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"Bohemian Girl" Delights Big Crowd

About seven hundred people enjoyed the presentation of "The Bohemian Girl" by the musical talent of the Ashland high school in the school gymnasium last evening. This opera seems rather an ambitious undertaking for high school students and no doubt most of the audience expected to have to tolerate a mediocre performance on the grounds that the participants were amateurs and school boys and girls at that. Such, however, was not the case. The affair was sung and acted in an almost professional manner by the youthful singers. The chorus work would have been a credit to a road company and the solo parts were handled in a manner which was above criticism. Fine music, elaborate costumes and stage settings put the finishing touches to acting and singing which could only have been the result of months of hard training. To Miss Harris, the musical director, goes the greatest credit for the evening's success.

The part of Count Arnheim, taken by Percy Blackstone, was one in which Mr. Blackstone's excellent voice showed to good advantage. The part of Thaddeus was ably handled by Monte Briggs, who with Harrison Howell, who played Devilshoof, were the only participants who are not high school students. Aubrey Redfer made an ideal Florestin, his acting and singing showing a thorough preparation for this difficult part. Miss Nellie Peachey as Arline won her way into the hearts of her audience with her beautiful voice and attractive personality. Perhaps the most difficult part, that of the queen of the Gypsies, was rendered in an artistic manner by Miss Priscilla Carnahan, whose dramatic ability combined with her excellent voice fitted her admirably for the role. To give each of the other members of the cast the credit which is due them would occupy more space than can be afforded, and to find fault with any part or person in the performance is impossible.

No amateur performance ever staged in Ashland was as totally free from breaks, waits and interruptions. The words of the musical numbers and dialogue were memorized perfectly. Ashland high school may well be proud of last evening's production.

Visit Enders' boys' department.

H. S. Ball Tossers Win First Game

The Ashland high school baseball team won the first game of the season at Central Point Saturday in a fast but slightly lopsided game. The locals gave an excellent account of themselves both in batting and in fielding. Lilly starred, playing a perfect game in the field and securing several hits.

The high-schoolers go to Grants Pass tomorrow and will play in that city tomorrow and Saturday. The first game on the home grounds will be played one week from Saturday, in all probability. Coach Klum is confident that his bunch of ball tossers have it over anything in this part of the state and may arrange a game with the best of the high school teams from the north providing the boys can go through the season undefeated. Baseball is the only branch of sport in which the Grants Pass high school ranks with the other southern Oregon schools. Reports from that city would indicate an exceptionally strong team this year and the locals look forward to a couple of hard-fought games in the Josephine county metropolis this week.

State Highway Engineer in Valley

State Highway Engineer Cantine is in the valley and is expected up today to inspect the Siskiyou grade. Mr. Cantine was shown over the roads in the lower valley yesterday. He is accompanied by Engineer Kittredge and members of the county court.

Helman Baths

open for the season Saturday, May 1, 11*.

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Shasta Hits Auto; Kills Occupants

Four children were killed outright and a man was injured so badly that he lived less than twenty-four hours, when the northbound Shasta Limited train of the Southern Pacific Company struck an automobile in which they were riding in the outskirts of Creswell Sunday morning at 9:25 o'clock. The dead are:

Frank E. Sly, aged 60 years; Beulah Moss, aged 13 years, daughter of Sherman Moss; George Robinette, aged 8 years, son of Henry Robinette; Dorris Treanor, aged 7 years, and Vincent Treanor, aged 6 years, son and daughter of F. W. Treanor, all of Creswell.

Neither engineer nor fireman of the Shasta Limited knew there had been an accident until the train had slowed down north of Creswell for the repair of a hot box, according to the assertions made by the trainmen upon their arrival in Portland. It was then the bent bars of the cowcatcher and shreds of human flesh bespattering one side of the engine were noticed.

Charter Election Monday, May 3

If work is to go forward in the park it will be necessary to pass the proposed charter amendment Monday. The writer has heard of little opposition as it is well understood that the amendment is only to cure legal defects which will make it legal to apply funds arising from the bonds issue to needed park improvements. It is not now known just what strong opposition will develop against the measure, but it behooves all friends of the proposed development not to forget to vote Monday.

If the charter amendment is carried the work will go forward at once. If it fails it will be impossible to do the park improvement until such time as the money can be so legally expended.

Let everybody vote Monday.

Vaudeville At Lyric Sunday

A big show for a small admission is Mr. Lawrence's offering at the Lyric Theatre for next Sunday and Monday evenings. An orchestral concert, the regular picture program and an act of top notch vaudeville go to make up an attraction which will no doubt pack the house. The weekly concert put on by the Lyric eight-piece orchestra are becoming a looked-forward-to event to the people of Ashland.

Bert Bates and Andy Matthews put on a twenty-minute vaudeville sketch which is billed for the big cities. Clever comedy, ragtime piano selections and comic cartooning make up their offering, and any one who does not get enough laughs out of the twenty minutes to lengthen his life a couple of years, is beyond hope. A complete change of vaudeville and pictures on Monday evening.

Head of Albany Chautauqua Here

W. H. Lee, president of the Albany Chautauqua, was in the city Monday in the interests of Albany College, of which he is a member of the faculty. While in Ashland he conferred with President Billings of the local assembly. The Albany assembly has practically the same program as the Ashland program with regard to the main lectures and entertainments. The Willamette Valley assembly holds forth from the 6th to 14th of July.

In line with the extension work of Albany College, in which Mr. Lee is at present engaged, being the head of the department of education, he visited the local high school. He was shown through the building by Superintendent Briscoe, and states that it is one of the best that he has seen in the state. The beauty and practicability of the building won the visitor's admiration.

Band.

Members of the band are urged to be on hand at the city hall for practice promptly at 8 o'clock Friday evening as the Auxiliary Club ball will necessitate a brief meeting.

Attractions Slated For This Year's Chautauqua Are Best Yet

Beginning Tuesday morning, July sixth, the Southern Oregon Chautauqua Association will begin its twenty-third annual session with a program that certainly comes up to its high motto, since the first Assembly was held, "Better than ever." People have been saying at the close of each yearly session, "It is no use trying, there can't be a better program than this last one," but each succeeding one was voted to be better. Look over the following partial list of attractions and see if it does not look "better than ever" to you:

Lecturers.

Among the number will be Dr. Dwight Newell Hillis, pastor of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, and one of the foremost thinkers and speakers in the world.

A thrill of delight will come to hundreds of our patrons when they read that the "Prince of the Platform," Col. George W. Bain of Kentucky, has been engaged for one lecture. Years ago Col. Bain took the place in public esteem and affection which was once occupied by John B. Gough. "We repeat him year after year because our patrons want him. He wears like home-made jeans. He sparkles like a diamond."

Dr. W. A. Elliott of Ottawa, Kansas, one of the live, pushing young men of the Sunflower state, has been connected with the great Ottawa Chautauqua for years. He will bring us not only a great message, but will be able to give many valuable suggestions as to successful Assembly work.

Rev. Father P. J. MacCorry, dramatic orator of New York, is a most gifted speaker. His lectures are great popular orations filled with vital truths. His native wit, splendid elocutions, and facility of apt illustrations play through his sentences like shuttles in a loom. He is one of the great popular lyceum orators. An art-musical-lecture recital on the life and labors of the meek and lowly Nazarene, "The Story Beautiful," has been delivered nearly seven hundred times. It is a big story told in a big, broad way, illuminated by the reproduction in fac-simile colors of the world's greatest modern paintings—more than one hundred. His pictures are unquestionably among the finest and most artistic coloring ever attempted on this side of the water.

One of America's greatest singers will assist him.

Nels Darling of Oklahoma, the town expert and community builder. This man, Nels Darling, who is expounding the doctrine of better merchandising, better city management, better community interest and kindred subjects, as a chautauqua and lyceum lecturer, had the misfortune to be born in an ordinary frame house. "Darling was not long in warming up to his subject. Hard, cold facts, that fairly stung, were taken cheerfully without a chaser, at least when the joke was on the other fellow. Seldom in Ord has a more powerful speaker addressed a more interested audience." "Darling poured the hot shot down our backs for two hours. He grabbed us by the neck and swung us up and down until it seemed that we were all in, and then left us and grabbed the other fellow. Oh, Darling is all right, and, as he said in the beginning of his lecture, 'You will remember these things after I am gone.' All his time, summer and winter, is sold to the close of 1919.

Dr. Roland A. Nichols discovered Harold Bell Wright, now the most popular writer of fiction, when he was a homeless, friendless, unknown young man of twentytwo. He recognized his talent, believed in his possibilities, took him into his own home as a member of his family and for two years paid his expenses to Hiram College. Later he read the manuscript of the author's first book, suggested the title and introduced him to his publishers. All who have heard him, speak in highest praise of his "The Man Worth While." It will readily be seen that Roland A. Nichols is abundantly endowed by nature, training and experience for his work on the lecture platform. While there is a deep, inspirational purpose running through all his lectures, yet he is fully aware that the element of entertainment must be so blended that while it serves to illumine his subject the audience is kept alert and expectant. His humor is natural and irresistible, his impersonations true to life, his narrative and dramatic powers thrilling, his voice deep and resonant.

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Deliberations Of Council Are Quiet

The city council convened Tuesday evening with all present but Councilman Werth. City Electrician Strickland, Street Commissioner Fraley, Sexton Walrad and Chief Porter were present at the opening of proceedings. Mrs. O. H. Johnson was also present. Mr. Werth arrived and took his customary chair a few minutes after the session opened.

Recorder Gillette read his monthly report for March, which was accepted.

A petition was read from the board of directors of the Auxiliary of the Women's Civic Improvement Club requesting free water and electric lights for their club house. The council granted the request and the club will have free light and water during the time of occupancy of the present club home.

Christ Geuckel made application for position as caretaker of Mountain View cemetery. Referred to proper committee.

A petition was read from Benton Bowers recommending that the council place notices along the Boulevard prohibiting the pasturing of cows along the Boulevard and stating that several people had been tying cows to the newly planted trees, breaking them and feeding off the foliage.

There is an ordinance covering matters of this kind and the chief of police was instructed to put an end to the practice of pasturing cows along this street.

A petition from residents along Scenic Drive, formerly known as Woolen street and Prospect street, requesting that certain properties be vacated so that the street could be properly graded, was referred to the street committee.

Councilman Ware then came forward with a recommendation from the street committee in regard to the matter, it appearing that the committee had already looked into the matter. The council recommended the vacation of the property men-

Big Egg Blamed On Lithia Water

Lithia water has scored another triumph. A Rhode Island Red hen, the property of H. S. Palmerlee, has tied knots in all local records for a hen's egg. The record-breaking product measures 3 3/4 inches by 6 1/2 inches. Mr. Palmerlee says that it is the Lithia water in the air which caused the phenomenal outburst of generosity on the part of his fowl.

The council passed a resolution covering the customary posting of notices. The \$60 which is granted annually to pay the hire of a man to help put Mountain View cemetery in shape for Memorial day, was appropriated.

A requisition from the fire chief for some minor supplies for the fire truck, was allowed.

An appropriation of \$75 was requested for the completion of the work on Scenic Drive through the Gibson property. On motion of Mr. Ware the appropriation was granted.

Chairman Ashcraft of the water committee asked authorization for the laying of pipe in certain parts of town and stated that fourteen men had been put to work Tuesday morning. The work was authorized.

The bonds of Messrs. Strickland and Russell of the electrical department were approved.

The council authorized the payment of a seed bill of \$50, it being understood that the ladies of the Civic Improvement Club would pay other bills in regard to planting of shrubs and would take care of the cemetery for the remainder of the year.

The resignation of Mr. Minkler from the springs commission was accepted by the council, the mayor announcing that the appointment of a successor would be made in the near future.

The mayor announced that he had appointed Mr. Bruener for the West Side and Mr. Gowdy for the East Side to check up the water system and users.

Auto Pilgrimage Season Starts

One of the first automobile parties of the season to cross the Siskiyou, coming from the San Francisco exposition, passed through Tuesday for the north, two cars being in the party.

The autos left Dunsmuir at 7:30 a. m. Tuesday. Everything went well until 11 a. m., when ten miles from the Oregon border soft road was encountered. The leading machine being a large and heavy one, mired, and it required four horses two and a half hours to get it started again. After crossing the border the road over the Siskiyou was found soft in places.

The California car had W. B. Gaffney of Seattle, Wash., his two daughters, Albert Dresler, a newspaper artist, and George Eshigoshima, the chauffeur. Another car owned by W. Young of Vancouver, B. C., followed from the same place. Both cars are headed for Portland. Albert Dresler's last work was a book of fifty comic views of San Francisco and the exposition.

Two More Trains After May 16th

Effective May 16, the Southern Pacific will inaugurate an additional passenger train in each direction between Portland and San Francisco, southbound, leave Portland 8:30 a. m., arrive San Francisco 5:30 p. m.; northbound leave San Francisco 11 p. m., arrive Portland 8 a. m. Trains will carry day coaches, diner, tourist and standard sleepers. No. 17, present Roseburg local, will leave Portland 9:50 a. m. There will be no other important changes in train service on the main line.

The exact time of the new trains' arrivals in Ashland is not known but will probably be during the early evening.

The announcement of the additional trains comes as welcome news to local railroaders as it will necessarily mean work for more crews out of here.

S. P. Officials Here Monday

Chairman Greer of the springs water commission returned from San Francisco yesterday after a conference with the Southern Pacific officials on the matter of thirty-day stopover tickets on through traffic after the first of July. Also he took up the matter of park improvements with John McLaren, who will come here with a week to landscape the park.

On next Monday General Passenger Agent F. E. Batturs and Allen Pollock of the hotel department of the Southern Pacific Company will spend the day in Ashland going over the hotel and transportation situation with the springs water commission.

At the same time Ellis F. Lawrence, director of the School of Architecture of the University of Oregon, will be here and consult with the commission on the type of architecture to be employed in the fountains and necessary park buildings. He comes at the instance of the university without cost to the city.

Obituary.

Miss Vivian Freeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Freeman, died at the family residence, 261 Oberlin street, shortly after midnight Tuesday. Miss Freeman was born in Newton, Kan., on February 10, 1884. She is survived by her parents and one sister and five brothers.

Miss Freeman was ill for five months in South Bend, Wash., and two weeks in Corvallis, Ore., before being brought to Ashland about two weeks ago. Funeral services will be held Friday, April 30, at the Nazareth church at 2 p. m. Interment in Mountain View cemetery. Rev. Scott will conduct the funeral services.

At this juncture Mayor Johnson stated that he had heard of a method of exterminating poison oak by spraying with gasoline, and a trial of the spray will be made by one of the councilmen.

The ordinance relating to the Bodalya lands was read by title and passed, as was also the ordinance in regard to prize fighting and fortune telling.

The council then went into executive session.

Civic Club Ladies Getting Results

The Civic Improvement Club transacted a large amount of business at their regular meeting Tuesday.

It was announced that the railroad would allow the ladies permission to sell Ashland postcards from the exhibit building at the station.

The club appropriated \$5 toward the fund to provide story-telling for the children in the library during the summer months. The library board and the two Parent-Teacher associations are also contributing, and story-telling for the children is assured during the coming summer.

The trees which the Civic Club have not sold have been set in a vacant lot and will be in good shape for planting in the fall.

Everyone is urged to get their park rows put in shape. Engineer Walker is ready at any time to answer calls for his service and makes no charge for establishing park row grades. It is not necessary to put in a cement curb. Boards or just sod will do.

The ladies now have the pennants with the Ashland slogan on them finished, and anyone wishing one, phone orders to Mrs. Whitney. Everyone who drives a car should fly an Ashland pennant.

Mrs. Bomar will be the club's representative at the exhibit building during the summer months at train times. All who will assist her by donating flowers or in any other way will be helping out. If you have flowers that you can spare call up Mrs. Bomar and they will be put where they will help Ashland.

The ladies are making a thorough investigation of sanitary conditions in line with the city beautiful work, and find unsanitary conditions at the rear of a great many of the business houses and wish to call the attention of the property owners to them.

Mrs. E. D. Briggs and Mrs. C. B. Lamkin have been chosen to represent the club at the national convention of the Federation of Women's Clubs which will be held in Portland.

The club has appropriated \$10 a month for the band with promises of further assistance if needed.

Another globe trotter passed through this city Sunday evening, on his homeward stretch. His name is John Towers and is from Portland, Maine. His walk is from Portland to Frisco and return and must include in it 1,000 miles in Canada.

Hobo's Diary Makes Good Reading

Two unwelcome tourists arrived in town one day last week and being both hungry and thirsty broke into E. V. Carter's residence and stole a bottle of milk. The gentlemen were rounded up by the police force and placed in the city cooler. Being of a musical temperament, they entertained the business men of the Plaza district with harmonious selections at irregular intervals during the two days of their interment. A mysterious looking document was found on one of the milk stealers. Being written in shorthand, it was necessary to call in one of the high school shorthand students, who translated the document. It was found to be a diary and contained an account of the owner's activities since the first of the year and makes interesting reading. That a petty thief's life is not one of unalloyed joy is shown by the fact that about two-thirds of the past three months was spent either in jail or in the hospital. Some very interesting transactions of a Wallingford nature were recorded. One of the most interesting was that in which he sold a kodak case full of rocks for eight dollars and the kodak for three.

The two gentlemen, who gave their names as Bert Williams and Clarence V. McMahon, were released and sent on their way after a stay of three days as guests of the city.

There is no such thing as "les majesty" in Ashland. Councilman Ware, head of the ordinance committee which framed the present effective auto ordinance, left his car standing in front of the city hall while he attended council meeting Tuesday evening. During his absence the lights went out and he found a tag tied to the wheel, asking him to call at the police station.

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