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FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1908

ELECTIONS OF 1908.
 Primary Elections, April 17.
 Registration reopens, April 21.
 Closes for Election, May 15.
 General Election, June 1.
 Registration reopens, Sept. 20.
 Closes for Election, Oct. 20.
 Presidential Election, Nov. 3.

Well, didn't that primary election take the Cake?
 Dividend—what the stockholders get after the directors divide.
 Politics is an expensive game; does it pay for more than a few after all?
 "Doughnut" mining propositions are those which have nothing left but the hole.

Do not invite the fool-killer by being a school-killer. Vote for the university appropriation.
 Prospects for fruit are better than for many seasons, as so far there has been but little damage from frosts.
 Here is a serious political question: Who will be first on the ballot at the June election Cake or Chamberlain?

Despite the financial troubles, more new people are coming to Oregon than came last year. That is a very satisfactory showing.
 Mr. Cake will have two more campaigns, one up to the June election and then in the legislature. Three campaigns for one office is going some.
 After all the primary election is a sort of a nuisance—especially for those who have been successful in receiving the nomination. It's now up to them to again engage in another campaign for several weeks.

A minister asserts that young men hesitate to propose marriage because they lack "sand." The reverend gentlemen has mixed his metaphors. Most young men hesitate at the door of matrimony because they have not struck "pay dirt."
 The splendid rain all over Oregon caused a light vote to be cast at the primaries, but it put thousands of dollars into the pockets of the producers, in fact, it was worth millions to the people of the state, says a dispatch. Not a drop of rain fell at Cottage Grove on that day.

It doesn't take much to be a good citizen. Be industrious, honest, not meddlesome, kind to your family, temperate, charitable to other people's needs and faults, live within your income, pay your honest debts, and, whether you receive a salary of \$1.55 a day or \$25 a day, you will be a good citizen.

Three express companies, the American, the United States and the Pacific, were forced to reduce express rates 25 per cent last week in conformity with the Sibley act, which has just gone into effect in the state of Nebraska. Some similar action should be taken against that prince of monopolies, the Wells, Fargo express company in this state.

Fulton lays his defeat at the primaries to the democrats who, he says, registered as republicans in order to get a chance to vote for Cake. Whether they did or not, such a thing is possible and an election law that can be juggled with in this manner is seriously defective. It is predicted by a good many prominent Oregonians that there will likely be a few more such expensive, freakish primary elections in Oregon and then the whole thing, including the imitative and otherendum and all the U'Ren wrinkles will be dumped into the scrap heap of oblivion and we will get down to real representative government.

Guardsmen have opened their campaign for the success of the Armory bill which comes up under the initiative and referendum for the vote of the people at the coming June election. Members of company E. are particularly interested in the success of the measure as, in fact, is the entire community as a favorable vote means a handsome new armory for Cottage Grove. The appropriation by the last legislature was \$25,000 per year for four years for the purpose of building armories and as one of the strongest, most efficient and well disciplined companies in western Oregon, Company E., would be in line for one of the first permanent structures.

It is costing a pile of money to send out battleships around the world, but all the nations of the earth seem to be agreed that it will do a power of good. The little matter of tolls for passing through the Suez canal has been figured out and it is stated that it will cost \$350,000. Since we have so graciously accepted the invitations of other nations to let them see our big sea fighters, wouldn't it be a neat bit of international courtesy if that toll bill were remitted? England has a good deal to say about the management of the canal; couldn't John Bull dead-head our ships through?

If that Pacific fleet were only on wheels, what an income it would bring in doing mining assessment and development work with those 13-inch guns now employed in simply splashing water.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

Just before going to press we learn of the death today April 24, of W. N. Wheeler at his Silk Creek valley home of pneumonia after a brief illness. Funeral services and burial Sunday.

Our esteemed citizen F. H. Hall, received a telegram Monday announcing the death of his mother at her home in the state of Maine on that day at the ripe old age of 93.

The Springfield and Cottage Grove baseball teams will play a game at Springfield next Sunday afternoon. The Springfield team defeated Junction City last Sunday and expects to repeat the performance in this game.

Al Churchill carried the Bohemia ballot box to Eugene last Saturday and spent a few days in Cottage Grove this week. He says mining matters are assuming an interesting aspect in Bohemia and he predicts that there will be some big developments in this camp this season.

The J. H. Chambers saw mill company at Alca met with a heavy loss last Sunday afternoon. The dam went out, carrying with it the railroad bridge on the spur running to the yards, and a portion of the big lumber dock and a considerable amount of lumber. The loss is estimated at about \$3,300.

See that new long cylinder Columbia graphophone at the Bazaar. It plays both long and short cylinder records. New Victor machines just arrived also.

"BELSHAZZAR'S FEAST"

That Cottage Grove people appreciate a good thing and are disposed to encourage local effort was clearly demonstrated by the large attendance at the armory hall last night to witness the first production in this city of the great dramatic cantata "Belshazzar's Feast," which was presented by about fifty of the best singers of the town, besides about twenty-five high school girls who executed the drills in a most admirable manner, which alone was worth the price of admission. Considering the fact that the chorus, the soloists and the drill girls had less than two weeks to learn and present their respective roles, they all done exceedingly well and everyone in attendance went home well pleased with the entertainment. The prospects are good for a larger attendance this evening than on the first night, many having expressed their intention of attending a second time, while a great many remained at home on account of the heavy rains. Much of the credit for the splendid manner in which the united chorus and soloists did their work is due to the efficient drilling and training of Prof. Martin E. Robinson, the director, and there is not a member of the large cast but what feels amply repaid for their efforts and labors by the splendid course of instructions and training they have received.

This article would not be complete without mention of some of the special work in the cast and in this connection we want to say that J. M. Isham interpreted the role of King Belshazzar admirably. He has a strong, rich baritone voice and good articulation, hence his solo work was most pleasing.
 Mrs. J. O. Van Winkle, as queen, won universal praise for the excellent manner in which she sustained this prominent role. She has a strong, clear, and sweet soprano voice and her difficult solos were executed with ease and in a most pleasing manner.
 Dr. J. O. Van Winkle, as Daniel, interpreted his difficult role with much credit to himself and sang the high tenor solos in a most gratifying manner.

Mrs. H. O. Thompson, as lady of the court executed the pretty alto solos in a most pleasing manner, her voice being particularly adapted to this role. She received much praise for her good work.
 Clarence Moss, as Lord of the court, carried out his part well and demonstrated the fact that he has a good tenor voice and is not afraid to use it.

Miss Maude Blair as the Jewish maiden, won the highest compliments in her very impressive contralto solo at the side of the sleeping Daniel. Her voice is rich and mellow and her pose was excellent.
 F. H. Hall, as the high priest, made a splendid character and his heavy bass voice was well adapted to his role. He done well.

Mrs. Harry Brehaut, as the angel, in the call to arms solo, won the admiration of all. She has a splendid soprano voice, which she displayed to good advantage.
 The Jewish maidens duet by Misses Mary Mundy and Nora Beebe was fine, as was also the Jewish maidens trio by Mesdames Hattie Hart, W. C. Conner and A. Brund.

C. S. Cochran as Cyrus, King of Persia, presented a fine appearance as did also the four little ladies as the king's cup bearers and the two little tots as queen's train bearers. In fact the cast, with its gorgeous gowns was well sustained all the way through, and too much credit cannot be given Miss Georgetta Berg, who presided at the piano in such a proficient manner in the solos, drills and chorus. Her task was great, but she performed it well.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Belshazzar, King of Babylon..... J. M. Isham
 Nitocris, the Queen..... Mrs. J. O. Van Winkle
 Daniel, the Prophet..... Dr. J. O. Van Winkle
 Hananiah..... G. E. Fimerty
 Lord of the Court..... Clarence Moss
 Lady of the Court..... Mrs. H. O. Thompson
 Jewish Maiden..... Maude Blair
 High Priest of Baal..... F. H. Hall
 Angel..... Mrs. Lillian Brehaut
 Cyrus, King of Persia..... C. S. Cochran
 Jewish Maidens (duet)..... Mary Mundy, Nora Beebe
 Queen's Train Bearers..... Mary Maddocks, Vivian Isham
 Jewish Maidens (trio)..... Mrs. Hattie Hart, Mrs. W. C. Conner, Mrs. A. Brund.

Wise Men
 T. E. Maddocks, Ren Sanford, Worth Harvey
 Daniel's Companions..... Clarence Moss, C. S. Cochran, Ren Sanford, G. E. Fimerty.

Cyrus Soldiers
 H. Cochran, L. Bisby, H. E. Earnest, F. R. Sherman.

King's Cup Bearers
 Jimmie Blair, Mildred Marsters, Muriel Robinson, Ursula Lockwood.

Queen's Attendants
 Mrs. H. O. Thompson, Mrs. F. D. Wheeler, Mrs. A. Brund, Miss Mary Mundy.

Jewish Quintet
 O. O. Veatch, Mrs. E. C. Macy, Nancy Whitsett, Worth Harvey, W. C. Conner.

Belshazzar's Maidens
 Gladys Farley, Neita Hazelton, Allie Phillips, Hazel Gray, Leah Perkins, Elsie Brewer, Mabel Veatch, Eunice Van Denberg, Eliza McGee, Nora Hull, Gertrude Hogate, Gertrude Hogate, Blanche M., Vernie Brown, Inez White, Mabel Rosenberg, Atha Widdersheim, Lauretta Atkinson, Mary Hawley, Belle Burkholder.
 Accompanist..... Miss Georgetta Berg
 Director..... Martin E. Robinson

LADIES OF THE OPERA

Mrs. R. Arne, Mrs. L. M. Brehaut, Jessie Berg, Elsie Brewer, Nora E. Beebe, Mrs. A. Brund, Maude Blair, Lizzie Cochran, Daisy Cochran, Mrs. N. E. Compton, Mrs. W. C. Conner, Vera Cochran, Mrs. H. C. Hart, Mary W. Hawley, Dessie Harms, Gertrude Hogate, Mrs. Macy, Mrs. J. C. Moss, Mary A. Mundy, Nettie Moss, Myrtle Parvance, Mabel Rosenberg, Mrs. H. O. Thompson, Mrs. J. O. Van Winkle, Mrs. F. D. Wheeler, Eunice Van Denberg, Nancy Whitsett, Mary Willard, Alice Wheeler, Miss Nickle.

MEN OF THE OPERA

M. H. Anderson, Rufus Arne, Horace Cochran, L. Bisby, Hugh P. Curran, Chas. S. Cochran, W. C. Conner, H. E. Earnest, F. H. Hall, Worth Harvey, G. E. Fimerty, J. M. Isham, T. E. Maddocks, Ren Sanford, Prof. A. Paap, F. R. Sherman, Dr. J. O. Van Winkle, O. Veatch, F. D. Wheeler, Clarence Moss.

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E. U. LEE, County Clerk.

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