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## "HOLY CITY" BRILLIANT SUCCESS IN EVERY WAY

**Oratorio Exceptionally Well Rendered To Large and Appreciative Audience--Mrs. Williams Scores Triumph--Financially Satisfactory**

Spontaneous and enthusiastic applause resounded almost continually from within the Congregational church Monday night.

It was the occasion of the greatest and most spectacular musical event in the history of Forest Grove. The rendering of that classic among classics; the Oratorio of the "Holy City," by an exceptionally well trained and ably directed chorus of fifty voices, possessed by local singers exclusively, and brought to a state of perfection and absolute control under the leadership and supervision of Mrs. E. E. Williams.

The oratorio is a sacred composition, the text of which is generally taken from, or founded on, the scriptures. It was derived from the religious tragedy of the middle ages, of which it presents a modified form. Its origin has generally been ascribed to St. Philipo Neri, who in 1540, formed the celebrated "Congregation of the Oratory" in Rome, one of its objects being to deter young people from profane amusements, by rendering religious services as attractive as possible.

The rendition as delivered Monday evening was correct in each particular part. An excellent orchestra of nine pieces, including piano and organ, handling the accompaniment throughout in a manner denoting careful and thorough study of every detail. The introduction to part 1, the "Contemplation," was played with a mastery that compelled and held the attention of the audience from start to finish.

The opening chorus, "No Shadows Yonder," was rendered in a manner that demonstrated the talent in the chorus and the excellent training of the able director. Miss Stella Rau in her solo, "My Soul is Athirst for God," displayed an exquisite voice, and the trio given by Misses Peterson, Hoge and Aldrich, "At Eventide It Shall Be Light," was applauded to encore by the audience. The Solo, "Eye Hath Not Seen," which was most admirably suited to Mrs. Wilbur McEldowney's rich contralto voice, was exceedingly pretty. Mr. Richard Abraham won the praise of the entire assemblage in his rendition of "A New Heaven and a New Earth." Prof. Gardner, who was assigned a tenor solo, "To the Lord Our God," was debarred from appearing by a severe cold. The solo was sung by Mrs. E. E. Williams, and demonstrated most forcefully her native talent, the foundation of her excellent directing ability. "Come Ye Blessed of My Father" was sung by Miss Amy Thomas and the entire church was filled with the mellow sweetness of her voice. Miss

Goldie Peterson gave the beautiful soprano solo "These Are They Which Came Out of Great Tribulation" in a voice of wonderful quality and magnitude. The duet rendered by Misses Aldrich and Taylor, "They Shall hunger No More" was one of the many parts which were gold embossed upon the minds of the appreciative listeners.

On account of throat trouble Rev. D. T. Thomas was unable to appear in his solo part. The closing chorus truly carried one in exalted ecstasy to the gates of the "Holy City." The entire affair was one of brilliancy and displayed talent not often found outside the professional choruses of high class.

Forest Grove should indeed be proud to have within its claim a woman of talent, knowledge and directorship such as that shown by Mrs. Williams. To have trained this choir in a few weeks to such a point of excellence in the production of a classic like the "Holy City," is a task which requires exceptional ability.

The concert was also a success financially, the gross receipts being about \$125. After expenses were deducted from this, one third was turned over to the Public School to apply on its piano, and the remainder will be expended in the purchase of music for the Congregational Church choir, of which Mrs. Williams is director.

## Successful Dance Held at Gales Creek Hall

The dance given at Sargent's Hall on Saturday night for the benefit of the Gales Creek base ball club was a success both financially and socially. A number of Forest Grove people were present among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Fred McNamer, Mr. and Mrs. B. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brodric.

## Prof. Marsh Passes Another Milestone of Life

Prof. J. W. Marsh of Pacific University celebrated his 74th birthday Tuesday. He has been connected with the cause of education for more than forty years and is held in high esteem by the great number who enjoy his acquaintance.

Evidences of the good will of his many friends here were the postal shower, and the gathering at the Congregational church Tuesday evening where he received the felicitations and good wishes of his many admirers.

Ben Barrett of Gales Creek was in town on business, Wednesday.

## Easter Services to be Held at Congregational Church

Easter services at the Congregational church will be conducted Sunday morning at eleven o'clock by Rev. Frank Dyer, National Secretary of the Congregational Brotherhood. Rev. Dyer, whose home is in Chicago, came west to be present at the great Laymen's Missionary Convention to be held in Portland. Rev. Mr. Thomas, the pastor, has been indisposed for two or three weeks and is greatly pleased that he succeeded in engaging Rev. Dyer to fill his appointment Sunday morning. Arrangements have been made for special music for the occasion. The Sunday School Easter Services will be held at 7 p. m. instead of 11 a. m.

## Scenic Theatre Changes Hands

Last Thursday S. J. Maney and Roy Olson, young men of Portland purchased the Scenic Theatre from Baer and Wirtz. The new owners took possession Wednesday of this week. They are both experienced men in the business, and their qualifications will enable them to furnish high-class amusements to all patrons.

## Death of Mrs. Annie Juncker

At her home in Thatcher, Mrs. Annie Juncker died the 17th day of March. Deceased was born in Germany February 15th, 1845 and she and her husband came to Oregon three years ago. Funeral services were conducted at the residence by Rev. Traglio and the body was interred Saturday in Forest View Cemetery.

## Buggy Team Makes Wild Run

A team belonging to Gordon & Brown while standing near the Forest Grove National Bank Monday, became frightened and ran for several blocks before they were stopped but luckily no damage was done. A young man on a cayuse and one in a wagon, both of whom were approaching the horses at a rapid rate caused them to take fright. They were hitched to a light buggy occupied by two Portland men, but the latter lost no time in alighting from the vehicle and gave them full rein for the run.

## Joined in Ties of Matrimony

Paul E. S. Sexton and Miss Ola May Parr were united in marriage Monday at the Christian church. The marriage was solemnized by the Rev. Dr. Stivers in the presence of a few near relatives and intimate friends. After the ceremony Mrs. A. S. Sexton served dinner at her home to a few invited guests in honor of the event. The bride is a daughter of Frank Parr who lives on a farm near the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Sexton will leave for Missoula, Montana about April 1st and will establish a permanent home on a claim in the Flat Head Reservation, which Mr. Sexton drew last spring.

A. C. Mackrodt, was in Portland Monday and Tuesday and brought out a new 1910 model Indian motorcycle. It is certainly a peach.

## ODD FELLOWS TO ERECT HANDSOME LODGE HALL

**Excavating Started on Site and Structure will be Hurried to Completion--Will be Three Stories--Architects Working on Plans**

Rae and McFarland, architects of Portland, are preparing the plans for the new three story building to be erected by the Local Lodge of Odd Fellows in the near future and expect to have them ready at an early date. The building, a blue print of which may be seen in the window of Mertz & Latta, will be a handsome and well appointed structure and a monument to the progressive spirit which pervades the members of the strong and flourishing lodge.

The first floor will be leased for store rooms. On the second floor will be nine office rooms

and the banquet hall. The third floor space will be devoted exclusively to the uses of the lodge.

The building will occupy the lot 50x100 feet at the intersection of Main Street and 1st Ave. North. A force of men will begin excavating next week.

The members of the lodge are anxious to have their building completed by the end of the summer, and to expedite the construction, they will have the concrete work and excavating done, while they are perfecting plans and taking the necessary preliminary steps prior to closing the contract for the erection of the building.

## Death of Well Known Washington County Citizen

At his home northwest of Forest Grove occurred the death last Saturday of Frederick Wm. David, a pioneer of the western country. Deceased was born in Hamburg, Germany, Aug. 17, 1839. After leaving his native land he spent two years in Austria. From there he came to America, settling in California where he engaged in farming until 1870. In that year he moved to Oregon and built a home on a beautiful eminence northwest of this well known as David's Hill. Here he lived for nearly forty years. Deceased leaves a wife and one son. Funeral services were conducted at the home last Monday, by Rev. Barber and the remains were interred at the Buxton Cemetery.

## Christian Church Services

There will be special services at the Christian church next Sunday morning and evening. Excellent musical programs have been prepared for both services, and solos will be rendered by Mrs. McEldowney and Miss Newman.

The text for the morning sermon is taken from Luke XXIV:6 "Christ is Risen", and the subject of the evening discourse will be "The Divinity of Christ as Seen in His Resurrection."

## Dr. Hovey Very Much Alive

The yearly bulletin issued by the Oregon Dental Board reported as dead Dr. R. H. Hovey a former dental surgeon of Oregon. When the report reached Dr. Hovey, who supposedly had "shuffled off" he was living in Mexico and enjoying excellent health. In a letter of recent date to the Oregonian he corrected the report and stated it had been very much exaggerated.

Dr. Hovey was for a number of years a practicing dentist in this city, and many of his friends here have no doubt heard the mistaken report of his death.

## Former Resident of City Narrowly Escapes Death

Five persons, occupants of an automobile, on their way from Astoria to Seaside, narrowly escaped being buried alive at 10 o'clock Monday night, when the big machine overturned and was buried in quicksand near the Gearhart road.

Dr. A. M. Kinney, his wife and baby of Astoria, accompanied by Miss Peyton, Astoria, and H. L. Finch, of Portland, were enjoying the trip when they came to a stretch of unfamiliar road. Dr. Kinney was running at a fair rate of speed when the car struck some obstacle, overturned and began to sink. Gradually it sank lower and lower and the passengers crawled to safe ground as quickly as possible. Fortunately for the party a passing team and several men came to the rescue and carried the unfortunates back to Astoria.

Mrs. Dr. Kinney is the daughter of J. T. Buxton of this city, and is well known by a great many of our residents, who will be both shocked and pleased to learn of her narrow escape from death by suffocation.

## Change in Staff at O. E. Ry.

Several changes have lately been made in the personal of the office force at the Oregon Electric depot. Mr. Farmer succeeded C. E. Albins as agent, Mr. Albins accepting a position with Forest Grove National Bank. H. F. Rice, a young but competent telegrapher from Ranier has taken the place made vacant by the advancement of Mr. Farmer, and is exceptionally well pleased with the city and its surroundings.

The following marriage licenses were issued at Hillsboro this month: Robert H. Kruger, aged 25 and Marie Rea, aged 21, issued March 19th. Paul E. S. Sexton age 27 and Ola May Parr age 20, issued March 21.