

PACIFIC COAST TO GET GRAND OPERA

Lambardi Company to Remain in West Next Season, Says Manager Gallo.

By J. L. W.

With Puccini's four act opera, "La Boheme," the Lambardi Grand Opera company brought its Portland engagement to a remarkably happy close last night at the Hotel. It was a charming production, splendidly rendered, and it is safe to say that every one in the practically filled house felt thankful for the opportunity to hear the beautiful music sung so artistically.

Of course tastes and opinions differ, but many hold "La Boheme" one of the most pleasing operas, for it is full of action and sparkling harmony throughout, with no dull moments and very little uninteresting and time-consuming dialogue.

Salvatore Sciarretti won hearty approval in the aria, "Qual gelida manina," when, in the role of Rodolfo, the poet, he discovers himself in love with the beautiful Mimì, who had fallen in a faint on the threshold to the attic studio in the Latin quarters of Paris, occupied by himself, Marcello, a painter; Schanard, a musician, and Collina, a philosopher.

Miscehele Gioacchini sang the part of Marcello; Pietro Bugatti that of Schanard, and A. Sabellico that of Collina, and every one to the fullest satisfaction. In the fourth act, especially, Sabellico sustained his established reputation as actor and singer, when bidding adieu to his coat, which he had decided to pawn for medicine to save the life of Mimì, a victim of the white plague.

Mimì's role was admirably filled by Ida Fassinio. The death scene was indeed intensely realistic, for which all of the principals of the cast are entitled to credit. Adalgisa Giana was well fitted for the role of Musetta, the coquette, and Aristide Neri was almost a scream as Alcindoro, the wealthy but close and greedy banker. He also took the part of Benoit, the greedy landlord, equally well. Throughout the engagement, Neri proved himself a comedian of merit.

Impresario Lambardi and Manager Gallo, at the close of the performance last night, expressed themselves well pleased with the patronage here and arrangements are already under way for a season of two weeks here next fall.

"We will give Portland and the coast still better productions next season," said Manager Gallo. "We feel that Portland will support good talent and our aim will be to supply the demand. Next season we'll give you something as sensational as the stars now being featured in musical centers in the east. We wish to thank the people of Portland for their kind and genuine encouragement."

The company will play "Lucia" at Astoria and then go on to Seattle and east to fill bookings for many weeks. Next season it is intended to make the company a permanent Pacific coast organization, dividing the time between Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma and Vancouver, B. C.

SEAL SALE OPENS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The sale of Red Cross Christmas seals was inaugurated today in the public schools. The interest among the pupils is stimulated by the reports of sales made by the various schools last year. Each school is determined to win the race for the greatest number sold.

Terwilliger school led with the highest per capita percentage last year. Twenty-one sales for each of the 167 pupils were recorded.

The total of last year's school sales was \$1121.55, with the Irvington, Montavilla, Buckman, Sunnyside, Holladay school, Portland academy and Lincoln high leaders in the order named in amounts sold, with St. Helens Hall closing the list.

The children have evidenced interest in the postal card designed by Miss Bertha Stuart of New York. These are being sold to swell the fund for fighting tuberculosis at a rate of two for five cents. Last year's card sent a greeting for good health, while this year's card carries the holly, the Christmas good cheer candle and the Red Cross, leaving space for the written message.

Sixty-two patients were cared for in November by the tuberculosis division of the Visiting Nurse association, according to a report just issued. Among these patients were distributed 429 quarts of milk, 52 dozens of eggs, extra articles of diet, clothing, paper napkins, together with medical and nursing care.

It was reported that many of the patients who had been sent by the Visiting Nurse association to the State Tuberculosis sanatorium are in need of clothing, and as each must be provided with a blanket and overcoat from the sale of Christmas seals, the need for success in the sales is urged.

One of the patients reported at the meeting is in need of a new tent as the one now in use is ragged. The sale of seals is depended on to pay for another tent.

Rivalry to make the largest sales of Red Cross Christmas seals is keen among the different department stores and the firms are deeply interested in the success of the work, it is reported by the Visiting Nurse association headquarters.

FRANCE MOVES TO LIMIT ITS GERMAN WAITERS

(United Press Lined Wire.)

Paris, Dec. 8.—France feeling against Germany is taking material shape. A bill limiting the number of German waiters that may be employed in French restaurants is being prepared for introduction in the chamber of deputies by M. Millerand, minister of public works. It is the first actual demonstration against what the working classes call the "German invasion." Establishments have been wrecked and employment agencies favoring German applicants have been closed by the police. English waiters support the French, and a delegation is coming from London to show their sympathy.

Unique Will Contest.

(United Press Lined Wire.)

San Jose, Cal., Dec. 8.—Declaring his father had paid Seventh Day Adventists \$14,000 for a gate check to heaven, A. Merrill is contesting his parent's will in favor of the Loma Linda sanitarium.

OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER LIKED

While candidates for sheriff have crowded in early and are thicker just now than for any other county office, it seems likely that the comparatively inconspicuous office of county commissioner will be almost as largely sought.

The last legislature increased the pay of the commissioners from \$3 per day "when they worked" to \$150 per month, thus greatly increasing its attractiveness.

County Commissioner W. L. Lightner's term will expire, Commissioner Hart holding over. He is serving his second four year term and is the only member of the board who has served as long as two years. He probably will be a candidate for another term.

Prominent among his prospective opponents are T. J. Kreuder and George K. McCord. The first named was defeated by Lightner four years ago, and would like to try again, his friends report. McCord is Mayor Rushlight's private secretary and a former newspaper man. He is scanning the field, but has not announced himself a candidate.

Andy Vaughn, long connected with the city police department and now superintendent of the Linnton rock quarry, intends to try for Lightner's place. He has a large field of acquaintance and promises to make a vigorous campaign.

Another said to aspire to the place is Alvin C. Bigger, the present Swiss consul at Portland, who was formerly employed as carpenter at the courthouse. The entry list is yet open and it is not unlikely others will seek the job.

Want Bridge at Shelburne.

Albany, Or., Dec. 8.—One of the important matters before the county court is the request to build a bridge across the Santiam river at Shelburne. A number of men from Shelburne headed by Representative William Miller, placed the matter before the court.

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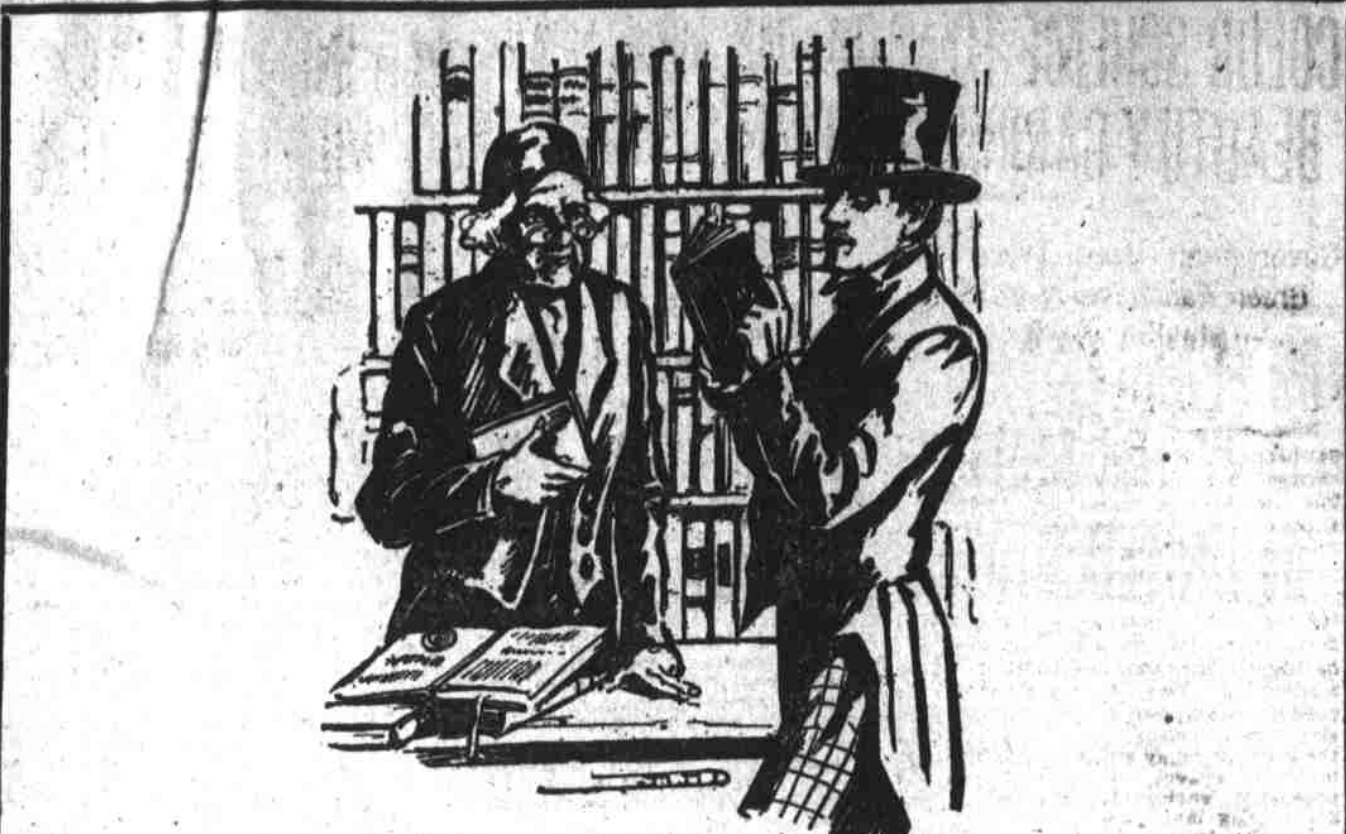
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