

QUEEN ESTHER AT WOODMAN HALL TONIGHT

TWO FINE PRODUCTIONS OF FAVORITE SACRED OPERA IS PROMISED BY STRONG CAST OF LOCAL TALENT.

CHORUS OF FIFTY VOICES

Title Role to Be Taken By Accomplished Actress—Thorne's New Orchestra Will Be Heard For First Time in Public—Splendor of Ancient Oriental Royalty to Charm.

All is in readiness for the first performance of "Queen Esther" at Woodman hall tonight. The perfection attained by weeks of careful drilling was apparent in the dress rehearsal, and when the prompter's bell sounds for the curtain's rise, Dallas lovers of the dramatic will be charmed with the preparations for their entertainment. "Queen Esther," though old, is ever new, and the manner in which the beautiful sacred opera is to be presented here tonight and tomorrow night will surpass the usual amateur productions. The splendor of the ancient Persian court, the beauty of the oriental costumes, the force and intensity of the spectacular scenes depicting the tragic moments in the life of the principal characters will be portrayed with ability throughout five acts.

Trained Performer.
The principal role of Esther, the queen, is to be taken by Mrs. W. H. Dale, of Harrisburg, whose talents and training especially fit her for the part. Her support is furnished by the best singers of the city, comprising a strong cast and a chorus of 50 voices.

An important feature of the entertainment which heretofore has been unfortunately absent in similar affairs here, will be the orchestral music which is to be furnished by Thorne's orchestra of this city. This will be the first public appearance of the new organization, which consists of six performers of more than average proficiency. Although but recently formed, the members of it have been practicing diligently and the audience will be delighted with their progress. The orchestra score has been especially ordered by telegraph from Chicago.

Miss M. Olive Smith is the accompanist, and the following is the cast of characters:

Jews.
Esther, the Queen... Mrs. W. H. Dale
Mordecai, the Jew... Rev. E. W. Miles
Mordecai's Sister... Mrs. John E. Miller
Prophetess... Mrs. C. G. Coad
High Priest... John R. Sibley
Hegai... S. Earl Day
Begar... F. W. Zeller

Persians.
Ahasuerus, the King... John E. Miller
Haman, the Premier... John W. Orr
Zeresh, Haman's Wife... Edna Morrison
Median Princess... Mrs. Chas. Hillebrand
Persian Princess... Pearl Ovington
Scribe... Will M. Snyder
Captain King's Guard... Dodge Bicknell

Chorus.
Blanche Day, Addie Boydston, Fannie Dempsey, Linda Miller, Rosina Flske, Louise Miles, Lillian Fellowes, Ruth Shaw, Margaret McCoskey, Pauline Coad, Birdie Odum, Dovie Odum, Elva Lucas, Pearl Ovington, Lucille Hamilton, Annie Garner, Buena Flske, Anna May Longnecker, Adda Longnecker, Gladys Canter, Claudia Coad, Carolyn Gohrke, Olive Coulter, Jean Kuykendall, Alice Miles, Claudia Brown, Harold Hart, F. E. Collins, B. A. Teats, C. S. Graves, Glen Brock, Hinehart Dornseker, A. L. Barnhart, Willis Simonton.

Synopsis—Act I.
SCENE 1. Persians assemble to do honor to Haman. Mordecai refuses to bow down to Haman thereby arousing his anger. Haman proceeds to the King to overthrow Mordecai.
SCENE 2. Mordecai and the Jews lament their condition as captives in Persia.
SCENE 3. Haman proposes to the King that the Jews be destroyed. The warning of the Prophetess.

Act II.
Mordecai and the Jews plead with Queen Esther to go before the King and intercede for her people. This she consents to do in spite of the edict that none dare enter the King's presence without a royal command, under penalty of death.

Act III.
The Queen, accompanied by her maids of honor, approached the King and is permitted to touch the golden scepter, thus insuring her the protection of the King, who accepts her invitation for himself and Haman to a banquet on the following day.

Act IV.
SCENE 1. Haman's friends still honoring him when Mordecai again appearing causes Haman great vexation, and Zeresh suggests that he prepare a gallows and hang Mordecai. They then proceed to the banquet at

the Queen's invitation.
SCENE 2. The King, being restless, orders the scribe to read the court records and is reminded that Mordecai had never been rewarded for saving his life. He consults with Haman, who thinking further honor is to be conferred upon himself, suggests that he be clothed in the King's royal robes and ride his favorite war horse—Haman is confounded at being ordered to do this for Mordecai.
SCENE 3. The Jews rejoice at the discomfiture of Haman and Mordecai's advancement.

Act V.
SCENE 1. Haman honors Mordecai and the entire court rejoices.

SCENE 2. The Beggar scorns Haman and Zeresh foresees the coming trouble "If Mordecai belongs to the race of the despised Jew." They are again summoned to the Queen's banquet.

SCENE 3. The King and Haman come to the banquet where the Queen denounces Haman and when the King learned of his treachery in dealing with the Jews orders Haman to be hanged upon the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Mordecai is then raised to the position of Chief Counsellor of the King and all Jews and Persians rejoice.

In Dallas Pulpits

Baptist.
Sunday, January 21. Sunday school 10 a. m.; lesson "The Birth of Jesus." Morning worship 11 a. m.; theme "The Transfiguration." Junior league 2:30; topic "The Birth of the First Child." Young People's meeting 6:30 p. m.; subject "Worth While Ambition." Evening worship 7:30; "Nathan's Parable." Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 "Studying the Life of Joseph."
H. JOHN VINE, Pastor.

Christian Science.
Christian Science services will be held in the Adventist church Sunday, January, 21, at 10:30 a. m. Subject, of lesson sermon, "Life."

Evangelical.
Sunday, January 21. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11 a. m.; subject, "The Spirit in the World." Junior K. L. C. E. at 2:30 p. m. Senior K. L. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Evening service at 7:30 p. m. Evangelistic. Prayer meeting at 7:00 p. m. on Thursday. The public is invited to attend these services.
C. P. GATES, Pastor.

Christian.
Bible school 10 a. m.; communion 11 a. m. Morning subject, "Jesus as a Conversationalist." Junior C. E. 4 p. m. Senior C. E. 6:30. Evening subject, "Noah's Ark a Type of the Church."
The new seats will be in for Sunday. Everybody welcome to try them.
LEON L. MYERS, Minister.

Joint Missionary Meeting.
Tuesday afternoon was the occasion of a very happy and pleasant gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Scott, at 209 Clay street, when the Women's Missionary society of the Methodist church was the guest of the Woman's Missionary society of the Evangelical church for the afternoon. A program was given, refreshments were served and a very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all.

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E. M. SMITH,
County Clerk.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given to whom it may concern, that the undersigned has this day been appointed by the Honorable County Court of Polk County, Oregon, administrator with will annexed of the estate of David S. Martin, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified within six months from the date hereof, to the undersigned administrator, at Monmouth, Oregon, and all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make immediate settlement thereof.
Dated this 18th day of January, 1912.
C. LORENCE,
Administrator with will annexed, of David S. Martin, deceased.
SIBLEY & EAKIN,
Attorneys for estate. 2-18

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