

THE LIFE of the week



MISS GERTRUDE RENNYSON

PORTLAND'S "season" of grand opera has come and gone, and Portland society has paid tribute thereto. Judging from the crowded houses, it may be taken as a foregone conclusion that the managers will give us grand opera again next winter. After a few seasons, when Portland shall have accustomed herself to the new order of things, perhaps we may fall into a grand opera "modus vivendi" more in accord with grand opera customs the world over. We may not, to be sure, see the gorgeous display of jewels which New York sees at the opera; we may not have our streets for half a mile blocked with carriages; we are not likely to have supper afterwards costing a hundred dollars the plate, with decorations of orchids for which a small fortune is spent; our womanhood, even, may not find it necessary to wear a new gown and a new wrap for each performance of the week or two weeks; and we can scarcely expect to have an all-star cast of singers who will sing for less than a thousand dollars a night each—but it is just possible that we may have a few more swallows and tuxedos and a few women in full evening dress. It will take courage for our matrons and our maids to make this innovation, but it is sure to come. Portland is younger yet in opera-going ways, and like a girl in her first party gown—self-conscious and shy. It will take less fortitude, perhaps, for Portland ladies to assume full-dress regalia than it did for Judge Hoque and F. M. Gilmore—the latter now in San Francisco—to don the first evening coats ever worn in Portland. This was about 25 years ago. When they came out on the sidewalk after the theater, the crowd stood around to gaze at them as if they were a part of the show.

Portland society women are slow to appear in public in full evening dress, only because their good taste and fine modesty make them dislike to become conspicuous in any way or the object of remarks or critical looks.

Among social affairs of note during the past week, the reception and luncheon given on Wednesday by the New England Conservatory Club of Portland to Miss Gertrude Rennyson, leading soprano of the Savage Grand Opera Company, easily takes precedence. Miss Rennyson is a graduate of the New England Conservatory in the class of '86 and because of this she was made honorary member of the Portland club. The pleasant feature of the reception on Wednesday was the discovery by the guest of honor and her hostesses of many mutual friends and the delightful reminiscences this occasion brought forth. The ladies who comprised the luncheon party gathered at the Portland Hotel. Mrs. Max M. Shillock, president of the club, made a short address of welcome, which was responded to by Miss Rennyson and their address of welcome was to the effect, where one of the most artistic tables seen this season was spread. The service was china decorated with violets. A large crystal chandelier and a magnificent fern formed the center decoration. From this ropes of violets strung on gold threads were stretched to smaller vases of the fragrant flowers. Violets also were scattered over the cloth. Miss Rennyson declared that she had never set down to a prettier table. The place cards bore tiny parrots brilliantly colored in the innocent blues. These were received direct from Paris on the preceding day. Miss Rennyson quite won the hearts of the Portland ladies by her sweet and unaffected manner. She was gowned in black lace net, made in white and blue and wore a long string of pearls and a comb set with green jade. Her brooch, a "Lohegrin swan," made in diamonds, was much admired. Mrs. Shillock wore a brocade gown of white and gold with trimmings of white lace. Her hat was black velvet with crown of pink and white plumes.

black plumes; Miss Louise Forsyth, in dark skirt and white lace waist worn with white hat violet trimmed; Mrs. Grace Watt, roses in black grenadine with broad satin sash made over purple and worn with black and purple hat; Mrs. Edgar B. Piper, in gray cloth suit, the jacket worn over a white waist, with white hat done with white plumes; Mrs. J. M. Berry, in white with hat having pink silk crown and trimmings of pink; Mrs. W. B. Hamilton, in gray, with lace yoke and touches of pink, and a black hat trimmed with pink roses.

William Castleman had the pleasure of doing considerable entertaining for members of the Savage Opera Company. On Monday evening, Messrs. Sheehan, Goff and Schenck were his guests. H. Ellers, of Portland, was also of the party. On Tuesday evening he entertained Messrs. Sheehan, Goff and Emanuel, Mr. Schenck being in W. D. Wheeler's party. On Wednesday evening, Mr. Castleman and Mr. Sheehan had supper together after the opera was over. Mr. Castleman is a long-time friend of these artists and has sung with Mr. Goff and Mr. Sheehan in the East.

The benefit card party to be given on Tuesday evening next by the ladies of Concordia Club members promises to be an event of much interest. Invitations will be sent only to members and their wives, but a large attendance is expected. Five hundred will be the game played and dancing will follow. Mrs. Marcus Fletcher, wife of the president of the club, is chairman of the committee having the arrangements in charge. Her assistants are as follows: Mrs. A. Meier, Mrs. E. A. Whitte, Mrs. Sol Rosenfeld, Mrs. B. Neustadter, Mrs. Otto Biswanoff, Mrs. Fred Rothschild, Mrs. Mark Levy, Mrs. M. Baruh, Mrs. Max Hirsch, Mrs. J. Rosenthal, Mrs. J. D. Meyer, Mrs. B. S. Berman, Mrs. S. Berman, Mrs. Henry Hauserman, Mrs. H. B. Sichel, Mrs. L. Rosenblatt, Mrs. Mose Sichel.

Mrs. Arthur H. Breymann and the Misses Breymann have cards out for a five hundred party to be given at their home on Wednesday evening next at half after 8 o'clock.

Mrs. John Kollock gave an informal luncheon on Thursday, followed by bridge playing. Her guests were Mrs. L. Allen Lewis, Mrs. J. Wesley Ladd, Mrs. Harry Nunn, Mrs. Estelle Houghton, Miss Sue Stott, Mrs. Walter Burrell and Mrs. Morton Insley.

Mrs. William Worthington Harder and Mrs. Frank E. Watkins have sent out invitations for a party to be given next Wednesday afternoon at Mrs. Harder's residence, 431 Hall street. These invitations are most unique and in heart shape. It is understood that decorations for the party will be all in heart effects and that the color scheme will be pink. There will be a frieze of hearts around the rooms and crowns of different-sized hearts for the chandeliers. Refreshments will be heart-shaped and cakes, loaves and confections will be pink. About 90 invitations have been sent out.

Francisco who has recently come to Portland and is making her home at the Hobart-Curtis. Prizes were won by Mrs. E. T. C. Stevens and Miss Eleanor Gille.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. S. Wood gave a dinner on Friday evening in honor of Judge and Mrs. Wolverson. Their other guests were General and Mrs. Beebe, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ayer, Judge on Williams and Miss Williams, Captain and Mrs. Sladen, Mr. and Mrs. J. Couch Flanders.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Charlton were among those giving box parties at the opera on Monday and on Tuesday evenings. On Monday their guests were Mrs. M. J. Comstock, mother of Mrs. Charlton, Mrs. J. M. Berry, Mrs. Thomas B. Howe and Mr. Howard Charlton. Mrs. Comstock wore black grenadine with trimmings of black and white lace; Mrs. Berry, who is a sister of Mrs. Charlton, was in a costume of white herrietta cloth; Mrs. Howe was in black liberty silk, relieved with violet chiffon and white lace. On Tuesday evening the six in the Charlton party were Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Hering, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Berry and Mr. and Mrs. Charlton. Mr. Hering was in white with duchess lace trimmings, and Mrs. Charlton wore pink flowered organdie over pink silk.

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lavender crepe de chine, trimmed with lace. A short musical programme was rendered. Mrs. Millie Perkins sang several selections and a dramatic recitation. Miss Mamie O'Neil played solos on the mandolin and on the piano. Mrs. Hoben was assisted by her daughters, the Misses Elizabeth and Josephine Hoben, the former in pink and the latter in green, by Miss Mamie Hageman, gowned in blue, and by Miss Mamie O'Neil, in pale blue. The decorations were red curtains, mingled with greens. During the afternoon Mrs. June McMillen Ordway presented Baby Hoben, aged 7 years, with a lullaby she had composed and set to music. The little maid of 7, who already has a sweet voice, will learn to sing this lullaby of her own soon. Mrs. Hoben's guests, other than her guest of honor, were: Mrs. H. Porter, Mrs. June McMillen Ordway, Mrs. F. Hageman, Mrs. Eleanor O'Neil, Mrs. H. Wagon, Mrs. Sammers Brown, Mrs. J. H. Munk, Mrs. Sinnott, Mrs. P. J. Gorman, Mrs. Francis Ciarno.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Flanders entertained the Eight, Ten-Thirty Club on Thursday evening at their residence, The Cliffs, on Portland Heights. The game of "Go" was played. Mrs. R. Lutke won the ladies' prize, a car-stick, and Dr. C. B. Brown, the gentlemen's prize, a stetson. After refreshments were served, Mr. Hoey gratified the company by singing "The Holy City" and other selections most agreeably.

Mrs. C. A. Johns, wife of Mayor Johns, of Baker City, came down to attend the grand opera. She is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. L. O. Ralston.

The Monday Bridge Club meets tomorrow with Mrs. John Shepard. The Tuesday Bridge Club, which was postponed last week because of the opera, meets this week with Mrs. L. Allen Lewis.

Dr. and Mrs. George Whiteside gave a little reception, bearing away a beautiful French statuette, of New York. Guests invited to meet him were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis, Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Nichols, Mrs. Helen Land Corbett.

Wednesday noon there were many guests at the Portland grille, there being the dual cause of the Wood-Calef wedding and the afternoon of making parties to being them. Among those who went there from the wedding were W. D. Wheelwright, who made a luncheon party with Mrs. Robert Lewis; Miss Hoyt and Miss Nan Wood; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kerr; Mrs. Smith, with her handsome daughters, Mrs. N. E. Ayer, Mrs. Fred Page, Miss Smith and Miss Laura Smith; Mrs. Fletcher Linn, with a party of friends; was present, as was also Mrs. L. Allen Lewis, with a small party.

At Mrs. Samuel Kerr's bridge party on Thursday afternoon Miss Nan Wood was the prize-winner. Bearing away a beautiful basket of violets, Mrs. Kerr's guests were: Mrs. Wesley Ladd, Mrs. John Kollock, Mrs. Raleigh Stott, Miss Nan Wood, Mrs. Wills, Miss Agnes McKell, Mrs. Henry McCracken.

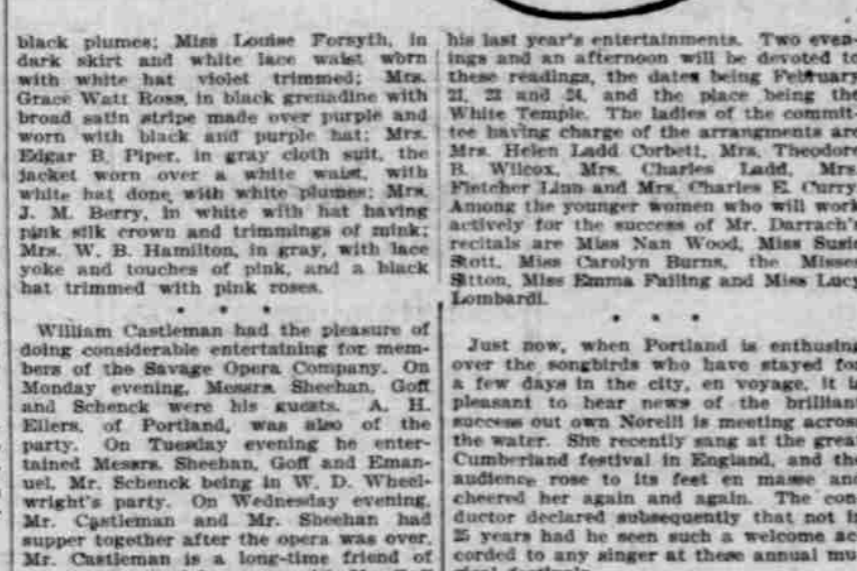
Messrs. Chester Murphy and Dave Honeyman have sent out about 200 invitations for their marriage party to be held at the rink on Tuesday next after 10 o'clock in the evening.

The sudden illness of Mr. S. M. Mears brought in its train a large number of inquiries and messages of condolence from interested friends. Mr. Mears is convalescing to the satisfaction of his family and his physicians.

Mrs. C. S. Jackson has issued invitations for a small dance to be given on Monday, the 19th inst., at the clubhouse of the golf links. It will be in honor of the young women who took part in the "Old Maids' Convention" recently given in Trinity parish house. About 50 guests are invited, each girl being privileged to have a partner. Invitations to the men read: "To meet the old maids." Mrs. F. W. Vincent, of Pendleton, Or., who is the guest for two weeks of Mrs. Jackson, will assist in receiving on the night of the party.



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Senator and Mrs. Herbert Holman, who have been for several weeks traveling in the South, returned on Thursday evening. While they were in the City of Mexico they had the unusual honor of being presented to President Diaz, of the Republic of Mexico.

Miss Hazel Dolph gave a dainty luncheon on Tuesday of the week before last in honor of Miss Genevieve Parke and Miss Dodde, of Vancouver Barracks. Her other guests were Miss Lisa Wood, Miss Leslie Knapp, Miss Muriel Williams, Miss Margaret Morrison and Mrs. Margaret Walter.

Mr. Nicholas Longworth has announced the list of friends whom he has chosen to set at his wedding as "best man" and ushers. These are as follows: Best man, Thomas Nelson Perkins, of Boston, Mass., member of the corporation of Harvard University and a lawyer, a classmate at Harvard and intimate friend, son of Mr. Edward C. Perkins, of Boston, late of Cincinnati, a classmate at Harvard and an intimate friend of Mr. Longworth's father; nephew of Charles Perkins, president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and donor of the old Perkins homestead to the people of Cincinnati for park purposes.

Frederic Winthrop, of New York, classmate at Harvard and intimate friend. Francis R. Bangs, of Boston, classmate at Harvard and intimate friend. Guy Norman, of Boston, a college mate at Harvard and intimate friend. E. A. Wallingford, Jr., of Cincinnati, brother-in-law; married Mr. Longworth's oldest sister.

Larz Anderson, of Washington, D. C., great-grandson of Nicholas Longworth, the founder of the family fortune, and son of the late General Nicholas Longworth Anderson, of Cincinnati. Vicome Charles de Chambrun, brother of Comte Adelbert de Chambrun, who married Mr. Longworth's younger sister.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., son of the President. With the father of the bride-elect, a Harvard man; the groom, his best man, and nearly all the users from the same institution, the wedding will partake to a large extent of the nature of a Harvard College affair.

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