MUSICAL PORTLAND ENVIED BY SEATTLE

Recent Grand Opera Season Regarded With Regret.

ARTISTIC LAURELS FADE

Symphony Ventures Prove Failure From Financial Standpoint After Many Attempts.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., April 1 .- Seattle is frankly envious of Portland. Not now because of any showing of local disadvantage in commerce, port management, bank clearings, building records, or other indices of material conditions, but because of the rare privilege Portland recently enjoyed in a season of grand opera.

Seattle's envy is not of the mean sort. No one here is disposed to say that Portland shouldn't have had grand opera merely because Seattle couldn't have it. And the success of the Portland season—paying out in

the Portland season—paying out in receipts over and above all costs— would confound any inclination to say that Portland didn't deserve the priv-liege. Seattle's feeling in the matter

—that malignant envy which turns pale And sickens, even if a friend prevail.

Seattle Regrets Lost Opportunity.

Rather, perhaps, it should be called regret; regret that Seattle could not have brought those artists here, more than regret that Portland was able to bring them; regret that they should have come to the northwest, so near to Seattle, as the radio broadcasts fly, and yet so inaccessible to thousands of Seattle music lovers. A few there were who made the trip to Portland enjoyed part or all the brief season of opera, but in proportion to the number who love such things, they were few indeed.

Seattle sometimes has claimed, among other things, pre-eminence as the musical center of the Pacific northwest, Seattle has had the Chicago grand opera company, with an Seattle Regrets Lost Opportunity.

cago grand opera company, with an earlier constellation of stars and Seearlier constellation of stars and Se-attile has heard Mary Garden in both "Thais" and "Salome." All that seems long ago. It was while the big Moore theater was available for first-class attractions. For many years that house—the only one of size in the city—has been the home of Orpheum vaudeville.

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have been possible in Seattle. Guaranty Fund Not Popular.

A guaranty fund for a big musical attraction has come to be synonymous with a donation fund in the minds of many Scattle people who are on the standing list of eligible guarantors.

Past seasons of underwritten grand opera in this city have not paid out from receipts, with the exception of the two occasions on which the Ladies' Musical club presented Antonio Scotti and his associates. This club, the oldest musical organization of Seattle, has a big paying member.

1200 already there,

Governor Bone and Colone! Mears arrived at 8 o'clock yesterday morning from the east. They are returning to Juneau. At the train they were met by a reception committee made up of the following: Rev. Thomas J. Jenkins, A. R. Heilig, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bruno, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Collins, W. H. Downey, John E. Gratke, Colonel and Mrs. J. J. Crossley and Frank Ira White.

After breakfast at the Benson hotel Seattle, has a big paying member-ship and a long record of notable achievement and competent manage-

ment. Its offerings are uniformly to the capacity of the house. It has made a margin over costs on both Scotti engagements, but neither of those engagements would have been nearly so successful under any other local auspices.

The guaranty fund for symphony orchestra seasons is invariably used up and even with the addition of the season's receipts there usually has been a deficit. Seattle is probably not exceptional in this respect. The records of other cities will show few, if any, self-sustaining orchestras But the process of getting the guaranty year after year from practically anty year after year from practically the same list of persons is a wearing process and Seattle's list has shown marked signs of attrition. So far this season there is no fund, nor have there been any symphony con-

Waning Enthusiam Revived.

Local musical history discloses earlier periods of low tide in enthusiasm. In 1910, when Henry Hadley retired as conductor of the Seattle symphony orchestra, local promoters and guarantors settled back for a season of rest. But John Spargur, who had been Hadley's concert master and first violin would not have it so. who had been Hadley's concert master and first violin, would not have it so. By main strength and persuasion he held together the essential men for a small orchestra, and for the strength and strength men for a small orchestra, and for the strength men for a small orchestra.

Good Music Too Expensive.

Then followed three seasons of as good music as Seattle has ever heard from a local orchestra. But they were years of tough scrapping for the money; the guaranty cloth fell far short of the musical suit that had been ordered. The season of 1920-21 was cut in the middle and the symphony association trustees declared a

This season, then, is the first that Seattle has been without an orchestra since away back in the beginning of since away back in the beginning of the century. Conductor Spargur, still con the ground, again is trying to come to the rescue. Lately he has announced the organization of a smaller orchestra, with what sort of a guaranty—if any—no one knows. A short season of spring concerts is scheduled for the Arena, built for ice skatting and by no means an ideal auditorium, but having some advantage in good location. Visiting artists keep coming to Seattle and these, by the way, are rebooked through a Portland agency.

If musical history repeats itself, Seattle may be again at the turn of the tide.

H. H. Tunny, Said to Have Suffered Losses at Race Meets,

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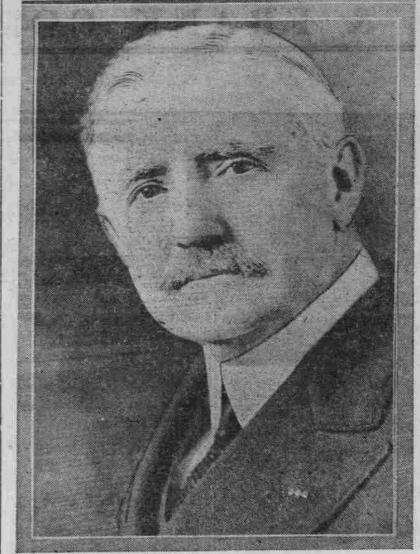
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The husband was found to be not guilty, the defense pleading ignorance of immoral conditions at the business associates, contained in an envelope with a letter mailed to his wife, he told his associates he would not return to Ontario. He also told the bank he had no cattle such as were described in the mortgage held by them as part of the security for a loan of several thousand dollars. He

GOVERNOR OF ALASKA FORECASTS BUSINESS REVIVAL IN



SCOTT C. BONE,

BIG SUPPLY AVAILABLE, SAYS GOVERNOR BONE.

Northern Executive Stops Over in Portland While Returning to Juneau From East.

Millions of tons of coal from Alaska, an entirely new source of supply, will be available this year and should be of much benefit to Pacific coast

Colonel Frederick Mears, chief engineer for the Alaska railroad, who
is accompaying Governor Bone, sustains his belief in a banner year for
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the party left for a tour of the Co-lumbia river highway. At 6 o'clock last night Governor Bone was guest of honor at a dinner at the Chamber

With Merchants Paying Taxes As Well as High Rents.

Wholesale commission merchants have launched a campaign to prevent wholesale fruit peddlers from operat-ing in Portland under nominal license

Yesterday the commission men filed a petition in which they pointed out to the city council that it was manifestly unfair to allow wholesale peddlers of fruit and vegetables to operate under

FALSE STATEMENTS TO OB TAIN LOANS ADMITTED.

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It is believed that losses suffered by his string of ponies at various meets last fall started him on finan-

cial troubles.

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While in Ontario Tunny took an

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Seattle has had a symphony orchestra, at first sustained with entity and of late not at all. And Seattle has also be of much benefit to Pacific coast markets, it was declared by Scott C. Bone, governor of Alaska, who passed a number of musical organizations, a number of musical organizations, and some of them—notably the Ladies' Musical club—bringing on each season a number of visiting celebrities. But Seattle could not have entertained any such proposal as Portland recently accepted and fulfilled to get grand opera at its best. There are two reasons for Seattle's present inability in this respect. In the first place the city has no auditorium suitable for opera that is large enough to accommodate a sufficient attendance at any prices, and, secondly. Seattle would not just now have risked so large a guaranty as \$72,500. The two reasons go together. Portland provided a guaranty to that amount, but was fortunate enough to have a place to house the opera.

Are Presented From All Parts of Town.

Demand for additional public garages, repair shops and gasoline filling stations continues, if the number of applications for such permits before the city council is any criterion. A dozen or more such applications are now pending before the council, in addition to those filed yes-

Anton Sechten has applied for permit to erect and maintain a pub-lic garage on Powell street between East Twentieth and Twenty-first

FRUIT PEDDLERS TARGET

C. A. Peterson wants permission to erect a frame building on Belmont street between East Nineteenth and Twentieth streets to be used as a gasoline and oil filling station, Plans have been submitted by D. Helbok for a concrete building on East Twenty-third street between Oregon and East Irving streets for an auto repair shop.

C. E. Steel has filed an application for a permit to erect a one-story

for a permit to erect a one-story concrete building on East Fiftieth street between Thirty-fourth avenue Southeast and Powell Valley road, to be used as a gasoline filling station.
Louis'C. Rose would erect a concrete
building on Union avenue between
Weidler and Broadway for use as a
bicycle and motorcycle repair shop.

EUGENE BUILDING ACTIVE

Permits for March Reported to Be 250 Per Cent Over Last Year.

By main strength and persuasion he held together the essential men for a small orchestra, and for several seasons the Philharmonic gave a full series of symphony and popular concerts on a hard-won guaranty fund that ranged as low as \$4000 and never higher than \$8000.

Enthusiasm gradually returned. The symphony orchestra association was reorganized in 1918, Spargur was retained as conductor under a three-year contract, authorized to employ all men needed for a larger instrumentation, and the association undertook to provide a guaranty of not less than \$100,000 a year.

Good Music Toe Expensive.

March, 1921.

The permit for the Hotel Osburn apartment house, calling for an expenditure of \$70,000, issued last month, was the largest in a long time and was responsible for the good showing for March this year.

MABEL MOORE CONVICTED

Charge Following Transportation of Woman Is Upheld.

VOTERS HAMPERED

Ballot Carries Only Titles of Proposed Measures.

NOT AVAILABLE

Few Persons Read Pamphlets Sent to Them by Mall, Although Taxation Is Big Issue.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle Wash., April 1 .- In proposing legislation by means of the initiative in the state of Washington, the processes compel submission of the whole text of the measure for consideration by the voters. The secretary of state must issue a printed book containing all laws proposed in their exact form and language, and the book must be mailed to every voter. The voter doesn't have to read the book; very few of them do. But the forms of law have been complied with when the book is put in the mail.

All possible official effort has been made to force the attention of the voter to what is going on. If the voter will not read the book, or if, in reading, he is utterly unable to comprehend the meaning of the proposals, so much the worse for him. The law and the law's agents have done the best they could to put him "hep."

Initiative Proposals Different. Not so with initiative proposals and other matters put before the voters of the cities of the state. Here the voters get but a scant and arbitrary interpretation that, more often than not, obscures rather than elucidates the meaning of these things.

Take the present situation in the city of Seattle for example. In the admitted that statements upon which he had obtained credit from the bank were false.

The envelope receivd by his wife has not been seen by the bank officials or his business associates in the Ontario Meat and Grocery company. It is estimated that the total of his obligations to business firms and the bank will reach \$8909.

Tunny was a resident of Ontario for 10 years. He is a native of Canada and formerly was a prizefighter and horse racer.

Little Information for Voter.

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machines. A complete change of municipal policy or a slight amend-ment in municipal procedure, a turn-over that will run into millions of dollars in additional taxation, or a bond issue for a few thousands, each will be as importantly and impres-

Legal Statement Obscures. Legal Statement Obscures.

This statement, of course, is legally sufficient. It is not at all illuminating. Voters who are interested in the reduction of taxes, on the one hand, and in reduction of street car fares, on the other, will have to get their or the other, will have to get their or the propose, if he were conversant with a color of color of taxes.

This statement, of course, is legally without touching on this point. Attorney-General Thompson has written a letter to Mr. Lane, saying, among other things:

"The person reading the title you protecting the rear of train 16, about propose, if he were conversant with

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All that the voters will ever know
of these matters in advance must be
picked up from the prometers and
opponents, and decisions will be made
in prejudice of ignorance, or both.

Proposition A, as it will be shown
on the voting machines at the coming
city election, reads thus: "Shall the
municipal street rallway system be
maintained and operated by general
taxation, and extensions and renewal
of track and equipment be paid out
of gross receipts, as provided in initiative petition No. \$2285?" The
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and in reduction of street car fares, on the other, will have to get their light elsewhere. The statement falls short of making it clear that adoption means the raising of \$5,500,000 more in general taxes annually, and an increast in the tax rate from \$3 to \$5 mills. Nor does it even show that rejection means, for the time being, the continuance of the \$1-2-cent car fare.

Candidates for mayor and city council, all of them reluctant to indorse this initiative, add to the confusion by persistent talk about reducing the carfare without increasing taaxtion. Other proposals to be

workmen's compensation bill. Their request that they be allowed to make a correction in the original copy has been denied. Nor can they, under the in state-wide practice the initiative law, be permitted to substitute an system permits so many slips and amended bill for the original measure misapprehensions that it is not al-ways satisfactory even to its staunch-ways satisfactory even to its staunch-assigned must stand. A new bill,

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