

ORPHEUM FEMALE SINGERS MANDY BILL

Features Declared Good While Variety of Attractions Is Worthy of Comment.

OPERA SINGER HEADLINER

Oldest Minstrel in World, One Being 84, and "Champagne Lady Diver" Are Among Features. F. McGettigan's Sketch Wins.

BY LEONIE CARR BAER. It's good-time week at the Orpheum, and the management has carefully followed the admonition in the old song "Always Leave 'Em Laughing When You Say Good-by."

Of course it's only good-by for a little while, hardly a really good-by. Rather it is an evocative until next Fall. They've brought with them music, sense and nonsense, a world-famous prima donna, the King of All Slangdom, the "champagne" lady swimmer and diver of the world, and the two oldest minstrel men in the wide, wide world to make this last Orpheum week a memorable one.

Madame Mariska Aldrich looks like a colorful animated Goddess of Liberty. She is intensely dramatic, of commanding stage presence, and her voice is a big beautiful soprano. She sings an Italian selection, a lovely little English bit, and finishes with a burst of vocal fireworks that thrills and delights.

Madame Mariska is a member of the Metropolitan Opera organization who has been given special permission for a voyage into vaudeville.

Madame Mariska Re-Engaged.

Just before the matinee opened yesterday she received a telegram informing her that she has been re-engaged for the next season—which may have been one reason she was in such happy mood in her singing.

Frank McGettigan, Portlander, must have rejoiced, if he were among those present, at the storm of applause his sketch, as put over by Bert Leslie, elicited from the hilarious audience. The sketch has a capital idea, that of an adventurous being humorously by Hogan, M. P.—not member of Parliament, but Master Painter. The setting is London and a trio of actors who support Leslie diffuse an English flavor in their lines, but Hogan is riotously American. His slang catches like a prairie fire and spread laughter and merriment through the house and Mr. Hogan calls to his aid twistings of the English language that would make Henry James turn in his grave.

A capital little act is presented by Walter Shannon and Marie Annis. Both are excellent. Marie Annis is a sweet, clear voice and Mr. Shannon is of splendid quality and most pleasing in expression. The two meet at a shine parlor and carry on a conversation with each other's feet, singing the messages. They discover they're married to each other and the novelty ends. The act is sparkling and good fun.

Rich Comedy Offered.

A sketch that divides itself between smiles and tears is offered by a clever actress, Louise Galloway, who displays emotional powers of high quality and a sense of comedy that is rare. Miss Galloway's sketch is called "Little Mother." In it she appears as a fond, doting mother, whose boy is her pal. When she finds out that he has deceived her; that he is a thief, she does what every little mother under the shining sun does. She stands by him and clears him of suspicion even though it means giving up the home she has planned for years. An excellent actress support Miss Galloway. Of these, the act of John Butler, as the son, and that of Jean Reece, an eccentric maid, are the best. The oldest bass singer in the world, Joseph M. Norcross, aged 76, who also holds the distinction of being the oldest Elk in the world, shares honors in a singing act with Colonel Samuel Holdsworth, aged 84 years, and the oldest living minstrel in the world. These two old, silver-haired cronies, Joe and Sammy, are dear delights. In voices that are amazingly tuneful and vigorous they sing some almost forgotten old songs. Their registration is instantaneous and successful. The two Hopkins girls, daughters of a famous theatrical family, Colonel Hopkins, open the bill with a potpourri of popular songs. Closing the bill is "Nature's Masterpiece." Ideal is the "champion lady fancy swimmer and diver of the world," and her act, artistically presented, is made up of fancy dives and a motion picture showing her daring swimming feats. An exceptionally good exhibition of "World's Events" is shown.

BIG GUNS TO BE STUDIED

Militia Officers Due in Portland Tomorrow on Way to Camp.

Representatives of the various Coast Artillery companies of the state will arrive in Portland Tuesday evening on their way to the officers' instruction camp, which is to be held at Fort Stevens, May 5 to 10. Here they will be joined by the representatives of the Portland company and the entire party will leave for the fort Wednesday.

Three officers and five men will go from each company making a total of 64. The Coast Artillery companies are located at the following cities: Ashland, Medford, Roseburg, Eugene, Cottage Grove, Albany and Portland.

SALOON SUBSTITUTE URGED

Civic League Committee to Investigate Recreation Center Need.

Commissioner Brewer was appointed Saturday by the Civic League chairman of a committee which will appoint to investigate the needs of establishing community recreation centers and ascertaining whether it will be advisable at this time to take steps to establish such centers in the city. The action followed the general discussion at the luncheon of the Civic League at the Multnomah Hotel yesterday. The cost of maintaining the proposed centers would be about \$25,000.

Rev. F. K. Howard, one of the speakers, pointed out the necessity of the city providing some substitute for the saloon and dance hall as an amusement center, these are to be abolished.

Other speakers were Isaac Swett, Judge Gates, Father E. V. O'Hara and Miss Mary F. Isom.

CANDIDATE FOR FESTIVAL QUEEN NOMINATED BY LADIES OF MACCABEES.



MISS ELLA LITZLER.

gon City looks, E. G. Tilton, consulting engineer of San Francisco, in a letter to F. C. Squires, valuation engineer of the O.-W. R. & N. Company, declares that the construction required only 20 months of actual work. Mr. Tilton was chief assistant to the engineer in charge and he says that a great amount of time was devoted by the engineering staff in making construction plans, specifications and estimates.

"The contract for the work was awarded to Jordan & Company, of San Francisco, in 1871 for about \$250,000," writes Mr. Tilton. "They began operations about the middle of the summer, but failed for want of funds in about five or six months. Colonel Smith then promised to build the works and completed them by June 1, 1873, the date they had to be finished in order to secure a subsidy granted by the Oregon Legislature.

"I was appointed superintendent of operations December 31, 1872, and held that position three or four months until I was appointed to build the canal between Lebanon and Albany. As superintendent I had charge of putting through the Maria Wilkins the first boat which went through the first locks ever built in the West."

Call Made With Colonel Samuel Holdsworth, Also Member of Long Standing, in Portland Lodge.

The oldest living initiated member of the Elks paid a visit to the club-rooms of Portland Lodge yesterday. He is Joseph M. Norcross, 76 years old, who was one of the first class of seven men on whom the ritualistic work was conferred after the founding of Lodge No. 1 in New York City. The date was February 2, 1853. Mr. Norcross is appearing at the Orpheum in "Two Old Cronies," a singing skit, in which he is associated with Colonel Samuel Holdsworth, the latter also an Elk of many years' standing.

Messrs. Norcross and Holdsworth were the center of interest for the Sunday crowd at Elk headquarters and furnished a few moments of entertainment with songs. Notwithstanding their years the voices of the model carry the ringing qualities of youth, and it is hard to believe, either seeing

them on the stage or in the lodge rooms, that they are so familiar with Father Time.

Last night Messrs. Norcross and Holdsworth were in receipt of telegrams informing them that a delegation of San Francisco Elks would meet their train between Sacramento and Oakland and that the singers would be the guests of that lodge during their stay in the Golden Gate City.

"You see I installed San Francisco Lodge No. 3 more than 40 years ago," said Mr. Norcross. "The first time there was the boys came to the theater and after we had concluded our performance they rushed the stage, picked us up and carried us around the theater and finally out the front door to carriages and took us to the lodge room."

"Of the class of seven who were the first men ever initiated by an Elk Lodge, but two are living. Brother Barnes is two years younger in age than myself, but of equal age as an Elk. He resides in Southern California. I am now a member of No. 3 at Philadelphia."

Adm's Protest. New York Sun. Adam was condemned to earn his bread in the sweat of his face. "But they didn't say anything about a 6-cent loaf," he protested.

Locks Built in 20 Months. Consulting Engineer Says Plans Took Most Time at Oregon City. Contrary to published statements that it required four years to build the Ore-

CHINESE GIVES TALK

Janitor as Evangelist Speaks on Chinatown Corner.

OTHER SERMONS PROMISED

William Hope Wong, Just Out of Sick Bed, Makes Plea for Christianity to Audience at Second and Oak Streets.

William Hope Wong, an elder in the Chinese Presbyterian Church, First street, astonished his Oriental brethren yesterday afternoon by assuming the role of evangelist at Second and Oak streets.

Right into that hotbed of Buddhists and Confucianists, left alone by ministers and other men of the cloth since Portland's Chinatown became worthy of its name, went Mr. Wong, Bible, hymn book and another book in hand. He borrowed a chair and from it addressed his audience in Chinese.

After a sermon in which he urged the Chinese to come to God, who created the world, rather than follow the devil, who, like the Japanese, were trying to steal it, and reminding the Chinese that the Celestials were not an inferior race in God's eyes, and then praising the United States for its democracy, Mr. Wong departed.

B. T. Montgomery, insurance man of Boise, Idaho, is at the Oregon. Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Epley are registered at the Seward from Salem.

C. R. Higgins, banker of Astoria, and Mrs. Higgins are at the Seward. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Plough, of Port Huron, Mich., are at the Seward. Judge Thomas A. McBride, of the

State Supreme Court, Salem, is at the Imperial. Charles V. McCarty, insurance man of San Francisco, is at the Multnomah. Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Webber, of Boston, are registered at the Portland. Jesse J. Roberts, of St. Joseph, Mo., is registered with his wife and daughter at the Portland.

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AMERICAN OPERA BILLED

ITALIAN COMPANY WILL PRODUCE "THE MASQUE BALL" TONIGHT.

Tomorrow's Matinee of Operatic Arts Will Be in Aid of Fund for Lambard Monument.

The first purely American grand opera to be presented by the Italian Grand Opera Company in its series of attractions at the Baker Theater, is Verdi's "The Masque Ball," the bill for tonight.

"The Masque Ball" was the last opera written by Verdi, produced in 1858. Verdi originally wished to write his opera around an Italian theme, but when he presented what he had written to the authorities, they refused him permission for presentation, on the ground that the story in the opera was nearly identical with a similar law case in Italy at that time.

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PRINCIPALS TO BE HOSTS

Mr. Alderman and Other School Officials to Be Dined Friday.

Novocaine is Under Ban

Harrison Drug Act Given Liberal Interpretation by Officials.

School principals of the city will banquet Superintendent L. R. Alderman, his assistants, members of the School board and Garden Supervisors Wednesday night at the Benson hotel, it was decided yesterday at the regular monthly meeting of the school principals' association.

The function will be in the nature of a family gathering of the principals of the city system of schools and it is expected it will be a helpful and interesting affair.

Dr. Alan Welch Smith, of the School Board, gave a talk to the principals yesterday in which he discussed the duties of various members of the school organization.

Novocaine, a substitute for cocaine, as well as all other synthetic substitutes for habit-forming drugs will be included in the scope of the Harrison Drug Act, according to a ruling just made by the Treasury Department.

Milton A. Miller, Collector of Internal Revenue, is anxious that all physicians, dentists and others affected by the act shall be advised of this ruling.

Novocaine is used largely by dentists as a substitute for cocaine. The law as passed names opium or cocoon leaves and includes any compound, manufacture, salt, derivative or preparation thereof. Under a liberal interpretation of the word "derivative," the Treasury Department has decided that cocaine derivatives in question will be included although until the question was determined, it was held that Novocaine and other similar preparations would not be included.

In order to conform with the law, all persons handling or dispensing these preparations must register and comply with all the terms of the act respecting the handling of narcotic drugs.

Idaho Tennis League Planned.

WALLACE, Idaho, May 2.—(Special.)—Looking for a tennis league has been announced for early next week. If the plans carry through all surrounding towns will be asked to join in an effort to obtain matches with cracks from the cities of Oregon and Washington.

SNOW LIFTS FIRE DANGER

Foresters Welcome Heavy Fall in Cascade Mountains.

The danger of forest fires has been lessened greatly by the heavy fall of snow in the Cascades, according to Acting Assistant District Forester Buck. Mr. Buck has received word from Zigzag Station, on the Mount Hood Road, that eight inches of snow had fallen and that the precipitation was continuing. He said that in other parts of the Oregon forest reserve there had

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Milk Wafers, Peterson's Swedish style, spe- 20c	Apex Peas, Colorado pack, No. 2 cans, dozen 11c
Olive Oil, Viciucci's "Map of Italy," 1/2 12 1/2c	\$1.25, can, 11c
Extra Select Oysters, No. 1, or 25c cans, while 19c	Gloss Starch, Kingsford's, 6-pound wooden boxes, 59c
Lima Beans, regular 20c grade, doz., \$1.65; 15c	White Soap, Royal White, special, seven bars 25c for only, 25c
Ripe Olives, Bohemian Club, 9-ounce 25c jars on 19c sale at, 19c	Ball Blueing, best clothes whiteners, 1/2-pound 10c boxes, 10c
Imported Pickles, Cross & Blackwell's Gher- 29c	Laundry Soap, Victor oval cakes, special, seven 25c for only, 25c

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JAPANESE FEAR ATTACK

COMMON PEOPLE SUSPECT AMERICANS, SAYS MISSIONARY.

Dr. George W. Hinman Makes Statement at Meeting of Highland Congregational Church.

"While some of the people in this country think Japan is looking for a chance to make trouble with America, it is not generally known here, but it is nevertheless true, that in Japan many of the common people are continually agitated for fear that the Americans are planning to pounce down upon Japan and attack her." This statement, uttered yesterday by Dr. George W. Hinman, who spoke in the Highland Congregational Church, created considerable surprise among the congregation.

Dr. Hinman was a visitor here from San Francisco and he left in the afternoon for Eugene. He is Pacific Coast secretary of the American Missionary Association of the Congregational Church. He has charge of the work among the Chinese, Japanese and Indians of the Coast.

The speaker had spent nine years as a missionary in the Orient and had become familiar with conditions there. He praised the work done in the missions of this Coast and urged encouragement of a friendly spirit.

The Rev. E. S. Bollinger, pastor of Highland Church, presided at the service. Dr. Hinman will be in San Francisco Wednesday and will speak at the Japanese Ministers' Association convention.

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