

TO SING "MESSIAH"

Handel's Great Oratorio Will Be Given Today.

GREAT CHORUS PROMISED

One Hundred and Fifty Voices and an Orchestra of Twenty-Five Pieces Will Constitute Music for the Occasion.

The first of the oratorios at the Lewis and Clark Exposition in connection with the series of conferences and congresses of religion will be given this afternoon at 3 o'clock in Festival Hall.

that of a lion. The table is the only one of its kind in the world and is valued by Mr. Weinberger at \$4,000.

Woodburn's Hostess at Fair. The Women's Club of this city, of which Mrs. Grace Jones Austin is the president, is an organization devoted to the work of local development.

Mrs. Austin has been unanimously selected by the club as hostess for Woodburn day, on June 10, at the Lewis and Clark Fair.

Police Station at Fair. The police station near the entrance to the Exposition grounds is being fitted with a reporting system and otherwise made comfortable and up-to-date.

Many Fine Singing Voices Here

William Castleman, the Famous Grand Opera Tenor, Says So—Advocates More Music at the Exposition.

Among those musical pilgrims who have returned from San Francisco to take in the delights of the Lewis and Clark Exposition is William Castleman, the celebrated tenor, who is visiting his relatives, Senator and Mrs. Herbert Hoffman.

"No, indeed," said Mr. Castleman, when informed about what his friends were saying about him. "My dear sir, there is no use in saying that I am going back on Portland. As you know, I have never had so much trouble from sickness during the past two years that the good people of Portland cannot get me until I am a well man again."

"What about your impressions of grand opera in San Francisco?" Mr. Castleman has, in my estimation, the most beautiful organ ever placed in a human throat," remarked Mr. Castleman.

Continued rain yesterday had a bad effect on the Exposition attendance, and the admissions department last night announced that the slide readings for the day were 16,568.

WASHINGTON COUNTY DAY. Lewis and Clark Club Prepares a Programme.

FOREST GROVE, Or., June 3.—(Special.)—The Washington County Lewis and Clark Club is making extensive preparations for next Tuesday, which is to be Washington County day at the Fair.

Indian Photographs Shown. The handsome collection of Indian photographs taken by E. S. Curtis, of Seattle, was on exhibition in the gallery of the Forestry building yesterday afternoon to the invited friends of Mrs. J. B. Montgomery.

Wonderful Specimen of Nature. Marcus Weinberger, an eminent naturalist of Aberdeen, Wash., has on exhibition in the Washington building at the Exposition, a crocheted table that has cost him ten years of diligent searching and several hundred dollars to design.

AMUSEMENTS. "A Gilded Fool." Chesney Short, N. C. Goodwin, Matthew Ruthven, Felix Edwards, Bennier Strang, Ella Newwood, Jack Deval, Tommie Nesome, Tharp, Rev. Jacob Howell, Fred Tyler, Perkins, Nell O'Brien, Morgan, W. H. Post, Jashor, Margaret Ruthven, Ruth Mackay, Mrs. Ruthven, Mrs. Ida Goldsmith, Nell Andrew, Fred Parker, Miss Jessie Road, George Mendon, Maid.

JUNK BID HIGHEST

Particulars of Elder Sale Are Kept Secret.

FIVE BIDS ARE SUBMITTED

Dealer in Junk Announced as Successful Bidder on Wreck, but Amounts Are Not Disclosed by Captain MacFarlane.

Bids for the purchase of the wreck of the steamer Geo. W. Elder were opened by Captain Archibald MacFarlane yesterday.

Not even the bidders were informed as to the sums offered. Five bids were submitted, so far as known. The bidders waited in the outer office of Henry Hewett & Co. while Captain MacFarlane opened the envelopes inside.

It is probable that the highest bid was between \$500 and \$1,000. Some bids are known to have been \$1,000.

Others who bid on the wreck, so far as known, were Anderson & Crowe, Barde & Son, Freedman Bros., and one bidder from Puget Sound.

It is said that the work of completely stripping the vessel must be begun at once, before the high water in the Columbia makes the labor more difficult.

Much of the steamer's furnishings have already been taken off. The Elder went on a rock near Goble, Or., in January and has been abandoned by the underwriters.

Captain MacFarlane, who tried for four months to free the Elder, conducted the bidding, as the special agent of the underwriters.

NUMANTIA LEAVES TODAY. Liner Takes Light Cargo to Japanese and Chinese Ports.

The Portland & Asiatic liner Numantia cleared for Japan and Hongkong yesterday afternoon, and will leave down today.

She made a short stay of five days in port. A very light load was awaiting her here, as the impending battle between the two fleets and the uncertainty as to the victor returned to scare prospective shippers.

By the time the battle was won by the Japanese, it was too late to get freight here.

Among the articles of freight on board are 1000 bales of cotton for the Mofu factories, and a large number of sewing-machine parts. There are also 2500 sacks of malt, a small consignment of lumber and 5000 sacks of flour, besides a number of machine-part consignments.

DROWN IN THE RIVER. At 5:30 o'clock last night a man known to the police only as Baker, whose initials could not be ascertained, was drowned in the river at the foot of Yamhill street.

The police were notified of the tragedy by Samuel Fisher, who owns the scow "Seward," lying at the foot of Yamhill street. Fisher said that early in the evening two other men who work on the scow returned to the boat with the stranger, whom they introduced as Baker.

All began drinking and about 8:30 o'clock, while walking about the scow, Baker stumbled over a timber and fell into the water. His companions were unable to rescue him, owing to their condition.

The other two went away immediately after the drowning and left Fisher to tell the police. The authorities could not get a straight story of the accident last night, and suspect foul play.

Addresses Local Steamboatmen. At an open meeting of the American Association of Masters, Mates and Pilots held in the harbor headquarters last night, Captain Luther E. Dow, of New York, grand councillor of the association, told of the work of the order.

How it had gradually gained power and had become so influential in the regulations under which vessels are now operated. Captain Dow is considered the greatest authority on the subject in the United States, and during the meeting he answered his questions until nearly midnight.

Captain D. Thomas Davies, of Seattle, also spoke. He said favored changing the charters of the harbors so that the masters and pilots would be separate from the mates, removing what friction there is now in the organization. Both leave today for Seattle.

Marine Notes. To make another attempt to repair the North Head cable, District Forecaster Beale will go to Astoria tonight, and operations will begin tomorrow.

The steamer Alliance is due tonight from coast ports. Among her cargo are seven cars of lumber and shingles for the East, shipped from Eureka.

Loaded with 100,000 feet of lumber, the barkentine Kohala cleared yesterday for Shanghai.

Best Values

Women's Lace Lisle Hosiery

50c and 65c qualities reduced tomorrow. A sale of high-grade stockings tomorrow—all the newest effects in allover black lace, or lace boot patterns, plain or embroidered insteps, new colorings, navy, tans or champagnes; the quantity is large, and the assortments most desirable; regularly sold at 50c and 65c a pair, we place them on sale tomorrow only at—

33 1/2c Pair



The New Summer Gloves are Here.—Full assortment in lisle thread, silk and lace mesh gloves, in all colors; prices to suit all, pair, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and.....\$1.25

Domestic and Wash Goods

Goods bought here are satisfactory because there is a great assortment from which to choose, and prices prevailing throughout this section are lower than elsewhere.

Muslin de Soie or Silk Organdies 15c Yard

Muslin de Soie, or Silk Organdies, in all the best shades of the most wanted colors, the most desirable fabric for Summer or evening wear; extra good quality, only.....15c

New Shirtwaist Patterns

At 75c, 85c, \$1.00 and \$1.25

New white embroidered shirtwaist patterns, composed of quality white lawn, with silk-finished, wash-embroidered front, collar and cuffs; a large and handsome assortment of designs to select from.

Absolutely the best values at the following prices—\$1.25, \$1.00, 85c and.....75c

Ruffled Bobinet Curtains, full 3 yards long and 40 inches wide, made of extra quality net, with deep ruffle; best \$1.75 quality, on special sale, at, per pair.....\$1.40

Hammocks, made with deep valance, and upholstered pillow; a large assortment of colorings to select from; extra good values at \$1.95; special sale price.....\$1.50

\$2.00 Comforters, \$1.65—Full size, light cotton filled, silkolene covered, wool filled, comforters in medium, light and dark colors, well worth \$2.00; special sale price.....\$1.65

\$4.50 Wool Blankets, \$3.90—Gray Wool Blankets, extra large size, full 6 pounds in weight, best \$4.50 quality; special sale price.....\$3.90

60-inch Table Damask, 50c—Bleached Table Damask, full 60 inches wide, good heavy quality, in handsome patterns, well worth 65c per yard; special sale price.....50c

58-inch Table Damask, 35c—Unbleached Table Damask, full 58 inches wide, neat designs, the kind that washes well; sold everywhere at 50c per yard; special sale price.....35c

\$1.25 Tea Cloths, 85c—All linen damask tea cloths, in handsome patterns, finished with drawwork and hemstitching; these cloths are 1 yard square and splendid values at regular price; special sale price.....85c

85c Linen Tea Cloths, 1 yard square, at.....65c

50c Tray Cloths, size 18x27 inches, at.....35c

Best Values Portland's Fastest-Growing Store Best Values

Robert's Bros Third & Morrison Srs.

Qualities and Varieties Low Prices

Never Beckoned With Greater Grace Than at Present... We Offer These Unmatchable Bargains for Monday

Women's Silk Shirtwaist Suits

The cleverest and prettiest styles and newest effects in soft taffeta and chiffon taffeta silk. The waists are very full, handsomely shirred, pleated and tucked, with the newest sleeve effects. All the new colors—every one tailor-made and faultlessly finished; real \$18.50 and \$20.00 Suits at.....

Jap. Silk Waists New Silk Petticoats

The popularity of these fetching garments is perennial. Each year the new creations grow more delightful. A line that just came in is beautified with cluster tucks and latest leg-o'-mutton sleeves with neat cuffs. Real \$2.50 values, special at.....\$1.90

Kid Gloves New Silks Priced Low

Here are some irresistible offerings in handsome new silks. In these items the purchasing power of your money is greatly magnified—sometimes two-fold. You are fortunate, indeed, if you can use them to advantage.

"The Princess," 20 inches wide, all pure silk, warranted to wear; double finish, crepe weave; in a full range of colorings, as well as cream and black, the most wanted silk for suit and evening wear. Regular \$1.25 quality, special, Monday and Tuesday.....98c

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54-inch Pin Check Panamas, regular \$1.65; Monday special.....\$1.13

42-inch French Voiles, all wool, regular \$1.00 value; Monday special.....88c

46-inch Crepe Egyptia, plain colors, regular \$1.00 value; Monday special.....73c

52-inch Mohair Sicilian, silk finish, regular \$1.00 value; Monday.....75c

46-inch French Henrietta, velvet finish, regular \$1.40 value; Monday special.....99c

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44-inch Melrose, all wool; regular price 65c.....60 and 65c

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Best Values

Sale of Women's High-Grade Summer-Weight Underwear Tomorrow

Fine French lisle thread Vests and Pants. Vests have high neck and long sleeves, pants made umbrella style, deep lace-trimmed. They are of the finest French lisle thread, are handsomely finished and have sold all season at 65c per garment. Tomorrow we place 50 dozen on sale at less than cost.

39c Garment

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We're Keeping Pace in Our Shoe Section

The eyes of the world are on Portland at the present time, and naturally she is putting her best foot first. We are bound to keep pace with the city. We have donned our full regalia of bargain offerings, and will have a brand-new suit each day. We do not intend one single Fair visitor shall leave us with the usual cry during Fair periods of "Robbers." Monday we have some special bargain offerings.

\$3.00 FOR WOMEN'S \$4.00 BOOTS. Women's patent Corona calf, patent ideal kid and black vici kid hand-made Boots, regularly sold at this store at \$4.00, which means \$5.00 elsewhere; Monday.....\$3.00

\$1.99 FOR WOMEN'S \$3.00 BOOTS. And oxfords, in tan Russia calf, tan vici, patent leather and black vici, hand-made; Monday, pair.....\$1.99

Misses' strap and barefoot Sandals, hand-made—they're worth \$1.50; Monday.....99c

Boys' good all solid and very stylish Shoes, sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2; Monday.....\$1.39