FAMOUS BARITONE AND NEW SOPRANO HEARD IN CONCERT

By J. L. Wallin

After waiting several years, Portland music patrons found opportunity Wednesday night to hear Pasquale Amato, baritone, sing to them in person—phonographic records of his voice have been available for some time—and they recalled him repeatedly, for he is an exceedingly artistic interpreter of Italian and French songs and a great actor in operatic roles.

Alternating with him on the program was Miss Kitty Beale, lyric soprano of Washington, D. C., with a most promising future in her chosen field, for she is endowed abundantly with a beautiful voice of flute-like clarity and the flexibility of the luscious violin tone. But she is young both in years and experience on the concert stage.

The concert at the Heilig was the first of the Steers & Coman series and the audience included all the confirmed first nighters.

Amato scored his biggest triumphs in the prologue from "Pagliacci," "Le Beau Sejour" an old French song, and "Largo et Factotum" from "The Barber of Seville," and the Toreador song from "Carmen," the latter two extra numbers. He makes splendid use of facial expression at which he is a master, almost equal to the once famous Ludwig Wullner, who because of his remarkable declamatory ability made an everlasting impression as a baritone soloist though there was very little music in his voice. In his extra number, "Mamie Lisette," Amato's frowns and smiles told the story as vividly as August Lindberg could give in pantomime Ibsen's masterpiece, "Peer Gynt." And Ibsen himself declared Lindberg the greatest interpreter of his works he had ever heard.

In the prologue, Amato soared to A flat with ease and held it, and the ballad groups afforded several opportunities for successful display of the lower register.

Miss Beale's stellar number was the aria "Caro Nome," from Verdi's "Rigoletto," and it was an exquisite performance, the high notes being struck with a certainty and correctness of pitch altogether delightful. The songs, however, that appealed most to the audience, nothwithstanding the ease with which she sang the difficult flourishes in the coloratura numbers, were "Under the Greenwood Tree" by Buzzi-Peccia, and "An Evening Song" by Gilberte, both calling for legato singing and long sustained tones. These she sang without the slight tremolo that indicated nervousness in the opening phrases of the "Rigoletto" aria. For extra numbers she sang the Shadow song from "Dinorah" and "Pallidi Rayul" by Roxas.

A new departure in Miss Beale's singing, at least here, was her cutting short abruptly the high notes on which she invariably ended her songs.

The accompanist was William Tyroler, who played with remarkable exactness.

The next artists of the series will be Charles Hackett, American tenor, and Raoul Vidas, French violinist, on December 1.

Debaters Selected To Enter Contest Of Interclassmen

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Nov. 18.—Sophomore and freshmen debaters have been selected for the annual interclass contest which will take place early in December. Gordon A. Duncan of Portland and Clay Miller of Corvallis are sophomore representatives, while Elvin Hay of Portland, and A. R. Walach, Fenton, Mo., will debate for the first year men. The question chosen for discussion is, "Resolved, that the Oregon Agricultural college and the University of Oregon should be combined."

The annual interfraternity debate series commences next Tuesday evening, when 22 organizations are scheduled to meet in the preliminary contest of the season. Compulsory military training will be the question for discussion. A championship cup will be offered by the interfraternity council for the team which wins by eliminating all its competitors from the race.

Attend Portland Show

White Salmon, Wash., Nov. 18.—A number of White Salmon people are attending the stock show in Portland this week, mostly making the trip over the Columbia river highway.

Winlock is just completing a new school building at a cost of $30,000.

FARMERS' UNION TO DEMAND HIGH TARIFF FOR WHEAT

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 18.—(U. P.)—Reapplication of the Lever act to establish a wheat price and a high tariff to protect American farmers will be demanded here Tuesday, when Washington, Oregon and Idaho members of the Farmers' union will meet at an emergency call to discuss falling grain prices.

Establishment of a moratorium for 90 days on notes, to allow crops to move under readjusted market conditions, also will be urged.

A. A. Elmore, president of the Farmers' union, averred today that wheat is selling in the Northwest much below the cost of production.

Commission Fixes Assessed Values in Counties of State

Salem, Nov. 18.—The state tax commission, sitting Wednesday as a board of equalization, fixed the ratio of assessed valuations to the full cash value in the various counties of the state as follows:

Baker, 74; Benton, 59; Clackamas, 56; Clatsop, 88; Columbia, 61; Coos, 69; Crook, 54; Curry, 84; Deschutes, 54; Douglas, 80; Gilliam, 92; Grant, 70; Harney, 74; Hood River, 65; Jackson, 62; Jefferson, 65; Josephine, 67; Kalamath, 79; Lake, 70; Lane, 57; Lincoln, 90; Linn, 66; Malheur, 61; Marion, 65; Morrow, 81; Multnomah, 62; Polk, 49; Sherman, 97; Tillamook, 89; Umatilla, 82; Union, 84; Wallowa, 79; Wasco, 77; Washington, 60; Wheeler, 81; Yamhill, 60.

Bible Class Will Be Initiated by K. P. Lodge at Albany

Albany, Or., Nov. 18.—November 29 is the date set for the initiation of a Wheaton Bible class by the local Knights of Pythias lodge at a ceremony that will be attended by two supreme officers of the lodge, grand officers of Oregon and knights and initiates from Corvallis, Dallas, Jefferson and from Brownsville, Harrisburg, Lebanon, Scio, Halsey and other Linn and Benton county points. The local lodge alone is planning upon a class of 100 novices.

Supreme Chancellor Ladew of New York, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal Fred Wheaton of Minneapolis, Grand Chancellor W. J. H. Clark of Portland, Deputy Grand Chancellor M. F. Hardesty of Astoria and Grand Keeper of Records and seal Walter E. Gleason of Portland are among the visiting officials expected.

The candidates for first rank will see the Wheaton Bible, the original Bible employed in Knightdom, which will be used in the Albany ceremony.

Protective Tariff On Domestic-Raised Nuts Is Demanded

Resolutions to act with the California nutgrowers in getting legislation for protective tariff on domestic-grown walnuts and filberts were adopted at the afternoon session of the Western Walnut association convention Wednesday afternoon. The association is holding its convention in the Chamber of Commerce, convening for the first time Wednesday morning.

The morning session was taken up with the officers' report. The officers are: J. C. Cooper, president; H. A. Henneman, vice president; A. A. Quarnburg, vice president, and F. T. Chapman, acting secretary-treasurer.

Charles Trunk of Dundee delivered an address in the afternoon on the "Development of the Walnut Orchard." Professor A. M. Gray spoke on "The Commercial Filbert Grove of the Pacific Northwest," and Nat Nörelius told of the possibilities of filberts. J. C. Cooper and Ferd Groner led an open discussion on the comparative merits of the native nut and those imported from Manchuria and Sicily. That the Oregon nut was superior was proved by the showing of the reports from those using both kinds.

Luncheon was held at noon at the Benson hotel. The convention will close this afternoon.

Evaporating Plant At Salem Damaged

Salem, Or., Nov. 18.—Damage estimated at $1200 was caused by a fire at the evaporating plant of Kurtz & Co., in North Salem, late Wednesday afternoon. Four of the 12 tunnels in the plant were destroyed as were a quantity of apples and other fruit stored in the plant.

Arrangements Are Completed for New Elma Fair Grounds

Montesano, Wash., Nov. 18.—Plans for the arrangement of the buildings and grounds of the new county fair grounds at Elma have been completed and submitted by Armin M. Doerner, instructor and extension worker in landscape gardening for the state college at Pullman.

To Vote on Bonds

Montesano, Wash., Nov. 18.—Montesano will vote next Saturday on a bond issue of $35,000 for the building of an extension to the present high school and grade building on Spruce street.

Seaside Decides on New School House

Seaside, Nov. 18.—At a meeting of the taxpayers of school district No. 10, held in Central school building Monday evening for the purpose of discussing the advisability of bonding the district for the erection of a new schoolhouse and auditorium on the new grounds recently purchased by the district, the board was instructed to ask for competitive plans for the erection of a 14 to 16-room school building. It is to be built either of tile with a pressed brick facing, or of concrete.