

GRAND OPERA BILL 'MARTHA,' 'FAUST'

Two Performances Given by
San Carlo Company With
Success at Auditorium.

OLD FAVORITES WELCOMED

Von Flotow's Gay Music Presented
at Matinee and Gounod's Tunc-
ful Airs Enjoyed by Audience
at Evening Performance.

CAST OF "MARTHA."
Lady Harriet.....Edwidge Vaccari
Nancy.....Stella Demotte
Lionel.....Giovanni Ingar
Punchett.....Angelo Antola
Sheriff.....Antonio Casova
Sir Tristan.....Natalie Cervi

BY JOSEPH MACQUEEN.

One presentation each of Von Flotow's opera, "Martha," and Gounod's "Faust" marked the successful operatic bill yesterday in the Public Auditorium by the San Carlo Grand Opera Company. "Martha" is a lovely, tuneful, old opera of the time of our granddads, and is rarely sung nowadays. Therefore, yesterday's rendition of it was all the more welcome. Pretty, new and eye-pleasing scenery helped to tell the story of "Martha" and gave the stage the appearance of a new dress.

"Martha" is an English opera reflecting the fashionable town of Richmond, England, in the time of Queen Anne, and the men singers wear knee pants and other dress of that period, the fair sex look stunning in old-fashioned dresses, with hoop-skirts, etc., while everybody concerned wears white wig. The story wedded to the opera is amusing and otherwise lively. All the opera stars have what they call "a good time."

Laughable Situations Mean.

Henrietta, attendant of Queen Anne, weary of the pomp of court life, disguises herself as a domestic servant, and with Nancy, her friend and maid, and Tristan, her cousin and admirer, attends a servant's fair, where help is hired for the year. Plunkett and his adopted brother, Lionel, also attend at this fair, and a series of delightful misprisms take place.

Various people are so disguised that it would need a Philadelphia lawyer to tell who is who. There is superabundance of love making, and the attempts of aristocratic girls to appear as domestic servants cause plenty of laughter.

To this gay action Friedrich von Flotow has created gay music to match. Henrietta, as Martha, sings the old ballad, "The Last Rose of Summer," and Lionel sings the familiar aria "M'appari tutto amore."

Vaccari a Pleasing "Martha."

Edwidge Vaccari made a pleasing, romantic Martha, and sang the music allotted to her with sweetness of tonal beauty. Stella Demotte was the Nancy, and was as gay as the proverbial lark, while her singing was artistic. Ingar, tenor, shone in "M'appari," and with tender duets and trysts, Angelo Antola's fine baritone voice was heard to good advantage. Natalie Cervi, basso, made his voice heard easily over all the Auditorium, and was quite amusing in his acting.

The orchestra was just a trifle loud now and then for the lightness of Vaccari's voice.

Applause was hearty.

"FAUST."
CAST.
Mephistopheles.....Pietro di Biasi
Valentine.....Giusseppe Agostini
Sibbel.....Joseph Royer
Marguerite.....Marta Melis
Marta.....Alice Homer

Miss Luisa Darcio, soprano, of St. Paul, the Marguerite of "Faust," was the bright star in the prima donna line last night in the Public Auditorium. Miss Darcio, daughter of a St. Paul physician, played violin in her extreme youth, discovered that she had a singing voice and went East and took singing lessons. Six years later she was one of the best masters of bel canto and Miss Darcio was ready for opera. Two years ago Miss Darcio was engaged as prima donna soprano with the San Carlo Grand Opera Company and she has been a great success.

Pietro di Biasi, basso, was the Mephistopheles and he was so much of a success in that star part that he was awe-inspiring. Tall and majestic in stature, Di Biasi has a big voice to match. He is a "devil" to be reckoned with for the artistic personality with which he invested the part.

Our old friend, Giusseppe Agostini, tenor, was the Faust, and he ever a romantic, good-looking one. Possessed of a clear tenor voice, which he uses with fine taste, Agostini was and is a favorite. Joseph Royer was a manly Valentine, and sang well. Marta Melis, who has a mellow, agreeable voice, pleased immensely as Sibbel.

Alice Homer (who in private life is Edith Mackle) was the Marta. Miss Homer has a fine mezzo voice which she uses with skill.

The presentation of "Faust" in stage ensemble and in splendid scenery was quite a fine one, and was most heartily received by the large audience.

Tonight, "La Gioconda."

FOUR BRUISED BY AUTOS

Edna Austin Refuses to Give Address and Goes Home by Herself.

Miss Edna Austin, a student at the Benson Polytechnic School, was knocked down at East Twelfth and East Davis streets last night by an automobile driven by A. L. Gile, 114 East Forty-eighth street, and bruised severely. She declined to give her address.

Mrs. W. H. Kenny, 744 Thurman street, sustained bruises about the body when knocked down at Twenty-third and Thurman streets by an automobile driven by Jack H. Larson, 907 Union avenue.

John Schmudla, 61 of 327 Gilliam street, was bruised about the knees and hips when knocked down at Broadway and Gilliam streets by an automobile driven by J. M. Liewellyn, 219 North Fourteenth street.

J. H. Southern was knocked down at Park street and Stark street by a 1910 automobile driven by C. E. Brunner, 423 East Third street.

E. V. Hauser, of the Multnomah Hotel Company, has just returned from a 30-day trip throughout the East.

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TO CURB THEFT AIM

New Ordinance Soon to Be Submitted to Council.

ALL JUNK TO BE STAMPED

Measure Drawn to Prevent Looting
Vacant Houses and Other Places
of Valuable Water, Electric
Light and Other Fixtures.

In an effort to curb the stealing of water, electric and gas fixtures in vacant houses and elsewhere, an ordinance requiring junk dealers to put the police stamp on all such articles purchased or offered for sale, has been prepared by City Commissioner Barbur for presentation to the City Council next Wednesday.

The measure has been drafted as a result of numerous complaints of thieves entering vacant houses and stealing faucets, electric light fixtures, gas fixtures, lead pipe connections, pipe and other articles. In many cases unoccupied houses have been stripped of fixtures costing hundreds of dollars.

Under the provisions of the proposed ordinance each junk dealer licensed to do a junk business will be required when buying goods to fill out a statement listing the articles, which list

must be signed by the person selling the stuff. The name and address must be shown on the slip.

In the evening, or before attempting to dispose of any stuff, the junk dealer must go to the police station and turn in his slips showing purchases. The police then will place a stamp or sticker on each article presented and accounted for on the slips. This sticker will entitle the junk dealer to put the commodity stamped into trade unless it is found by the police that the stuff has been stolen. The police will check up on the purchase slips.

The plan involves an immediate inventory by the police of all junk-houses, second-hand stores and pawnshops. Each article in these places will be stamped. When this is accomplished the presence of an unstamped article will not only subject the dealer to arrest, but will be grounds for the revocation of his license to do business.

Chief of Police Johnson has been working with Commissioner Barbur and others in the preparation of the ordinance, and they think it is entirely practicable and will result in a curtailment of thefts of fixtures and other junk. Thefts of this sort have given the police much trouble lately.

The measure is intended to answer several good purposes. One is to curb crooked junk dealers who act virtually as fences for thieves. Another is to restrain boys and others from the theft of fixtures in vacant houses and other places. Another is to prevent junk dealers stealing stuff about houses where they go to solicit purchases.

Still another is to give the police a complete inventory of the things purchased by junk dealers so that stolen goods may be recovered.

By enforcing the measure strictly it is believed that a death blow will be dealt to thievery. Strong opposition to the measure is expected in some quarters.

L. R. ALDERMAN IS SUED

MISS ALEVIA ALEXANDER ASKS \$10,000 FOR ALLEGED SLANDER.

Case Is Outgrowth of Discharge by Superintendent of Teacher From Benson Polytechnic School.

An alleged slanderous remark, said to have been made by L. R. Alderman, City Superintendent of Schools, and directed at Miss Alevia Alexander during the course of her testimony January 12, 1917, when she was being tried by the School Board, is the basis of a \$10,000 slander suit filed yesterday by the teacher against Superintendent Alderman.

The plaintiff alleges that in making a statement Superintendent Alderman falsely accused her of perjury, specifically charging that he said: "I want to say that I have heard more real downright lies tonight than I have heard in a lifetime."

She asserts that the statement was made because she had incurred his dislike while she was principal of the girls' department of the Benson Polytechnic School, and was discharged by the Board following a trial.

The controversy between Miss Alexander and the School Board has been in the local courts for more than a year. Judge Gatens, in an opinion handed down last Fall, held that the dismissal of Miss Alexander by the Board was illegal and irregular.

JITNEY CASE DUE MONDAY

Court Will Pass on Alleged Subterfuge Under Guise of Club.

Whether or not the "pro bono publico" jitneys, operating recently under the guise of a social club, are legal will be determined in the Circuit Court next Monday when the case against Albert Stevens, a jitney driver, charged with violating the city ordinance, will be tried on appeal from the Municipal Court.

The case was set down for trial yesterday, but was postponed when opposing counsel could not reach an agreed state of facts which would eliminate the calling off of numerous witnesses.

In the Municipal Court Stevens was fined \$25 by Judge Rosman. The city contends that the so-called "P. B. P." Club is only a subterfuge to beat the city jitney ordinance.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Tonight at 7:30 the first of the regular Friday night socials will be held in the boys' division around the fireplace. You and your friends are invited to be there. There will be lots to eat, good entertainment, good music, swimming and a general good time.

There will be a social every Friday night following, providing that some big event, such as the camp reunion or a mother and son banquet, does not interfere.

The Swastikas are progressing very rapidly this year. They are the oldest and largest E. E. A. club in the "Y." Anyone wanting games with the Swastikas should get in touch with Carl Stevenson. The present officers of the club are: President, Lake, vice-president, Krieger; secretary, Wright; treasurer, Baker, and manager, Stevenson. Mr. Gawley is the leader.

for 7 points against 3 for the younger club's quintet.

The Incas had 25 members present at their last meeting. They toasted marshmallows and had a general good time. A business meeting was held and it was decided to make next Thursday initiation night. Any boy wishing a membership should apply to Mr. Rockney before Thursday evening. All preps are invited to be present at the initiation.

The Trojans had election of officers at their last meeting, the results being: Harry Meyer, president; John Conture, vice-president; William Gammell, secretary; Sord Loveland, treasurer. The Trojans voted two new members into their club last meeting, Harry Hemmings and Edward Paterson.

Standings of the Junior League Teams.

	P.	W.	L.	Pct.
Trojans	5	3	0	1.000
Saxons	5	4	1	.800
Aradians	5	3	2	.600
Irish	4	3	1	.750
Samuelis	4	3	1	.750

Standings of Intermediate League Teams.

	P.	W.	L.	Pct.
Aradians	2	1	1	.500
Crusaders	2	1	1	.500

PORTLAND NOT INTERESTED

Councilmen Balk on Sending Delegates to Spokane Convention.

Portland may not be represented at the annual convention of the Pacific Northwest milk and dairy inspectors in Spokane the latter part of this month. Members of the City Council are balked at providing funds to send representatives from the Portland Milk Bureau.

Portland had the convention in 1914 and it was attended by a large number of people, including some from Spokane, Tacoma and about 15 from Seattle.

Commissioner Mann, who has charge of the Milk Bureau in Portland, asked the Council yesterday to send Dr. D. W. Mack, chief milk inspector, and E. C. Callaway, milk chemist, to the meeting. The proposal met with opposition.

CEMENT COST IS HIGHER

Clatsop County Closes Contract for 4500 Barrels at Net Price \$23.13.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—The County Court has closed a contract for 4500 barrels of cement to be used in constructing the hard-surfaced road to Fort Stevens and delivery is to be commenced soon after the first of April.

The contract is at the rate of \$2.55 a barrel, delivered inside of the S. P. & S. warehouse at Flavel, with a discount of 5 cents a barrel for cash, and a further discount of 40 cents a barrel for sacks, making the net price \$23.13 a barrel.

Last year the county made a contract at the rate of \$1.83 per barrel net for cement for the Lewis & Clark road and the balance required for that work is to be delivered at the old price.

DR. VISETTI IS ACQUITTED

Italian Consul at Seattle Fails to Prove Libel Charge.

After deliberating not more than 20 minutes, the jury in Circuit Judge Tucker's court which heard evidence in the criminal libel action against Dr. Carlos Visetti, publisher of the Italian Journal, yesterday returned a verdict of not guilty. The jurors decided that Dr. Visetti had not libeled Paula Brenna, Italian Consul at Seattle.

LIQUOR IMPORTERS IN JAIL

San Francisco Bootleggers Plead Guilty in Federal Court.

Sentences to serve 30 days in the County Jail were imposed yesterday by Federal Judge Bean upon Clarence H. Drake and Thomas Case, San Francisco men, who pleaded guilty to having brought quantities of liquor here for distribution.

The men had previously appeared in Circuit Court, where they were taxed fines of \$150. Under the necessity of having to square themselves with the Federal statutes, they sought immediate sentence before Judge Bean, and were accommodated.

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GRAND OPERA FAVORITES WILL BE HEARD AGAIN TONIGHT.



Signor Emanuel Salazar Miss Elizabeth Amsdem

Tonight the Italian opera "La Gioconda" will mark the final appearance of Miss Amsdem, the soprano of the San Carlo Grand Opera Company, who has taken Portland by storm. She will appear as Gioconda with the wonderful tenor, Emanuel Salazar, playing in the same cast as Enzo. Together they will make the "La Gioconda" performance one that will live long in the memories of Portland music-lovers, as well that of "Aida" and "Cavalleria," in which they previously sang together. Tomorrow is the company's last day in this city, with the "Tales of Hoffman" scheduled for the matinee and "Il Trovatore" for the evening performance. For the "Tales of Hoffman" the cast includes Edwidge Vaccari, of "Lucia" fame; Giovanni Ingar, Stella De Mettis and Joseph Royer. Salazar will be the star.