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NEVADA'S FIRST APPEARANCE BEFORE A PORTLAND AUDIENCE.

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Ten years have now elapsed since Nevada was last heard in America, and 14 years since she appeared on this coast. Such was given the opportunity of hearing her at that time and comparatively little change to note. As a girl she possessed phenomenally high notes; these, as everyone knows, are never long retained by any voice. But though she has necessarily lost a few of these girlish upper tones, she still possesses a high soprano that is remarkable for the sweetness and extent of its upper register. Last night in the "Shadow Song" from Meyerbeer's "Dobson" she sang as high as D flat, and in more than one instance she thrilled with ease on C, and even on D natural. Some of the delightful girlish freshness of voice is gone, but she has gained in fullness of tone, and has added several lower notes to her range. Most of her numbers on the programme were such as would show to advantage her unusual flexibility of voice. Here is a typical American voice in timbre as well as in range. And her bright and winsome personality, which is also thoroughly American, greatly endears her to United States audiences.

She was exceedingly generous in responding to encores last night. In response to the Liska number, she gave a charming old American song in the ballad style, "Shall I Wear a White Rose, Shall I Wear a Red" which showed to advantage her delightful ingenuousness and excellent enunciation. The Tschakowsky song, "Travouchechka," which was full of piercing regret—and "La Fee aux Chaussons," by Bernberg—a sparkling, happy number, in which she gave a specially good illustration of messa di voce—brought two stormy recalls, to both of which she responded. Taubert's "Vogel im Walde" was given with much sauciness and vivacity, while the charming song, "You and I," by Lisa Lehmann—who is known to fame especially through her "Persian Garden"—was greatly enjoyed.

The enthusiastic reception given Nevada was extended also to those who assisted her on the programme; and they merited it. Selden Pratt, pianist, showed himself possessed of a genuine artistic spirit, and a technical equipment to the demands made upon it. Numbers by Gull, Chopin, Schumann, Henselt, Schumann, Liszt and Berger showed his versatility, which was rather unusual for one so young.

Louis Blumenberg, the cellist, added very materially to the pleasure of the evening. Everything he gave was received with unmistakable approval by the big audience, who were persistent in their encores. A delicate flavor of humor was imparted to much of his work, which gave a delightful variety to the programme.

PERSONAL MENTION.

H. C. Bredsen returned yesterday from the East.
S. Elmore, an Astoria capitalist, is at the Portland.
William Waldo, of Salem, is registered at the Perkins.
Governor Geer is registered at the Imperial, from Salem.
Samuel R. Stern, of Spokane, is registered at the Portland.
Edgar A. Piper and wife, of Seattle, are guests of the Portland.
J. F. Yates, a Corvallis attorney, is registered at the Perkins.
Mrs. E. B. Weist, of Stella, Wash., is a guest of the St. Charles.
J. J. Stokes, a merchant of Astoria, is registered at the Imperial.
George L. Brown, of Boise, Idaho, is registered at the Portland.
Dr. J. M. Keene, a prominent dentist of Medford, is at the Imperial.
Dr. A. F. Gilbert and wife, of Salem, are registered at the Imperial.
C. H. Gilbert, a well-known logger, of Stella, Wash., is at the St. Charles.
J. W. Howard, of Corvallis, is at the Perkins, accompanied by his wife and son.
Archie Wolford, a Silverton merchant and wheat-broker, is at the St. Charles.
Professor Thomas McClelland, of Forest Grove, registered at the Perkins last evening.
W. D. Bradford, sheriff of Washington county, is registered at the Perkins in Hillsboro.
H. B. Miller, president of the state board of horticulture, is registered at the Imperial from Eugene.
Miss Carrie Long, daughter of City Attorney Long, who has been ill for some time, is recovering.
Henry N. Thielson, of Flensburg, Germany, is visiting his nephew, Horace W. Thielson, 65 Twenty-first street, north.
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BOARD LETS THE CONTRACT EAST MORRISON-STREET IMPROVEMENT WILL BE RUSHED AHEAD.

Five proposals for the improvement of East Morrison street, from East Water street to Union avenue, were received and opened by the board of public works, at their meeting yesterday afternoon, as follows:
Bennett & Paquet.....\$1096 44
Portland Sand & Contract Co.....4556 38
Lind & Manning.....3982 20
Wakeland & Jacobsen.....3949 17
Smyth & Howard.....3897 13

Summarizing the bids it was found that Smyth & Howard were the lowest bidders for two blocks of the work, and the contract for these blocks was awarded to them for \$1026 50. Wakeland & Jacobsen were the lowest bidders for the other two blocks, and were awarded the contract for them, at \$1952 32. Lind & Manning were awarded the contract for an intersection for \$68 81. As there is an urgent necessity for the completion of this improvement, which has been delayed for a long time, work will be commenced at the earliest possible moment, and pushed with vigor to completion.

It was ordered, upon recommendation of the city engineer, that the city proceed to repair the sidewalks in front of several pieces of property belonging to L. H. and C. Hawthorne and the Hawthorne estate; and also in front of property owned by M. A. Stratton and Francis S. Smith. The cost of repairing a sidewalk in front of property owned by Ellis G. Hughes, amounting to \$1 75, was ordered certified to the council as correct, for the purpose of having it docketed as a lien upon the property.

BANKRUPTCY "PREFERENCE."

Recent Decision of Special Inspector to Jobbers and Wholesalers.
Some recent decisions of the courts construing certain sections of the bankrupt law are of the greatest interest and importance to jobbers and others selling on credit.

An opinion recently rendered by Judge Hanford, of Seattle, in which he is supported by courts in other districts, will cause the creditors to do considerable more thinking than they have heretofore had to give their accounts. He holds that payments by a debtor in the ordinary course of business is a "preference" within the meaning of the law, if the debtor, at the time of making the same was in fact insolvent, and that it is immaterial that the creditor did not know or have cause to believe the debtor was insolvent, or that he was receiving a preference, if such was actually the fact. In the particular case referred to, the claim of the creditor was rejected, and he was not permitted to file the name for the balance due as an unpreferred creditor, unless he surrendered all payments made.

BOSTONIANS SING TONIGHT.

Will Open Engagement at Marquam With "The Smugglers."

The Bostonians will open tonight in what promises to be one of the most successful presentations of the season, in both a financial and artistic sense. The advance sale of seats has been very large, but there are some choice seats left for each performance. The opera for this evening will be "The Smugglers." It will also be presented on Saturday evening. Wednesday and Friday evenings the company will present last year's great success, "The Serenade." It being one of the most musical of the late operas. Thursday night and Saturday matinee "Robin Hood" will be given. This opera has been sung in every city of any size in the United States, and has been a factor in making the fame of the Bostonians.

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IN REAL LIFE HORSETRADER WAS DAVID HANNUM.

New York State Clergyman, Now in Portland, Was a Schoolmate of the Original.

In private life, David Harum, the hero of Westcott's popular novel of that name, was David Hannum, of Homer, N. Y., a prominent minister of the Unitarian church in that state, who is now in Portland, was born and brought up in the village that was Hannum's home.

"David Harum," said the minister, "is a work of fiction, pure and simple, yet so many of the incidents described in the work are true, and the character of the hero is so realistically delineated, that in the main the book is a historic work. David Hannum, the man, was a horse-trader, as was Harum, but he was never a banker. In reality, his father was an admirable man, totally unlike the man in the story.

"I do not remember the incident of the circus, as is described in the book, but it is very much like David. Had the story been told to me without names or localities, I would have said: 'That's Dave Hannum.' Evidently the man who took him to the show was William P. Randall.

"Dave's father was a Presbyterian deacon; mine was a Baptist deacon. One day Dave said to me, 'George, our father seems to get lots of comfort out of their religion, but I don't see nothing so pleasing in it. This idea of most of the people going into hell, is not very pleasing. I guess you and I will never be as good as they are.'

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Practical Man Here Who Considers Portland an Ideal Spot.

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SIDEWALK OBSTRUCTIONS.

Complaint That There Are Worse Ones Than Blind Beggars.

PORTLAND, Jan. 28.—(To the Editor.)—What harm can that poor blind man cause, standing up against a telegraph pole, where those who sympathize with the afflicted can help him? The idea of arresting him for obstructing the sidewalk, if the case were not so manifestly heartless, tyrannical and overbearing it would be laughable. Why do not the officers cause the removal of obstructions in the shape of boxes, refuse, lumber, cordwood, piles of all kinds of rubbish, old rotten sidewalk lumber, open hatchways, and unused bicycle racks? The writer asked a police captain to have a pile of old lumber and cordwood removed from the sidewalk, where two-thirds of the space had been used in that way, without a single minute's cessation, for three years, while thousands of people have to wait and pass each other in single file; yet it is all there today. Look at the north side of Stark between Fourth and Fifth streets. It would take twenty poor afflicted blind men to obstruct the sidewalk as much as this one man is doing. I need not particularize, for you can find these eye-sores all over town. Ask the city board of charities for a statement of how much money they pay out annually for food and house rent and clothes for

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