cost of living would be greatly reduced.

Mr. Garrett, who leased the George Nesbitt farm the past summer, planting most of the place to beans, has decided to throw up and move to Weiser for the winter. He does not think beans a paying crop, being too much back breaking work attached to the proposition.

Roy Parker, who recently moved here from Cash Valley, Utah, purchasing the Johnson and Brent place, has bought a new up-to-date gasoline engine to be used in pumping water for stock and other purposes.

J. W. Cranor is making some improvements in his barn and other buildings.

Oscar Grant, who is visiting his sister near Portland, writes that small creeks and rivers have recently been frozen over and that the weather has been unusually cold for that part of the state at this time of year.

DO XMAS SHOPPING EARLY, READ ADS

"Do your Christmas shopping early" is the popular slogan these days. The rapidity with which some holiday stocks in the city are already disappearing, speaks well for the truth of that adage. The Enterprise columns this week contain a number of Christmas ads for stores in the county. Consult them, and remember their statements when on your holiday shopping tour.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Donald McLeod, of Harper, was in the city Wednesday.

Fred Simon, a brother of Ad. M. Simon, was a Vale visitor Sunday. Mr. Fred Simon is in charge of the Blackfoot branch of the Alexander company chain of clothing stores.

P. E. Joyce, of Juntura, was a Vale arrival Friday.

L. D. West, of Mooreville, was a visitor in the county seat the latter part of the week.

Isaac Elmendorf, from the Ironside country, was a Vale visitor Thursday.

Mrs. T. L. Skinner arrived in Vale from Jordan Valley Friday.

Judge Dalton Biggs came up from Ontario Friday morning on court business.

Cleve Camman came down from Westfall the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Anna Roethler was a Westfall visitor Friday.

VOTERS DID NOT UNDERSTAND (From the Oregon Voter.)

The importance of systematic means of assisting voters to use their privileges intelligently under the initiative and referendum appears to have been shown in the Oregon state election of 1916. The Legislature submitted to the people an amendment to the Constitution of the State removing the discrimination against negro and mulatto citizens. That provision of the Constitution has, of course, long been obsolete; the object in submitting the measure to the people was merely to remove dead matter from the Constitution. Nothing more than this was said about it at the community meetings. There was little opposition to the amendment and little discussion of it. Yet the measure was lost by a vote of 100,004 to 100,147.

If the citizens should cast their votes for any measure at random, without reading the measure, approximately the same vote might be expected. Some voters took this as their only opportunity of expressing their disapproval of the fourteenth amendment to the Federal Constitution, but it is virtually certain that a large number of those who voted against the measure did not intend so to vote.

One trouble seems to have been in determining whether it was necessary to vote "yes" or "no" in order to vote in favor of negro suffrage. The ballot read "An amendment removing the discrimination against negro and mulatto citizens." It is probable that many of the negative voters who read the measure at all caught the phrase "discrimination against negro and mulatto citizens," and voted "no," meaning to vote against discrimination. The double negative appears to have been too much for them.

On the same ballot were other double negatives. A citizen who wished to vote in favor of the Sunday closing law had to vote "no" on the measure, because it read "A bill repealing and abolishing the Sunday closing law." To vote in favor of compul-

sory vaccination, a citizen had to vote "no" on the measure, for it read "to prohibit compulsory vaccination."

There appears to be a fair chance of getting almost any measure passed if the phrasing is sufficiently complicated, especially if it involves a double negative, unless an effective and somewhat expensive campaign is conducted against the measure. On the same ballot was a single-tax measure called "full rental value, land tax and home makers' loan fund amendment" involving eighteen sections. Comparatively few voters understood all that the measure involved, but a vigorous campaign against it defeated it by a vote of 154,488 to 43,430.

On the other hand, the citizens apparently expressed their convictions at the polls concerning the one measure on the same ballot, which they understood perfectly, the measure permitting the manufacture and sale of beer. They defeated this measure by as large a majority as they cast in favor of prohibition two years before. All of which seems to show that the State can be protected from the dangers of the initiative and referendum only by organized agencies of public education whose sole object is to bring to all the voters accurate and impartial information on all the measures. Partisans cannot be trusted to perform this work.

TO SECURE LOAN

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in the original application and organization certificate. This corporation will have directors and officers selected by the shareholders to do its business in accordance with the by-laws for their guidance. The active executive officer of the association will be the secretary-treasurer, and his duties are set forth in section 7 of the farm-loan act.

Powers.

These associations are organized for the primary purpose of giving to each borrower the benefit of the combined credit of all its members to the extent of the capital contributed and the limited liability they each incur, and hence the associations are required to indorse every loan made to members. It is also through these associations that the borrowers will ultimately become the owners of the Federal land banks. The association decides whether any loan shall be made or not by refusing the application for every loan which is considered unsafe or even doubtful. No loan can be made unless it is approved by the loan committee after examination of the land offered as security.

The national farm-loan associations are not limited as to the number of their members. After one is organized it may serve an entire neighborhood by receiving new members. Each association may obtain in loans for its members twenty times the amount of its stock in the Federal land bank, no matter how large its holdings of stock may become by the growth of the association.

eral Farm Loan Board, Washington, D. C., has prepared forms upon which these applications may be made, and this office has requested a supply of these forms. Upon receipt they will be furnished to those interested in forming loan associations.

ARNE IS PLEASED

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over the United States regard this law as one of the best pieces of school legislation ever enacted. Indications are that many of the other States will enact a similar law.

Alice Curtis has been employed as an assistant to Mrs. Thompson in the Owyhee school. This school is too large for one teacher and the decision of the Board to add a teacher is timely. The higher grade of work that can be done now will remove any possible objection to the extra expense incurred.

Clare Morfitt is teaching successfully in Dist. No. 4, west of Vale.

Sadie Prewett, one of the Malheur county teachers, is in school in Boise this winter.

Mr. Seeling, of the Brogan schools, spent Thanksgiving with Supt. and Mrs. Ruring of Vale. Mr. Seeling was a high school student of Mr. Ruring's before going to the Bellingham Normal.

Erma Hope and Grace Chappell are teaching in the Rye Valley school.

Miss Louise Sears, who teaches at Harper, reports a school program and a basket social held at Harper. The net sum of \$54.25 was the outcome. This will be used for the benefit of the school.

Miss George Hodgson and Miss Mary Fikan are teaching their third year in Juntura. They are doing the same splendid grade of work that has characterized the Juntura schools for the past few years.

NOT FAVORABLY CONSIDERED

The new tax limitation law is not meeting with the favor such a law was supposed to obtain. Salem legal lights find much to find fault with.

The possibility of special elections for the purpose of obtaining necessary funds for various purposes does not meet with unqualified endorsement.

Special elections cost money and the calling of them for initiative laws, voting taxes and recalls does not accord with economical ideas prevalent in counties where special elections mean an expense of from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

ALL WOMEN ARE ELECTED OFFICIALS

City Election at Umatilla Results in All Women Officers Being Elected, says Report.

In the city election held in Umatilla city the other day, every officer elected was a woman, the first time such a thing has occurred in the state of Oregon. The wife of the mayor of Umatilla, who was a candidate against her husband, was elected by an overwhelming vote.

KEEPING GOOD ROADS GOOD

Ample Provision for Maintenance Should Be Part of Improved Highway System.

Keeping good roads good is the most important task in connection with an improved highway system, once the construction work is completed. In the United States in the past this task usually has been neglected, the improved roads in many instances being allowed to deteriorate until they became almost impassable, when they were, at heavy cost, rebuilt. That States and counties are now coming to recognize the need of careful and thoroughgoing maintenance, however, is indicated by studies of county road systems in different sections of the country recently made by the Office of Public Roads and Rural Engineering of the department.

While some of the eight counties in which intensive studies were made were found to have no provisions for maintenance and others were found to pay for upkeep of the roads out of bond-issue funds, thus creating a debt that would outlive the temporary improvement by many years, two counties in widely separated States were found in which maintenance conditions were practically all that could

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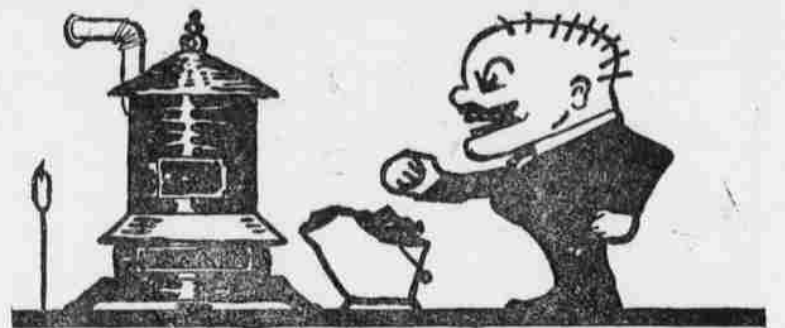
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be desired. In Mississippi, it was found, there is a State law requiring that a special annual tax of at least 1 mill shall be levied for the upkeep of all roads constructed by means of bond issues, the fund to be kept separate from all other funds and to be used for maintenance only. Instead of the deterioration taking place on the roads of some of the counties in other States on which examinations were made, it was found that in Lauderdale County, Miss., roads built several years ago and maintained from the special fund have actually improved since their completion.

The county roads of Franklin County, N. Y., it was found, are maintained with a contribution of 50 per cent by the State and under indirect State supervision. As a result of this system, the roads have been kept up to their condition on completion.

The existence of a regulation tending to lessen damage to roads and so to reduce maintenance costs was revealed by the studies in Spotsylvania County, Va., where the county supervisors had passed an ordinance placing a relatively low limit on loads that may be hauled in wagons fitted with narrow tires and a considerably higher limit on loads for wide-tired wagons.