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FAMOUS AS A DUELIST

DOMENICO RUSSO FIGHTS AS WELL AS HE SINGS.

Leading Tenor of Boston Lyric Opera Killed Two Men on Field of Honor.

Not alone that he has a voice of liquid sweetness is Domenico Russo, the new tenor of the Boston Lyric Opera Company, the hero of the matinee girl. Entitled around his past, brief as it may be, is a halo of romance, common in the days "when knighthood was in flower," but of a kind now seldom met with outside the pages of romance and medieval history.

According to information elicited from the tenor by an Oregonian reporter, with the assistance of Detective Cardano, acting as an interpreter, the accomplished tenor was born of the most patriotic lineage and nurtured in surroundings of both the country and the city. He was a fencing and athletic hero not slighted while his wonderful voice was being trained, and at the early age of 18 he was one of the most skillful swordsmen in Italy or Europe, for that matter.

When Russo was 19 years old, he was connected with Sicilian newspaper, a young man in a restaurant. One day, in a restaurant in Messina, he met the editor of a monarchical newspaper, named Sciaratti. The two men got into a warm argument over politics, and the royalist insulted Russo. Russo sent his enemy a challenge, which was accepted. Both men trained for eight days, and early one morning met on the field of honor and fought a duel to the death with swords.

Sicily was the scene of Russo's second duel, and jealousy was the cause. In that country it is a breach of honor for any man to marry a woman who has been married. One day Russo saw a girl passing down a street. She was very beautiful, and he was very young. He looked at her with evident admiration, and the girl, who was engaged to a man named De Martino, who saw the incident and challenged Russo to fight. This was an affair of honor for the first time in the life of the young man. He sang in the United States, and after singing in the United States, he went to Peru. Here he enjoyed a course of triumphs that are won by few men. Fame and social honors were heaped upon him. He sang in 24 different operas, and women well as on the stage, was a social lion. In the City of Lima, while he was with the Lombardi Opera Company, his success was such that he was invited to Peru. Here he went to Chile, and the victor in opera at a small city, Iquique, and one day was invited to a country picnic with some Chilean army officers. At this time, the rivalry between Chile and Peru was at its height. National and international politics were being discussed, and one of the Chilean officers proposed a health to the Government of Chile. This was drunk, and Russo, in turn, remembered the many honors he had won in Peru and the kindness that was shown him in Lima, lifted a glass of wine and said: "I propose health to Peru and Peruvians." This came like a spark to powder, and the officers were fearfully enraged. One of them, a captain, insulted Russo, and the plucky little tenor responded by slipping the Chilean in the face with his gloves. The victor then challenged Russo to fight a duel, and this challenge was accepted. For prudential reasons, the other officers tried to prevent this meeting, as it was feared that too much publicity to the affair might lead to a breach of the peace between Peru and Chile; but Russo and the Chilean captain met and fought with pistols. The fight and the result was hushed up, for reasons just stated, but those who were there said there was no doubt of the result. It is one of the things that Russo would not talk about. Russo was spirited back to the opera-house, where he was tempted to sing that night, and a fearful scene followed. He managed to escape from Chile, and says no inducements can be offered that would induce him to return to that tumultuous country.

Russo takes a great delight in his skill with the sword, and is anxious to meet some local celebrity in a friendly bout while he is in America. So far, he has not been able to find any one who is an accomplished fencer. He says the art of swordsmanship is unknown here, as compared with the countries of Southern Europe.

APRIL 1, ALL FOOLS' DAY.

Explanations of the Origin of its Observance.

It is a thing to be disputed, which is the greatest fool reputed. The man who innocently went. Or he that has designedly went. More than one Portland man was sent scurrying all over town yesterday looking for pigeon's milk, sky-blue, scarlet silk or a copy of the "History of Adam's Smith." First, why few people exist who have not been gulled on April Fool's day, few people know why the custom, so generally observed, should have been instituted. The following rhyme appeared in the Boston Herald on the 1st of April, 1870. The first part for All-Fools' day.

The fact remains that yesterday the patriarchs of two centuries, with a new one or two added, were brought out to catch the unwary, and hundreds were made fools by other hundreds, who by dint of some cleverness, mingled with much folly, were able to outwit their victims. It is the reason that April comes sobbing in, when, at the first sight of her magical sun, all the world is turned into a Gotham.

It is probable that the custom was born in France, and the most generally accepted explanation is that it throws on the conscience of this land the responsibility of the French Revolution. During the time that the "old style" or Julian calendar was in force, the year began on March 25, and April 25 was its octave, when all the festivities were ended. When Pope Gregory formulated his new system of marking time, by which the year began on January 1, France was in the van in its adoption. Under the March 25 custom, the French had observed the feast of St. Andrew, the apostle, formerly to keep New Year's day by the exchanging of gifts and the making of formal calls—and these festivities continued until the first day of April, at which time they reached their climax. After the reformed calendar was adopted, and the new year set back to January 1, only mock feasts of ceremony were paid, and counterfeits of the old custom were given to those who were so absent-minded as to receive the visitors or accept the gifts were dubbed "poisons d'Avril" or April fish, near relatives to the American "muckers."

This idea of making "April fish" of one's neighbors seems to have taken a strong hold on the French intellect, and they continued it, even though the circumstances which gave it rise had sunk into oblivion. The reluctance of the Frenchman to become a "fish of April" is accredited with having had much to do upon one occasion with making a list of names of the nobles of one of the most important dukedoms of Europe. The story goes that Francis, Duke of Lorraine, and his wife were the first to do this, and the custom has since been followed by the nobles of all the dukedoms of Europe. One list of April they studied their guard, and, disguised as peasants, in the early morning hours took "French leave." Some, learning of the deception, ran to inquire of the duke, and the duke, in return, learned of the deception, and the duke, in return, learned of the deception, and the duke, in return, learned of the deception.

It seems most probable that the English, and the American, observation of the day date from this French custom, born with the calendaric disturbance. There is, however, a certain affinity existing between the French and the Roman saturnalia, when slaves became master and master became slave, and classic wit vied with one another in attempts at tomfoolery; and there is still another similarity between the purely Celtic religious significance of the festival of the Hindus called the Feast of Holi, which ends on the last day of March. Its principal diversion are the sending of persons on fire with flaming darts, the delivery of presumable presents which turn out to be either broken, or, at any rate, worthless articles. The fickleness of the weather characteristic of the April season is said by others who have offered explanations of the custom to present a certain analogy to the weird customs of the day, and a final theory is that the day has a certain religious significance in that it commemorates the mock trial of Christ. All of these, however, are less credited than the generally accepted theory that the "poison d'Avril" of France comes the day and its peculiar observance.

In 1788 the following rhyme was published, showing the observance then in vogue. No sooner does St. All-Fools' morn approach, But wags one Phobus mount his gilded coach, In wholes assemble to employ their sense In sending fools to get intelligence; One each bears the milk, in third part of the town; Another, pigeon's milk; a third, a gown From scolding collier's stall, let there be chaos; Thus lead the giddy tribe a merry dance; And to reward them for their harmless toil, Does away entirely with the strap and coil, Thus, by contrivance's inadvertent jest, One fool exposed makes pastimes for the rest.

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More Building in Portland Than for Many Years—East Side Improvements.

Portland is doing more building this Spring than for many years, and a trip through any portion of the city or suburbs will reveal carpenters, bricklayers and painters at work in all directions. A goodly number of business structures are being erected in the downtown districts, but the bulk of the improvements consist of modern residences and cosy cottages. The number of new plans in the hands of the architects prove that this activity in building will keep up until the Winter of 1900-1901 sets in, as the growing population continues to demand more housing.

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Violations of Revenue Law Collector Dunne Will Bring Offenders Back.

Collector of Internal Revenue D. M. Dunne, having learned that some liquor dealers have been neglecting to put stamps on their bottles of wine, has several times given them notice to attend to this matter.

At the new Corbett block, on the corner of Fifth and Stark streets, a large force of men are at work on the building.

Quite a pretentious frame dwelling has been torn down at the southwest corner of Alder and Seventh to make room for a brick business edifice.

The contract for building the Adolph office residence, on King street, has been awarded to the McCallie & Wallace.

The dwelling under construction by J. P. Hawkins, on East Burnside street, will be practically finished by the end of the month.

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Archbishop Christie, of the Roman Catholic Church, \$500 school building, corner of Fifth and Mill streets.

Chris Honnes, \$200 dwelling, Larabee between Dixon and Dupont.

Mrs. Dora Corbin, \$1500 dwelling, East Morrison, between East Eighth and East Nineteenth.

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In many places on the East Side residents are substituting concrete for wooden sidewalks, and the change is a vast improvement over the wood. It is cheaper in the end, as it will last almost indefinitely.

The Second Baptist Church, East Seventh and East Ankeny streets, will spend \$300 this year furnishing the auditorium. The first estimate, that it would cost about \$100, has been considerably exceeded.

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