

GREAT BASSO WILL SING IN PORTLAND

Herbert Witherspoon Will Be Heard at the Hellig January 29.

THE coming of Herbert Witherspoon to this city will introduce to Portland a singer who is considered to-day a bass singer of more than ordinary worth. At the present time, when so many singers offer incomplete equipment and defective musical organization for the interest of the public not always discriminative, it is a delight to present one who knows his art and possesses temperament.

Herbert Witherspoon is perhaps more of a cosmopolitan in art than any other American singer. His recital of songs will demonstrate this fact, showing that a song recital is worth while. He is a singer who has a well-defined knowledge of the value of consonants and their use in rounding out phrases, and the production of fine declamatory effects. His diction is perfect and his enunciation clear and distinct. Every word he sings is perfectly understood, whether it be in English, German or French.

He possesses fine dramatic instinct, thorough mastery of the effect of the various tones colors and his facial expression clearly indicates the thought and emotion conveyed by the composer. He knows how to color his voice to meet the sentiment of the position, and he neither underestimates nor exaggerates that sentiment.

Mr. Witherspoon is a fine program-maker and he sings best those songs which most deserve good singing. He is today the leading basso cantante of America, and comes before the public with a technical equipment which does credit to his mastery, but at more to himself, for it could have been acquired only by conscientious work, backed by genuine devotion to the art.

It would be pleasing to hear a man sing, if he had nothing more than Mr. Witherspoon's voice and technique; this singer has more; he has exquisite taste, solid understanding, temperament and imagination. This famous basso will be heard in a grand concert song recital at the Hellig Theater, on Wednesday evening, January 29, under the auspices of the Hellig Theater management. Mail orders will be received from this city beginning tomorrow, Monday, January 20. Address letters to Hellig Theater and money orders payable to W. T. Pangle, manager Hellig Theater. Enclose a self-addressed envelope to help insure safe return. These mail orders will be filled in order of their receipt and returned.



HERBERT WITHERSPOON, THE GREAT AMERICAN BASSO.

before the regular box-office sale opens at the theater on January 27. Phone Hellig Theater for any information desired. The

Great Western Lyceum Bureau was indeed fortunate in securing such a very excellent singer for their patrons.

BULGARIAN IS TRAMPING AROUND THE WORLD

AFTER facing innumerable dangers for more than four years, seeing two companions killed in cold blood by a mob in Morocco, traversing many of the countries of Europe, Africa and Asia at 61 years of age, braving hunger and cold on perilous mountain passes and across deserts, and always afoot, H. J. M. Nikoloff, a Bulgarian, has arrived in Portland as his intermediate stop on what is considered by many, one of the longest tramping trips the world has ever seen. He reached the United States on the Japanese liner Tonga Maru.



H. J. M. Nikoloff, the Bulgarian Globetrotter, Now in Portland.

Nikoloff does not expect to return to his native country before 1915, but when he does return he will be the only man in Bulgaria who will hold the record for knowing the habits and customs of all the peoples of the earth, for there will be few countries, civilized or otherwise, that Nikoloff will not have passed through in the course of his tremendous journey. Crowned heads, and many of them, have written their autographs in a big book carried by Mr. Nikoloff for that purpose, and the great seals of many countries appear in the volume to certify that the wanderer has in fact visited those places that he claims to have visited. The Bulgarian will remain in Portland for a couple of weeks and then start eastward. When he arrives in Washington the signature of President Roosevelt will be asked for the big book of the traveler. After exhausting the possibilities of the United States he will go to South America.

Nikoloff is not only a student of human nature and of manners and customs, but he is also an enthusiastic seeker after new and rare forms of plant life. His scientific attainments are great, it is said. He is a well-educated man and speaks several languages, among which, however, English is not numbered. When Mr. Nikoloff started on his long journey he had as a companion Dr. Stephano, a Bulgarian, and an Italian, joined the couple. It was in Morocco on March 7, 1906, that both these men were killed. The travelers had been guests of the Sultan of Morocco, as indentured in the big autograph volume show, and therefore be-

lieved that it was all right to appear on the streets in European costume in a country where native Mohammedan dress is the universal custom. But when, Bertie, the Bulgarian, so appeared, a mob set upon them and, in the words of Nikoloff, "literally cut the two men to pieces with knives."

Through an interpreter Nikoloff related to a reporter many thrilling incidents of his journeyings through various countries. He is a small, wiry man, dressed in all sorts of hardy, worn, leathery, brown, and his experiences would fill a book. Nikoloff travels practically without funds, living simply and making money as he can. He belongs to the Bulgarian revolutionary party.

Books Added to the Public Library

BOOKS have been added to the Portland Public Library during the past week as follows:

- BIOGRAPHY.
 - Blake—William Blake; by Arthur Symens. 1907.
 - Longfellow—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow; a sketch of his life by C. E. Norton. 1907.
 - Nugent—Jamaica one hundred years ago; reprinted from a journal kept by Maria, Lady Nugent, from 1801 to 1812. 1907.
 - Pizzani—Mrs. Thrift, afterwards Mrs. Pizzani; a sketch of her life and passages from her diaries, letters and other writings; ed. by L. B. Seelye. 1891.
- DESCRIPTION AND TRAVEL.
 - Conway—No Man's Land; a history of Spitzbergen, from its discovery in 1596 to the beginning of the scientific exploration of the country. 1906.
 - Dunn—The shameless diary of an explorer. 1907.
 - Headlam—Story of Oxford. 1907.
 - Parsons—Handbook and atlas of the Portland City Directory. 1907-1908.
 - Thompson—Nimrod's wife. 1907.
 - Thwaites—Early western travels. v. 31-32. 1907.
- FICTION.
 - Burton—Smith of Bear City, and other frontier sketches.
 - Cabell—Gallantry; an eighteenth century droll in ten scenes, with an afterpiece.
 - Hardy—Jude the obscure.
 - Harker—A romance of the nursery.
 - Harrison—The far horizon; by Lucas Malet. pseud.
 - Jacobus—Short stories.
 - James—Bachelors.
 - Kelly—Wards of Liberty.
 - Martin—Lettitia; nursery corps, U. S. A.
 - Montgomery—The sorcerer's torch.
 - Moody—The Pickwick ladies and other collectors' stories.
 - Page—Under the crust.
 - Wallace—Ungava Bay, a winter's tale.
 - White—Arizona nights.
 - Wister—Mother.
- FICTION IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES.
 - Bergin—Mauka maasilman loppaan.
 - Lewis—Jenny; roman von der Verfassung von "Clemens".
- FINE ARTS.
 - Barber—Artificial soft paste porcelain; France, Italy, Spain and England. 1907.
 - Barber—Salt glazes and earthenware; Germany, Flanders, England and the United States. 1907.
 - Barber—Tin enameled pottery; majolica, delft and other stanniferous glazes. 1907.
 - Ninstead—Useful details in several styles. 1907.
 - Kellaway—How to lay out suburban home grounds. 1907.
 - Macklin—Brasses of England. 1907.
- HISTORY.
 - Griffis—The Japanese nation in evolution; steps in the progress of a great people. 1907.
 - Haydon—The book of the V. C.; a record of the deeds of heroism for which the Victoria cross has been bestowed from its institution in 1857 to the present time. 1907.
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ECONOMY IN THE HOUSEHOLD

Many Housekeepers Are Studying the Possibilities of the Haybox or Fireless Cooker.

BY LILIAN TINGLE. FOR some time past many queries have reached me in regard to the hay box or fireless cooker described in former articles. From these I judge that many housekeepers are willing to give the method a trial, but are hesitating about taking the first step. To such I would say that with a general knowledge of the nature of food materials and of the principles of ordinary cookery, more can be learned about the possibilities of this method in a week by experiments with a common box lined with newspapers and packed with hay or excelsior, than by a year's reading of preliminary instructions. Use a double boiler or set your covered cooking pail in a larger pail filled with water in dealing with less than two quarts of material. Have well-fitting covers and see that the food is at boiling point and the water in the outer vessel also, if the double boiler or set is used, and allow plenty of time for your experiments; for tough meats and hard beans may often require a second or even a third reheating and period of seclusion in the hay box. But even with several reheatings, much less fuel, time, and trouble will be necessary, and the results will be superior to those obtained by the more usual method.

be clean outside, so as not to soil the cushions. If you have any doubt about this, wrap your pail or roaster in paper before packing it away. Another method is to make asbestos-impregnated nests exactly fitting your cooking pail, each with its fitted top cushion if you have several compartments in your box. These small pads, if dry, should be kept in a dry place, protected by padding attached to the lid of the box itself. Their object is to enable you to use each "nest" without disturbing the contents of the other. Several other questions will be answered if I tell in detail the culinary history of a tough elderly "chicken" which recently made a successful appearance on my own table. It had evidently been an athletic bird—a track racer, probably, judging from the hard, well-developed leg muscles; a fine, meaty creature, but one that promised hard chewing. It was jointed, not without difficulty, and divided into parts for a fricassee. Next the pieces were browned slightly in a little bacon fat, the inside of a double boiler being used for this purpose. When each piece had been treated in this way (it took a few minutes) they were all piled back into the boiler, the juice of an orange was squeezed over them, salt and other seasonings added, with a few sprigs of poultry spices and the seasonings—some is sure to ask what they were, they included a tiny bit of bay leaf, a little mace, some pepper, a few grains of poultry spice and a tiny onion; different flavoring might be given to suit other tastes. The acid of the orange juice helped to soften the bird's tough connective tissue; lemon juice might be preferred by some people.

In many French dishes sour wine is used for the same purpose. After two or three minutes' boiling, the pot was placed in the outer vessel, which also contained boiling water, the whole was wrapped quickly in a newspaper, and put into a hay box of most primitive construction. This was done along with breakfast preparations. At dinner time, in the evening, the pot, still quite warm, was lifted to the gas stove and again brought to boiling

point, boiling for perhaps two minutes before going back to its warm nest for the night. Next morning, part of the liquid was removed (this, with the feet, neck, etc., made delicious cream of chicken soup later) and the remainder was thickened for gravy and received final judgment as to seasoning. If a brown gravy had been preferred, a little "kitchen bouquet," "burnt onion extract" or browned made from caramelized sugar might have been used. If I had possessed one of those pretty and useful fireproof casseroles the bird would have been transferred to that at this point. As it was, it went back, once more at boiling point, into the double boiler and remained in the hay box until dinner time of the second day. Then it was served in a border of rice (made by pressing hot boiled rice in a "border mould" and reversing on the serving platter) with a few brown bacon curls and a touch of parsley for its simple garnish. It was tender and not stringy or "boiled to rags." Not more than 15 minutes of gas had been used and the preparation had taken much less time and trouble than might appear from a written description. If the bird had not shown sufficient tenderness of disposition on the second morning, I should have given it another day in the hay box before finishing off the gravy. The same general method would apply to any tough meat. Longer time both for cooking and "settling" would be necessary if the meat were in larger pieces.

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Gerhardt—Electricity meters; their construction and management; a practical manual for central station engineers, distribution engineers and students. 1906.

Griffin—An elementary text-book on machine design. 1904.

Hazen—Clean water and how to get it. 1907.

Measotto—Wireless telegraphy; tr. by S. R. Bottoone. 1906.

Southworth, comp.—One hundred and one candies. Rev. ed. 1906.

Talbot—Tests of reinforced concrete beams. 1907.

Laborers Learning German.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The heads of a London firm of fire extinguisher manufacturers, doing extensive business with Germany, have decided that all their numerous staff of clerks, from the office boy upwards, must acquire a knowledge of German. Tuition is provided in the office, and while one-half of the staff is receiving an hour's instruction in German, the other half is busy at work. At the conclusion of the first hour's study the second half of the staff quits work for an hour's instruction. The clerks, old and young, are enthusiastically learning their lessons.

NO PROFIT IN VESSELS

Many Builders Face Necessity of Shutting Down Plants.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—(Special).—Shipbuilders of every degree concur in the statement that trade was never less satisfactory than at present. The industry is, they say, deadlocked, and until something is done to remove the causes of this, things must go from bad to worse. The fact of most importance is that new ships are too dear. All the work for regular services or special services there is to do is either on the stocks or in the market, and it is nothing, like what is needed to keep the industry in anything like full employment.

Ordinary cargo freights will not stand the prices that are asked for new vessels, and the natural consequence is that there is no money for investment in shipping property of this kind. It is the misfortune of the shipbuilder that the enormous capital he has fixed in plant must lie idle because, through causes which are remote from shipping, material is too dear and wages are too high. While chafing under both disadvantages, the employers are particularly displeased with the attitude of the men who, on the northeast coast and on the Clyde, are making it extremely difficult to deal with them at all. In fact, some employers incline to the view that the only cure for the position which district committees are creating is a widespread stoppage of work.

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