

GRAND OPERA IS ASSURED PORTLAND

La Scala Company Will Produce Eight Classics at New City Auditorium.

CITY FATHERS ENTERPRISE

Noted Artists in Cast With Fulgenzio Guerrieri as Conductor—Performances Commence October 15, Lasting Six Days.

Portland's new Auditorium will be initiated to the delights of grand opera in the near future, when the city will present the La Scala Grand Opera Company, for six nights, beginning Monday, October 15, with matinees on Thursday and Saturday.

A partial roster of the exceptionally fine cast of artists is as follows: Soprano, Ester Ferrabini, Nina Morgani; contralto, Guerrieri de Larra; tenor, Gaudenzi Sinagra, Corrallo; baritone, Yalle, Viglino; basso, Picchi, Carrol; contralto, Bartalozza.

Giuseppe Gaudenzi, lyric tenor, is well known throughout the United States. He has toured twice with the Boston National Grand Opera Company.

Madam Ester Ferrabini, dramatic soprano, is considered by the Italians the greatest "Carmen" of the Italian operatic stage. Her voice is a warm dramatic soprano, under excellent control.

Blanca Soroya, one of the new singers in the West, is a young and beautiful lyric soprano, who has appeared in Eastern centers, where she has appeared in such operas as "The Jewels of the Madonna" and "Thais."

Signor Roberto Vialone is a brilliant baritone, with a remarkable range and power of voice. He came direct from the Metropolitan Opera House, where he is well known to all music lovers.

Signor Karl Formes is a young American baritone whose recent debut with the Metropolitan Opera Company created a furor in New York. This will be his first American tour since he toured with the Mascagni Opera Company.

Chevalier Fulgenzio Guerrieri, the conductor of the La Scala Company, is one of the best known of Italian directors in America. He is known as the "scoreless conductor," being able to read 58 operas without a score.

Piloto Sinagra, lyric tenor, is one of the bright stars of the company. His first American tour was under the direction of Henry Savage as principal tenor of "The Girl of the Golden West."

Prices at night will be 50 cents to \$2; the Thursday matinee, 50 cents to \$1.50; and the Saturday matinee, 50 cents to \$2. The opera will be on a percentage basis with Sparka M. Berry, impresario of the La Scala Company.

SCHOOL REPORT MADE

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SHOWS INDEBTEDNESS \$1,081,586.74

Value of Buildings and Other Property Is Estimated at Total of \$7,500,000.

A total of 28,358 pupils attended the schools of Multnomah County during the school year ending July 25 last, according to the annual report of County School Superintendent Alderson, made public yesterday.

There were 2073 students who completed the eighth grade, of which 973 were boys and 1100 were girls. A total of 1062 were enrolled in the classes above the eighth grade.

The teaching force comprised 145 men and 1925 women. The average monthly pay of male teachers was \$146.53, and the average monthly pay of female teachers was \$106.50, the lowest salary being \$69.

The total receipts for the year were \$3,345,430.72, and disbursements \$2,666,842.24, leaving \$678,588.48 cash on hand, indebtedness is \$1,081,586.74, of which \$858,350 is bonded. The county owned property valued at \$7,500,000.

BRIGGS DECLARED SUICIDE

Murder Theory Denied by Deputy Coroner Loynes.

All doubt that Jerry E. Briggs, whose body was found on Council Crest Friday afternoon with a revolver bullet through the heart, was a suicide, was cleared up yesterday when Deputy Coroner Loynes issued the positive statement that Briggs had shot himself.

"The murder theory," said the Deputy Coroner yesterday, "arose when we found Briggs' watch missing from the end of his watch chain, thus pointing to a holdup. We later found, however, that Briggs did not carry a watch; he merely wore a chain from one vest pocket to the other."

VERDICT GIVEN AGAINST BARDE & SONS

Damages amounting to \$550 were awarded to Peter Lorati and against M. Barde & Sons in a verdict returned yesterday by a jury in Circuit Judge Supleton's court. Lorati sued for \$2700, which he alleged to be due for injuries sustained when a piece of heavy iron casting fell on his foot while he was in the store of the defendants making a purchase.

TWO STARS FOR GRAND OPERA SEASON TO BE GIVEN AT MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM.



Ester Ferrabini, Soprano

Nina Morgani, Coloratura Soprano.

NEW AGENTS NAMED

Increased Crop Campaign to Be Actively Waged.

WORK IS IN 8 COUNTIES

Men Are Appointed to Confer With Farmers in Washington, Benton, Umatilla, Marion, Baker, Polk, Clackamas and Wallawa.

Through the efforts of W. K. Newell and Paul V. Marx, of the food administration staff of W. B. Ayer, eight new county agents have been installed or arranged for within the past week.

In Washington, Benton, Umatilla, Marion, Clackamas, Polk, Baker and Wallawa counties, final arrangements have been made for agents. Their special work at this time will be to cooperate with the farmers in the program of increased cereal crops, called for by the United States Government.

There is every reason to believe that the increased acreage of wheat and rye, asked for by the government officials, will be put in and farmers through the state are showing much interest in the program.

"There is but one thing which is just now causing us concern," said Mr. Marx, leader of the county agents, "and that is the shortage, in certain sections, of good wheat, rye, vetch and oat seed. There is, we believe, ample seed, but there are some sections where the farmers have not as yet learned its location.

The county agents are instructed to arrange for a complete check of the good seed supplies in their respective districts. We are advising the farmers therefore to get into touch with the agent and make their wants known. Also, any one having good seed for sale should, without delay, advise the county agent. All follow-up on this plan it will be a simple matter to work out the problem."

Co-operative Spirit Shown.

"We are much encouraged," said Mr.

OREGON CITY TO HELP

FEDERAL WAR COUNCIL LIBRARY ORGANIZED FOR SERVICE.

Officers Are Elected and Committees Are Appointed to Italian Funds to Carry On Work.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 14.—A Federal War Council Library was organized in this city at the Commercial Club parlors Wednesday night. O. D. Eby was the chairman of the meeting and will continue to be chairman of the organization. Mr. Eby gave a brief outline of the work of the organization, and interested those in attendance in the work to be taken up for the benefit of the men of the Army and Navy. The amount to be raised throughout the United States is \$1,000,000.

Officers elected are: Chairman, O. D. Eby; secretary, Miss C. Barclay Pratt; treasurer, J. E. Hodges. Oregon City was divided into 11 precincts, and captains were appointed to take charge of these precincts, who in turn will appoint their lieutenants in raising funds for the purpose of establishing the libraries.

The following are the precincts and captains for the same: Precinct 1—Madison street to the river and Third to South Fourth street, W. M. M. Strauch.

Precinct 2—Madison street to the river and Third to Fifth street, Mrs. H. E. Strauch.

Precinct 3—Madison street to the river and Fifth to Seventh street, Percy Canfield.

Precinct 4—Madison street to the river and Seventh to Tenth street, Mrs. J. E. Jack.

Precinct 5—Madison street to the river and Fourteenth street, Miss Louise Cochran.

Precinct 6—Madison street to the river and Fourteenth street to the city limits, Mrs. Grant B. Dimick and Rev. W. T. Millikin. Mrs. Dimick will have the territory lying east from Main street and Rev. Millikin north Main street.

Precinct 7—Madison street to Taylor and Twelfth to Twentieth street, N. W. Bowland.

Precinct 8—Madison street to Taylor and Seventh to Twelfth street, Mrs. David Caulfield.

Precinct 9—Madison street to Van Buren street and County street to South Third street to Seventh street, Mrs. O. D. Eby.

Precinct 10—From Taylor to Pearl street and Twelfth street, Mrs. N. M. Aldridge.

Precinct 11—From Pearl street to Ely Addition and Mountain View, Miss Edith Bullard.

The following will solicit for funds south of Twelfth street on Main—George Hankins, G. Caulfield, W. A. Dimick, Willard Hawley, Jr., A. H. Jacobs.

Linn—Mrs. D. M. Shanks. Bolton—Mrs. John W. Draper. Gladstone—Mrs. Herbert Vernett and Miss C. Barclay Pratt.

Sanborn—Mrs. Viola Tait. Parkplace—Mrs. John Kent.

"ALLIED" BAZAAR PLANNED

Comprehensive Red Cross Benefit to Be Held at Auditorium 4 Days.

The most comprehensive benefit entertainment undertaken in Portland since America entered the war will be held at the Auditorium, for four days and nights, December 5, 6, 7 and 8. Local representatives of all the allied nations will participate in an "Allied Bazaar," the proceeds to be proportioned among the allied Red Cross movements for relief among their troops.

Organization of committees has been perfected, the Auditorium secured and office headquarters opened in the Corbett building, with Joseph M. Rieg as manager.

No definite sum had been decided upon as the goal of the efforts of the patriotic men and women behind the movement, but it is hoped it will net at least \$25,000.

Committees already selected are: Executive committee, general committee, American Red Cross, British Red Cross, Italian Red Cross, Japanese, French and Serbian Red Cross; finance, entertainment, booths, decorations, refreshments, dances, flowers and candies, music and publicity.

Successful experiments have been made by chemists at New Orleans, La., recovering potash from molasses waste. The new product is useful in the manufacture of fertilizer.

LORA ROGERS COLLECTS MANY INTERESTING CHINESE THINGS

Character Actress of Alcazar Players Realizes Ambition to Have Complete Outfit of Oriental Home Furnishings and Clothing.

THE first of the Alcazar Players to arrive on the scene of activities is Lora Rogers, the youthful and attractive character actress who made herself so beloved last season by her Chinese home boasts of, and is particularly anxious to get a complete wardrobe of Oriental clothes.

"When I reached Portland last Fall I found my dream assuming possibilities and I created a reserve fund of all my extra change to invest in Chinese knock-knacks.

"So I only got a few odds and ends of Chinese things," says Miss Rogers, "but I registered a vow that I would some day own everything a Chinese home boasts of, and I was particularly anxious to get a complete wardrobe of Oriental clothes."

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"I guess I am a familiar sight to every Chinese collector in Portland and when I found that I was going to be in California this Summer I decided to finish up my collection. This is the first Summer I have ever spent away from New York and a visit to my home in the South, but it has been a wonderfully happy one for me. I accepted an invitation from friends to motor all through California and at every hamlet that boasted a Chinese shop, and especially in San Francisco and Los Angeles, I squandered all my money in lovely purchases.

"I've taken tables with no tables to eat on, and marvelous bric-a-brac that I'm so afraid will get broken that I guess I'll have to store it. What I love best, however, is the beautiful mandarin coat and palamas and head-dress and fans and wearing accessories I bought. I wish some one would start a fashion for American women to wear Chinese clothes on the street.

"I would be one of the pioneers in such a movement, for to me there is nothing so graceful, sensible and artistic as the garments worn by Chinese women. Maybe I'll have an opportunity to wear some of my things at the Baker theater season."



Lora Rogers, Character Actress, Who Returns to the Baker Theater With Alcazar Players.



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CLOUD GAP HOST VISITS

H. W. ACTON RETURNING EAST UNTIL NEXT SEASON.

Great Increase in Visiting Tourists at Mount Hood, with Highway Completion, is Forecast.

H. W. Acton, "Minehost" at Cloud Gap Inn on the north slope of Mount Hood, is in Portland en route to his home in New York City. Mr. Acton is accompanied by Mrs. Acton who passed the Summer on Mount Hood also.

Mr. Acton is an experienced mountaineer and this was his second season on Mount Hood. He spent a season there about five years ago and expects to come back in the future. The inn closed September 10.

"With the completion of the Columbia River Highway through to Hood River the resorts on Mount Hood approached from the north side will attract tourists from all over the world," said Mr. Acton. "During this season a large proportion of the visitors to the mountain resorts came from the East and South. The scenery is of course, unexcelled and the highway trip is something they do not get anywhere else in the world. The visitors to Mount Hood have learned that there are many things to do besides climb the mountain. For instance, there are numerous side trips for women and children that make it possible to go by easy stages for climbing up 2000 or 3000 feet, and experience all the joys of mountain climbing through the ice and snow, without taking the arduous climb up the last several thousand feet to the summit.

"The railroads are doing considerably to awaken interest in the mountains out West and with the gradual improvements of the roads the Mount Hood and Highway resorts will become synonymous with Portland and bring a lot of people out this way who will stay—not one or two days—but one or two weeks here."

Diabetes Treated Successfully

Medical science admits of no definite cure for Diabetes, despite the many years of experimenting and research by foremost physicians the world over. However, this popular theory might be called fallacious if one were to judge from the following unalloyed testimonial from a grateful user of Warner's Safe Diabetes Remedy.

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