

MUSICAL TREAT

"Belshazzar" Produced at the Opera House Wednesday and Thursday Nights

An Aggregation of Local Musical Talent Directed by Prof. Robinson

The production of the sacred opera "Belshazzar" at the Independence opera-house Wednesday and Thursday nights of this week was a treat for those in attendance. Such a magnificent spectacle of such volumes of harmonious sound was hardly to be expected.

With the exception of Geo. C. L. Snyder of Salem, all who took part were local people.

It was given under the auspices of the Methodist church and the preparation was entrusted to Prof. Martin E. Robinson. Geo. C. L. Snyder, with his rich bass voice, was admirably adapted to the part of the king, and his every appearance on the stage was a signal for applause. One of the best songs ever rendered from the stage here, "Deep in the Mine," a bass solo by Mr. Snyder in front of the curtain on the second night. Mrs. Lottie Dorris as queen, was queenly in bearing and her soft piano voice was handled to good effect. Her solo in the fourth act, "Of a Truth is God a God of Gods," made a deep impression on the

knows his business and all did their parts well. It is probable "Belshazzar" will be repeated.

Mistletoe Tree.
This is the season of the year when all thoughts turn to mistletoe. All that the average person cares to know about it is the liberty it gives toward the fair lady that dares stand under. The editor of the Albany Herald over-looks the real worth of the plant and delves into facts to say: The sacred mistletoe of the ancient British Druids is a parasitic plant that adapts itself to the oak tree, and is native to the British islands. It can be cultivated upon other trees as the apple, but has a natural preference for the oak. The plant is also a native of Western Oregon, and here, as in England, it favors the oak. Oregon mistletoe is not quite as large in the leaf as the English variety, and the berry is much smaller and has a pink tinge, while the English berry is white. Otherwise the plants are identical in appearance and in habit of growth. Coming down from Druidic times, the mistletoe has always been made a prominent feature in Yule or Christmas decorations in the old land, and especially in England, and to the people of that country, wherever they may be scattered over the world, the unpretentious plant is associated with good cheer and happy memories.

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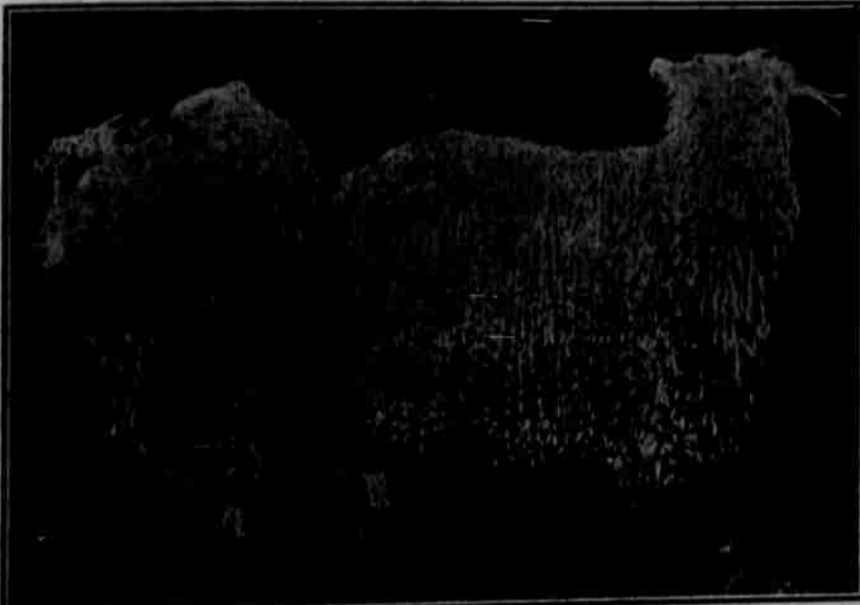
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audience. Miss Sadie Craven at the popular as a public singer, made a "hit" in her interpretation of the solo "Care-Charming Sleep." Mrs. E. E. Paddock, who took leading part in Queen Esther in the spring, appeared this time in the role of "Angel" for which her voice is well adapted and was particularly pleasing. Pearl Hedger, who worked as Daniel, was good, and very gratifying to his friends. Mrs. McAdams voice never grows old to those who have heard him at the best and as Hananah he "made good."

Mrs. Claire Irvine who possesses a very smooth sweet voice won applause as "Lady of the Court" and Bill Walker, with his portly form, was at ease as "Lord of the Court." There was not a dull moment or drag from the first moment to the drop of the curtain. Miss Pearl Squires and Miss Clara Squires sang a Jewish duet sweetly. Mrs. Claire Irvine, Philip Drexler, Frank Masterson, Mrs. Philip Drexler and Ora Clodfelter, quiet and Roy Hawkins came as one of Daniels companions. The Babylonian Scarf Dance and the Maidens Drill were each drawing and had to be repeated. The pages of the Maidens Drill were Misses Topsy Mattison, Helen Cooper, Inez Stark, and Rowena Cooper. In the Scarf Dance, Misses Hazel Kennedy, Opal Bentley, Clara Bentley, Clara Williams, Ada Ketchum, Mrs. Kimberland Olive Hastings. The orchestra was good. The music furnished by the Independence orchestra, the only change in the personnel being the substitution of Miss Mae Kennedy as pianist for Mrs. Dorris.

The weather behaved badly Friday evening and the attendance was not as large as the program merited. Prof. Robinson

says the Oregon City Enterprise, Oregon City will be to the Lewis & Clark Fair what Niagara was to the Buffalo Exposition. During the summer of 1905, Oregon City will be visited by thousands of Eastern people. Let the people of this city, which is unequalled in natural beauty, inaugurate a general house-cleaning to the material improvement of conditions as they exist throughout the city. Some of the side-streets opening on to Main street are in an unsightly state. Remove the rubbish, clean the alleys and promote not only the general appearance, but the sanitary condition of the city.

Thus are all live towns of Oregon bestirring themselves preparatory to the Lewis and Clark Fair.

Miss Ida Hubbard and Miss Gertrude Dickinson have been added to the force during the rush season at Messer's.

Miss Mollie McDonald will spend Xmas at her home in Portland.

Mrs. J. W. Richardson Sr. has for sale, at her home on Monmouth street in Independence, California Medicated soap. Price 10c per bar or three bars for a quarter.

Administrators Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Harris L. Wing, deceased, by the county court of the state of Oregon for Polk county, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at my residence at Lewisville, Oregon, with the proper vouchers and duly verified within six months from the date hereof.

A. WING, Administrator.

N. L. BUTLER, Attorney.
Dated and first published December 23, 1904.

Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Independence National Bank will be held on Tuesday January 10, 1905 between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. at the Bank for the purpose of selecting a Board of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

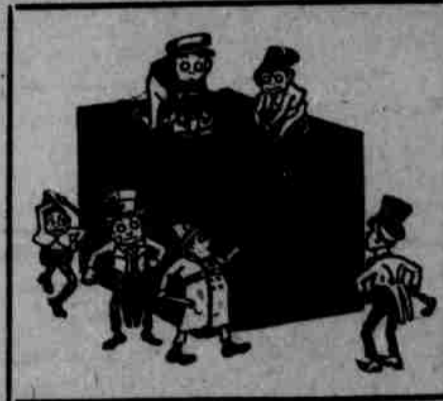
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