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CAST READY FOR ORATORIO CONCERT

LAST REHEARSAL HELD FOR FRIDAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

After Many Weeks of Hard Work, Choral Society Masters Difficult Musical Compositions for Presentation of Pretty "Elijah."

Final rehearsal for the great oratorio concert "Elijah" to be given entirely by home talent next Friday evening, beginning promptly at 8 o'clock, at the First Christian church was held last night, indicating the overwhelming success of the ambitious musical venture.

For a number of weeks a large chorus known as the Royal College of Porpora Choral society and directed by Prof. Charles O. Blakeslee has been working to master the difficult Mendelssohn compositions which have given "Elijah" recognition as one of the choral masterpieces of the musical world.

In the beginning it was believed that it would be necessary to employ talent from Portland or some other outside point for one or two of the solo parts, but as progress was made in the work it was discovered that Pendleton possessed an ample number of vocalists of sufficient ability to undertake the ambitious oratorio entirely with home talent.

Accordingly, the list of soloists as completed, includes J. E. Keefe, Jr.,

Frank Hayes, Mrs. J. S. Landers, Mrs. J. B. Dickson, Mrs. J. R. Dickson, Mrs. Maud Gray Swingle and Richard Mayberry. In addition the soloists, together with Miss Edna Zimmerman, man alto, and Charles W. Meighan, second bass, have formed a double quartet for some of the beautiful numbers, which has been pronounced by several musicians the equal of any similar organization in the state.

The list of patrons and patronesses for the event includes Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Bishop, Judge and Mrs. James A. Fee, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Judd, Rev. and Mrs. Milnes, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Quinney, Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Winter, Mr. and Mrs. R. Alexander, Mrs. Lina Sturgis, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cohen and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Marshall.

A special orchestra of seven pieces will supply the accompaniment with Prof. Blakeslee at the piano, Mrs. A. J. Owens at the organ and John Rothlisberger Braden, first violin.

Steady-Going, if Not Stylish. St. Louis.—Mr. Blount has been continuously on the Berryman and Potosi mail route for a period of thirteen years and one month; he has in that time traveled 171,993 miles, from Berryman to Potosi and return.

His horse, George, 14 years old, has been in the service over eleven years, and has been hitched to the mail hack every other day during that time, making in all 1,735 round trips of forty-two miles each, or a total of 72,870 miles on this route. The horse weighs 1,200 pounds, is of the Clydesdale and Norman stock of horses, and is today strong and healthy. In the eleven years and one month this horse has worn out \$135 worth of shoes.

Newsy Notes of Pendleton

No Police Court. The second judicial day of the new year saw an empty police court, no offenders having been caught in the dragnet of the law.

Half Section Is Sold. By a deed recorded today, T. O. Wester and wife of Walla Walla have sold to Andrew Swanson and wife 220 acres lying near Blalock mountain in the north part of the county. The consideration on given is \$18,000.

County Court Meets. The first regular meeting of the county court during 1912 was convened this morning at the court house and the day has been spent chiefly with the auditing of bills.

Parents and Teachers Meeting. A meeting of the Parents and Teachers' club of the Hawthorne school has been called for Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and all members as well as all interested are requested to be present.

Will Have Orchestra. Wesley Matlock, the new manager of the Oregon theater, is beginning already to fulfill the promises he made to the public on his acceptance of the management. He has made arrangements with the United Orchestra to furnish music for every attraction that shows in his house.

Grand Jury Is Meeting. The regular January term of the grand jury preliminary to the January term of the circuit court was convened today and the dozen or more criminal cases which the district attorney has prepared are being submitted to the seven men for dismissal or confirmation. The corridors of the court house are crowded with witnesses who have been subpoenaed to give testimony in the cases.

Sleighting at Milton. That snow covers the ground to the depth of several inches at Milton and that sleighing in that vicinity is good is stated by Representative S. D. Peterson who came down from the east end this morning. When he alighted from the local train this morning Mr. Peterson expressed surprise at the bare ground in Pendleton as he had expected to find this place snow covered also.

Routine Club Meeting. Last night's meeting of the Commercial club proved but a routine affair. There was no important business to come before the gathering and this fact together with the cold night kept most of the members away. Those who turned out for the session convened long enough to pay the monthly bills and transact other routine business.

Polly of the Circus Coming. J. M. Abrams, business representative of Frederick Thompson's "Polly of the Circus" company is in the city today to make arrangements with Manager Matlock for the presentation of his famous comic opera at the local theater on January 14. The same attraction was booked here last year but the date was cancelled owing to the lack of room on the old stage. However, with the enlargement of the stage and the fly-galleries, it is hoped that the piece can be staged this year, although Mr. Abrams is wondering how he is going to get the six horses which the company carries off and on the stage. He states there are seven regular circus people with the show in order to give realism to the circus scene.

COBBLER SHOP ENSHRINED. Lynn, Mass.—Set on wheels and drawn by six mules, the little old cobbler's shop where Samuel Winslow, Sr., began making shoes started on a Journey to Veverly. For more than fifty years it has stood on Collins street, and has recently been used as a storehouse. It has been bought by Samuel Winslow, president of the United Shoe Machine company, and is to be placed in the grounds of his home in memory of his father. It was one of the few buildings left in which the early shoemaking at Lynn was done.

Mr. Winslow is trying to find his father's old work bench and kit. He wants to replace them in the shop just as they were in his father's time.

DOES MINCE PIE MAKE YOU SLEEPY?

South Hadley, Mass.—Mt. Holyoke College girls were so sleepy and sluggish at the recitations held at 2 o'clock every afternoon that the faculty, long puzzled, decided to investigate. It was finally reasoned that as the girls become drowsy after luncheon the explanation must be sought in the luncheon menu. It was, or at least the professors think it was, it was announced that when the girls return mince pie and apple dumpling, found to be the favorite luncheon food will no longer be served. Luncheons hereafter will consist of fruit and other light edibles.

BURGLAR OUTRUNS PURSUER IN RACE

(Continued from page one.)

But alas for carefully laid plans. A woman's haste in leaving for a Christmas visit upset all for it so happened that Mrs. Penland, shortly before her departure, had washed out some clothes and had left a tub full of water sitting on a chair near the cellar door. Therefore, the wild bound of her husband landed him squarely into the chair with the result that chair, tub and man went to the floor in a heap with a loud crash and splash the man losing his gun in the mixup and receiving a drenching that was bitter cold.

The burglar, frightened by the terrible noise, darted through the door, dropping two jars of fruit in his exit, and made off down the street. But Penland was not to be cheated so

easily of his prey. Quickly picking himself up, he hurried through the door not thirty feet in the rear of the scared fugitive. He was clad only in his night shirt and the frozen ground hurt his bare feet but undaunted, he started in pursuit. Penland was some athlete in his more youthful days and his scanty apparel gave him added speed so that he gained on his intended victim from the first jump.

All over the south hill the chase led, the ghostly figure of the pursuer slowly gaining on the dark form of the pursued. But when within fifteen feet of the fleeing panic-stricken burglar, Penland's powers of endurance gave out and with a parting "Go it, you son of a sea-cook," he gave up the chase and returned sorrowfully to his home. His shirt, soaked by the contents of the tub, was frozen to the stiffness of a board, his whole body was blue from the cold and his feet had been cruelly maltreated by the icy earth. Still Penland thinks he did a good night's work and ventures the assertion that hereafter his pace will be unmoled.

HOOK NOT TO GO ON SUPREME BENCH, SAYS TAFT

Washington, Jan. 3.—President Taft today took formal cognizance of the protests against the appointment of Justice William Hood of Kansas, to be associate justice of the United States supreme court. He told Congressman Curtis of Kansas, Hook's sponsor, that he is now considering the name of Justice Swayze of the supreme court of New Jersey for the vacancy.

His statement is taken to indicate that the president was forced to reconsider his decision concerning Hook's appointment, because the opposition had planned to break all senate precedents and hold up the nomination.

SNOW IN MOUNTAINS IS DEEP BUT NOT TROUBLESOME

La Grande, Oregon, January 3.—Several feet of snow in the mountains is not retarding train service on the O.-W. Trains from the east are running on late schedules but this is because of the enormous snowfall and extreme cold weather prevailing in Montana, Colorado and other mountain states. The rotary has not been called out on the local system, and this is probably due to the fact that the snow is well packed and does not shift with the winds. No drifting to speak of has transpired anywhere. The detachable snow plows or flanges on the branch line engines avert delay and trouble and the same method is doing much to keep up train service for ordinary snowfalls on the main line systems.

GIVES CUTICLE FOR SON.

Former Governor's Son Submits to Skin Grafting for Boy's Burn. New York.—Frank W. Fort, son of former Governor John Franklin Fort of New Jersey, submitted today to a skin grafting operation. Two square inches of cuticle taken from his thigh was grafted upon the face of his infant son, William. The boy was burned when a burning lamp shade fell upon him.

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