

EASTERN MARKETS RANSACKED TO GIVE WARMTH TO COAST PEOPLE

Change in Portland's Winter Weather Brings Out Array of Snug and Comfortable Clothes Suitable for Days of Snow and Rain.



SINCE the annual "cold snap," with whirling snow and cold, whistling winds, seems now to have become a regular feature of the Oregon climate, interest in storm garments is picking up...

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MERRY WAR IN GRAND OPERA INTERESTS GOSSIPS IN NEW YORK

The Hammerstein Idea in Financing—Short Tour in Canada—Pittsburg Again in Spotlight—Homer Davenport to Live in California—Anne Ditchburn's Success.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Anne Ditchburn passed through New York this week, on her way to the South. She has been playing the leading role with Joseph Weber in "The Cinnamons" and she has made for herself an enviable position for the short time which she has devoted to the stage.

For those interested in the merry war now on in operatic circles, there is enough material to fill volumes. No one cares very much whether stories are true, because it does not seem to make any difference. Rumors that Oscar Hammerstein is pressed for money are followed by his own statements that he is a millionaire, and the fact that he owns the Victoria Theater as well as the Belasco would seem to justify this statement, even if Mr. Stotesbury, of Philadelphia, or J. Pierpont Morgan, for that matter, do hold mortgages over Hammerstein's opera house.

Boston organization to present a higher-class performance than Oscar Hammerstein is able to give. The combined companies will go to the Nisico January 3 for eight performances, while Mr. Hammerstein will be in Pittsburg December 20, where he expects to keep Miss Garden and Madame Tetrazzini for the entire week.

Homer Davenport is another Oregonian who, after having made a name for himself on both continents, has decided to give up his profession and go back to the Golden West. Mr. Davenport, who has devoted much energy to fancy farming, has become so imbued with the desire to return to simple life that he has retired from the New York Evening Mail newspaper, and will leave within a few days for Southern California.

Owing to the warfare existing between Mr. Hammerstein and the Metropolitan Opera Company, Pittsburg will enjoy one of the most remarkable operatic experiences in its history. The Metropolitan Opera Company will stand behind the

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the second time the curtain rises and the ballet begins. The dialogue between Venus and Tannhauser is much longer than in the Dresden version, which is the one used in Bayreuth. Mme. Magarin has been cast as Elizabeth, and Mme. Doria as Venus. Mme. Doria, when last heard, was a deep contralto, and as there has been no announcement that she has been a dramatic soprano, she will probably experience some difficulty with the part.

The important event at the Metropolitan this week is the return of Mme. Nordica to the role of Isolde, one which has made her famous on both continents. Indeed, she was held as a serious rival of Lilli Lehmann, and she held sway on both continents with a dignity that should be a pride of honor for all time. She will have as companions Burian, Louise Homer and Amato, with Toscanini at the baton.

A QUESTION OF SPIRITS

Open Mind Is Asked as to All Psychological Phenomena.

WOODSTOCK, Or., Dec. 9.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian's editorial of last Tuesday on "Spiritism" is destructive of the well-entrenched belief in the communion of disembodied spirits through the mediumship of the living with humanity on earth.

Each human being manifests his or her own personality in the outcome of thoughts through the instrument of the brain and its radiating nerves and their reflex action on their centers in the brain. Hence, the brain and its radiating nerves are the only medium through which the mind can only be correctly manifested and interpreted through the physical organs of the original owner.

The long coat-sweaters, fitting tightly and keeping one warm from neck to knees, figured prominently in the big sales of the week, and are sure to be popular throughout the winter.

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