

SALEM FOLK WILL GREET BOY CHORUS

Famous Forty-four from Seattle Appears Here Wednesday Night

GOOD PROGRAM GIVEN

Salem Included in Itinerary as Lads Return from Jaunt to Mexico

The Whitney Boys' chorus of Seattle, representing the largest boys' chorus in the world, will give a concert in the armory at 8 o'clock Wednesday night.

Forty-four of the best singers of the entire chorus, which has numbered over 4000 boys in the last five years, have been selected to make a tour of the coast this summer and are now returning from Mexico. The boys have been entertained in homes throughout the trip and have been welcomed to the various cities where they have sung by almost every form of organization of any size on the coast.

Of course many boys who wanted to go had to be left in Seattle, but the lucky 44 are having a fine time of their lives. The boys get 50 cents a week as spending money while the group has been depending on collections or admissions to the concerts to cover the heavy expense of transportation, etc. The boys have kept in excellent health and all have been able to sing at the concerts ex-

cept on one or two occasions, once when at the "watermelon feed," given by the Elks of Fresno, when in two or three cases there wasn't enough boys, and at Long Beach where there was almost too much water. The boys range in age from 8 to 17, and are ordinary every-day boys. No "sissies" in the bunch. They are carrying note books and keeping a record of the happenings of the trip. Some of them might make interesting reading, especially the one that belongs to the fellow whom two girls tried to steal.

Sacramento Wants Whitney. Prof. H. E. K. Whitney is in personal charge of the trip. He is not yet 50 years old but has probably met more boys in America than any other man. He hardly ever forgets a name, and takes a great personal interest in all of his boys. Owing to his method of directing a large group of singers, Dr. Whitney has been referred to as a combination of Billy Sunday and Sousa. Such was the impression made by the boys in Sacramento that a vigorous effort is being made to get Mr. Whitney to organize a boys' chorus there this next winter. Such a course will be vigorously protested by the boys of Seattle.

Mr. Whitney claims that it is easier to keep a boy right than to get him right after he has gone wrong. And also that a "right-thinking boy can have more influence for good among other boys than 10 preachers." It is therefore with the intention of inspiring right living among boys that the present trip has been undertaken. The boys present a varied program, consisting of instrumental and vocal solos, duets, quartets and wonderful choruses, as well as an oration by a 14-year-old boy. The boys are unassisted by adult singers, carrying all four parts of music in the chorus work.

Phenomenal Singing Heard. Master Leon Mundy, 13 years old, is the soprano soloist. His voice is of the lyric quality with a range which enables him to sing F above high C, or one octave above the treble staff. His notes are bird-like in quality and his enunciation and expression are away beyond his years. He is a boy in the fullest sense of the word, with a boy's likes and emotions and a boy's ways, yet he is a boy with a soul which seems to open when he sings, enabling him to sway his audience's feelings as the wind sways an autumn leaf.

Rex Parrott is the pipe organist, but he also has exceptional ability on the piano, which will be used Wednesday night at the armory. He has a most phenomenal ear for music—that which is called the perfect pitch. He can turn his back to the keyboard, allowing any one to strike three notes simultaneously, and he will name them accurately, regardless of whether they are chords or dischords.

Edward Carey, the 13-year-old cornetist, develops his notes like a professional. Triple tonguing is but one of his strong points. As a bass soloist Floyd Murphy, only 17 years old, is second to no boy who has ever been in the chorus. Many people have said that he has no equal as a boy bass in America. His voice reaches D-flat, and his breath control is remarkable. As one of the older boys, Floyd has been acting as a leader of the "bunch" during the trip.

Boy Writes Orations. Perhaps the most unusual feature of the program for Wednesday night will be the oration by Claude Lorraine, who is consid-



Map of the National Park to Park Highway, the longest continuous scenic motor way in the world, traversing nine western states for a distance of 4,500 miles and connecting twelve national parks and many monuments and forests. The highway was dedicated to the people of America by Stephen T. Mather, director of the National Parks Service; governors of eight states, and officials of the National Park to Park Highway Association and the American Automobile Association, at Denver. Other dedicatory meetings are being held in cities on the route, in a sixty-day official tour. Congress will be asked to consider appropriations for converting this highway into a hard-surfaced boulevard, and for sufficient appropriations to adequately exploit and develop the scenic wonders in the playgrounds of the nation.

ered by experts as one of the best boy orators in the United States. All of Claude's orations are of his own composition. He not only has the ability to compose but also has the oratorical delivery. He captivates and holds his audience spellbound. While he is only 14 years old, he has had many unusual advantages, and is a genius with a future.

The full details as to the entertainment of the boys while in Salem have not been decided, but many organizations will be asked to co-operate with the Scouts and the Y. M. C. A. in handling the event. As the chorus is under heavy expense it has been decided to ask the people to pay a 50-cent admission, with 25 cents for children under 16. As the boys are back in their expense, it is hoped that Salem will give them a good boost. Any boy or girl who sells five tickets will be admitted free. Tickets may be obtained at Scout headquarters, the Y. M. C. A., and other places to be announced later.

Rain has never been known to fall between the two lower falls of the Nile.

Expensive Development of Water Contemplated

An expensive development of water power on the South fork of the Coquille river contemplated by M. J. Anderson of Portland, and his application for a permit to appropriate the water was filed yesterday with the state engineering department.

The construction of a reservoir for the storage of 18,700 acre-feet of water, and a tunnel and a pipe line about three miles long for the appropriation of 75 second-feet of water under a head of 1556 feet, which will develop approximately 13,000 theoretical horsepower, are contemplated. The cost is estimated at \$750,000. The purpose of the development is not stated in the application. Other applications have been received as follows:

An application for permit to appropriate water from the Snake river for the irrigation of 1365 acres has been filed by the Slide irrigation district of Weiser, Idaho. Under this development, it is proposed to construct a pumping plant and pipe line about one and three-fourths miles in length, at an estimated cost of \$123,330.

Applications for permit to appropriate water from an unnamed stream for the irrigation of a small tract in Hood River county.

By Roy Orville Baughman, of Grants Pass, covering the appropriation of water from the middle branch of Bull creek for the irrigation of a small tract in Josephine county.

By Francis Neil, of Williams, Ore., covering the appropriation of waste water for the irrigation of a small tract in Josephine county.

By Howard Dunlap, of Kerby, covering the appropriation of water from the east fork of Illinois river for the irrigation of a small tract in Josephine county.

By C. D. and William Hannah, of Hood River, covering the appropriation of water from springs in Covert canyon for domestic use and the irrigation of a small tract in Hood River county.

Grasshoppers and crickets eat every known fibre except manila and steel hemp.

TREES ENTER HALL OF FAME

American "Trees With a History" Named for Place in Forestry Record

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The only tree known to have been planted in memory of Abraham Lincoln right after his assassination has been nominated for a place in the Hall of Fame for "trees with a history," which the American Forestry association is compiling. A S. Bailey of Decorah, Iowa, where the tree now stands, informed the association that the tree was planted by one John Finn, who is still living.

When Abraham Lincoln was assassinated Mr. Finn was in Chicago and he returned home much depressed. A few days later, on April 27, 1865, Governor Stone of Iowa declared a day of mourning for Lincoln. Finn went into the woods and dug up a small hackberry shoot which he transplanted on the street in front of his home. The shoot took root and today is one of the most magnificent trees in Iowa. It is 110 feet high and nearly 12 feet in circumference, to which fact the American Forestry association points as a great lesson in what can be done in tree planting.

The Daughters of the American Revolution, the Grand Army of the Republic and historical societies of the country are said to be reporting many other trees with a history to the American Forestry association. Other nominations for the Hall of Fame are: The first algaroba tree in the Hawaiian islands by M. J. Rordun of Flagstaff, Ariz. This tree seed was taken to Honolulu by Father Bachelot from California. There are now thousands of them in the islands.

The General Johnston oak on the Shiloh battlefield, by the Chamber of Commerce of Corinth, Miss. Under this tree General Albert Sidney Johnston was killed while leading his troops. The tree, now 300 years old, is cared for by the national government.

The Washington oak, near Santee, S. C., nominated by J. Danforth Bush of Wilmington, Del. The tree was spared from the ax when George Washington urged that it be not cut down. The

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The largest canyon live oak in California is believed to have been found by L. A. Barrett of the United States forest service near the Biddison ranch in Bogue canyon on the Santa Barbara forest.

The San Diego Mission palm, nominated by T. P. Getz. This is the only one remaining of the four planted in 1769. Two were sent to the Chicago World's fair in 1892 and a third was blown down in 1913.

The Blunston oak, just over the Philadelphia line in Darby, nominated by Miss Ethel Austin Shrigley of Lansdown, Pa. This tree was mentioned in a deed in 1683 and from beneath it in 1777 General Washington watched his army march from Philadelphia to Chadd's ford.

The rate would apply only to bona fide shipments consigned to the federal government, the state highway commission, county courts or other municipalities for use in road construction or improvement when the freight rate charges are paid by the municipalities.

"This suggestion should not be construed either as an approval or disapproval of any of the rates involved," says the letter, "nor will it preclude this commission from taking further action with relation to such rates should conditions later require."

Rate on Road-Building Material Held Too High

On behalf of the state highway commission, the county courts of the state and other municipalities, the public service commission addressed a letter to Ben C. Dey, general attorney for the Southern Pacific company, and to W. D. Skinner, traffic manager of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle company, requesting that those roads place into effect a reduced rate on crushed rock, sand and gravel and other road building material. A reduction of 10 cents a ton under the regular rate is requested. The O. W. R. & N. Company has already granted the reduction.

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