# NALKING AND MUSIC

Harney Youngsters Absorb Harmony From Desert and Mrs. E. M. Dodge Helps.

### CONCERT IS WONDERFUL

Hotel, Theater, High Schools and Other Agencies Conspire to Make Stay of Children Pleasant, Difficult Airs Well Played.

BY LEONE CASS BAER. "Soon's a Harney County youngster is out of its creepers it is handed a fiddle and a bow and turned over to Mrs. Dodge. And then it is one continuous harmony. Even the coyotes out in the Harney County foothills all bark in high C."

So said little Miriam McConnell, the radiantly lovely little spokes girl for the Harney County sagebrush sym-phony orchestra of children. Miriam wasn't being interviewed, bu

giving her clever monologue last night at the Morrison-street Theater when she opined as above.

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Mirlam occurred in the middle of the fascinating programme, but her remarks are a key to the entire situation, so we begin with her.

Harney Countyites may well be proud of their smart little folk and it is to their everlasting credit that the native sons and daughters of Burns pooled something like \$2000 so that the kiddles could take this big trip.

Homestender's Wife Is Inspiration. You've read of their work under the You've read of their work under the tutelage of that inspirational woman teacher—wife, mother, musician, genius and splendid thinker—Mrs. E. M. Dodge. She and her husband are homesteading in Harney County and all the bables for miles around absorb her music with their very life. She gives a music lesson and then all children and their young teacher go in, say, for a swim. Again, they have a tea party which is wound up or preceded by a

And, as Miriam says, "they live in harmony." Seems like they could change the name Harney to Harmony

now.

Mrs. Dodge brought her baby pupils to Portland yesterday after a visit at the Salem Fair. Phil Metschan, who is a former Harneyite, asked the entire band over to stay at his big hostelry, the Imperial, and even flavored the soup with sagebrush to keep in the atmosphere. And the Heilig Theater

ments of the programme. And when the various individual talents are tried in the balance none is found wanting.

Mrs. Dodge has even composed a little verse, set it to a beautiful haunting waltz melody and the little folk sing it as a greeting on their programme:

We are friends to greet you.

We are friends to greet you,
We are glad we're here.
We have come a long way
To Portland dear;
We're from Harney County,
It is sagebrush land;
We request your favor,
Here's our hand.

And simultaneously with the words each booster pokes a wee paw out, inviting a shake from the audience.

Tiny Comedian Makes Hit. This number is really quite dramatic. Two 5-year-old babies, Glen Dodge, a born comedian, and Katherine Walker, play its opening melody and then the entire orchestra crashes into big harmonics. They wave their bows aloft and cheer as they begin the encore and imbue their audience with a fine frenzy

of appreciation. Follows then the "Songs of Scotas a finale they all played "Auld Lang

Syne."
All through the programme the children use no music rests and play en-tirely from memory. Mrs. Dodge gets as planist for the big numbers, and with a smile or a nod inspires her lit-tle musicians to do their best.

After the Scottish number the chilafter the Scottsin humber the children change into dainty white from curly pate to tapping toes. An octet of little maids in regular stair-step arrangement played with belliance Shubert's "March Militaire" and gave repeated encores most graciously.

Little Maid Tells of Country. Then little Miriam McConnell comes out as a Harney County ranch lass. She delivers a smart monologue in which she tells of her big county, its resources, its big men, its schools and needs, and next she gives a clever imitation of "Pull" (William) Harley in tation of "Bill" (William) Hanley in his famous talk on "Hogs." She is really not of the orchestra, but a "di-vertisement," a "featured act," if you

Miriam's father, C. B. McConnell, is one of the pioneer irrigationists in his chosen county and he helped Miriam with her straight-from-the-shoulder booster talk.

She wears buckskin, carries a rifle and at her belt swings a rabbit's scalp. She jokes and conducts a reg'ly Ad Club meeting and then in the midst of a story about the Piute Indians in comes a band of warriors in Indian re-

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HERE THEY ARE! HARNEY COUNTY'S SAGEBRUSH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CHILDREN.



-From Photograph Taken in Portland.

ture from the "Prince of Pilsen," which they render in delightful style. Kath-leen Jordan follows with a Hungarian piece played with amazing perfection

"Love Dance" and "Star of India" in the "A and B" movements are given by the advanced orchestra, and the climax is really a climax. This is led by Katherine Farre, who turns into a miniature orchestra leader. With interruptions by barnyard calls that are most natural and create gales of mirth, the or-mestra plays divinely and performs tobly its mission and that of Mrs. Dodge, the instigator of its movement. o please and spread the tidings of Harney County.

CHILDREN CAPTIVATE ADMEN

Sleepy Youngster Refuses to Go to Bed for Fear He Will Miss Things.

From 5-year-old Glen Dodge, so sleepy from late hours and excitement that he could hardly move his bow arm, right up like stairsteps to the grown-up sponsors and chaperones, ran the delegation from the sagebrush country, the Harney County Sagebrush Symphony Orchestra, which was the guest of the Ad Club at luncheon at the

small souls, and has fitted the talents of each embryo Elman to the requirements of the programme. And when him to risk half an hour's sleep, while

They were guests at a theater party at the Hellig in the afternoon and in the morning they visited various high schools in the city.

HUNDREDS ARE TURNED AWAY BE CAUSE OF CROWDED HOUSE,

Technique of Sagebrush Orchestra Surprises Artists of City and Every Number Is Encored.

land," a fascinating medies with bagpipe effects, in which the orchestra
acts as a musical background for three
little artists. Alex Eggleston plays
"Annie Laurie": Viola Richardson playing the viola, gave "Ye Banks and
Braes" with beautiful tonal effects, and
as a finale they all played "Auld Lang"

the concert, last night, at the EleventhStreet Theater, of the Children's Sagebrush Orchestra from Harney County
was a memorable one of much value
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as a finale they all played "Auld Lang" From the standpoint of pure music, The concert was quite successful from the directions of entertainment and education. So enthusiastic was the audience that every number was en-

The cool spectator who could view

The cool spectator who could view unmoved the appearance of the tots from Oregon's sagebrush as they played on the theater stage is past redemption. It was a sight and an occasion sufficient to stir the hearts of all who love dittle children.

The best talent of the Harney County visitors lies chiefly in the violin section of the orchestra. Here the violin tone is easy, colorful, and decidedly agreeable to listen to. The young musicians played from memory, and their bowing and general violin technique are excellent. They play also with absence from stage fright, and with childish enthusiasm. In the rendition of Strong's "Happy Memories," Fyffe's "A Song of Greeting," Schubert's "March Millitalre," the Scotch "Fantasia," Luders "Prince of Pilsen" and other selections, the children won out. Several of the children are conductors and the children are conductors.

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in a business-like way. They keep After it was all over, and the big audience started to go home, this exclamation was heard often among the young orchestra members: "Now we hear Mischa Elman, the big man violinist Hoorset!"

comes a band of warriors in Indian regalia and executes a war dance, faithful to tradition.

Next Miriam returns as a bisque doll clad in dainty dolly clothes and captures the house with her cleverness.

Found in Italian's Home.

CHARGE IS FIRST OF KIND

Two Tons of Grapes Said to Have BODY TO ARRIVE FRIDAY Been Imported From California, Put in Barrels After Crushing and Allowed to Ferment.

Ten 50-gallon barrels of half-fer-

has allowed to stay at his big hostelry, band over to stay at the life potential, and the state of has potential band over to stay at his big hostelry, band over the state of his potential band of the state of the state

It is proposed to bring a queen to the annual stock show from every city and town of the ten counties included in the district and a sale of admission tickets, season tickets, memberships and life memberships will be launched in connection with the queen

H. B. AINSWORTH IN BANK

Brother of United States National's President Is Made Director.

SHERMAN WEALTH GAINS

Assessor Places Values of Property at \$6,303,600.

MORO, Or., Sept. 27. — (Special.) — Wealth of Sherman County is shown to be high in the assessment roll for the current year just completed by Otto Peets, Assessor. The total valuation is given as \$6,203,600. This is exclusive of property of railroads and other public services corporations. service corporations, which were as-

## sessed at \$2,507,987 in 1915. The sum-mary of the assessment roll for 1916 umber scres tillable land, 271,015, \$4,232,120 umber acres non-tillable land, 149,297 149.297 improvements on deeded land fown lots improvements on town lots improvements on land not deeded Stationery engines, manufacturing machinery, etc. Merchandise and stock in trade ... Farming implements, autos, etc. Money, notes and accounts ... Hotels and office furniture and equipment equipment umber of horses and mules, 6951 umber of cattle, 8259 umber of sheep and goats, 17,116 umber of swine, 2407 umber of dogs, 343

## Funeral of Late Horace D. Ramsdell

Set for Saturday.

The body of Horace D. Ramsdell, expresident of the old Commercial Club and a prominent business man of this mented wine were seized and Joe Marestoni, 244 Second street, was man's change Saturday morning. The

also states that no person is allowed to manufacture beverages with an excess of one half of one per cent alcohol for any use whatever. tel Proprietress.

Inability to obtain a jury yesterday made it necessary for the trial of the bootlegging charge against the proprie-

BREWERS' ACT IS RAPPED

Lewiston Livestock Affair to Be Widely Boosted.

Lewiston, Idaho, Sept. 27.—(Special.)—A campaign embracing the ten counties and 33 cities and towns of Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington will be launched under the direction of W. L. Tennant in the interests of the Northwest Livestock Association show to be held at Lewiston, November 26 to December 2.

Lewiston Livestock Affair to Be bootlegging charge against the proprietress, is connected with the Alder Hotel to be continued until 2 concluded until 2 continued until 2 contin

## Liquor Seized in Klamath.

Dealers in Steinways and other good Pianos, Pianola Pianos,

Victrolas and Records, Player

Rolls, Cabinets, Etc.

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and Loan Law. He spoke in favor of of wine, six cases of beer, and several Sunday closing, tax limitation and empty beer bottles, which were all rural credits.

A Barni, proprietor, was ar-KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Sept. 27 .-EUGENE, Or., Sept. 27 .- (Special.) --(Special.)—Sheriff C. C. Low, of this city, last night raided a resort at Pell-awarded the contract for an addition

can City, the important mill center on to the Osburn Hotel building, including Lower Klamath Lake about two miles a palm room, to cost \$2500. O. W. north of this city, and found four kegs Heckart, of Portland, is the contractor. TODAY-Portland and Elks' Day

State Fair

TOMORROW-Governor's and Scandinavian Day

"Trains Stop in

the Heart

of Town.'

8--Fast Trains--8

PORTLAND and SALEM

## TWO DOLLARS ROUND TRIP

Trains leave Portland for Salem (North Bank Sta\* tion)—6:30, 8:30 (Limited), 10:45 A. M., 2:05, 4:40 (Limited), 6.05, 9:20, 11:45 P. M.

Trains leave Salem for Portland-4:35, 7:15, 9:45 (Limited), 11:20 A. M., 1:50, 4:00 (Limited), 5:30, 7:55 P. M. Also-

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SPECIAL

10:00 P. M. Thursday, Portland Day

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