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OPERA PRODUCED FOR BURNS LIBRARY BENEFIT

Local Talent in Pleasing Musical
Friday at Liberty; Performers
Complimented by Friends.

"The Lass of Limerick Town" was the attraction at the Liberty Theatre on last Friday night when it was given as a benefit for the Burns Public Library. Mrs. Chas. E. Dillman, president of the Ladies Library Club, had active charge of the entertainment, directing it and also acting as piano accompanist. Mrs. W. E. Carrio, saxophone, and A. A. Eggleston, violin, also assisted, with Fulton Miller on the drums in the opening overture.

The opera was well rendered by the principals in the cast and a good chorus; the stage settings were appropriate and the costuming added much to the success of the affair. Much favorable comment was heard following the production and the cast was highly praised by their friends.

The lady characters were selected almost entirely from the membership of the club, which included Mrs. Wm. Farre, Mrs. A. C. Welcome, Mrs. P. S. Weltenhiller. Others included Mrs. J. W. Biggs, Mrs. M. A. Biggs, Mrs. Fred Racine, Mrs. Samuel Harris, Mrs. R. V. Hopper, Mrs. Leo Clark, Mrs. Wm. M. Carroll. The male characters and solos were taken by Chas. E. Dillman, Julian Byrd, R. V. Hopper, Geo. M. Shaw, Dr. W. C. Brown, Wm. M. Carroll, W. C. Luckey, Leonard J. Lecher. In the chorus were included Leroy Johnson, Charles Gowan, Wm. Wiseman, Wes Welcome, P. F. Seaward, Milton G. Brown. Six young high school girls also appeared on the stage at intervals in dances: The Misses Mary and Eleanor Welcome, Kathrine Farre, Frances King, Adeline Racine, Hilda Schwartz.

The writer refrains from giving individual praise or comment upon this production; each character was well sustained and the singers were well known in Burns, therefore individual mention is not necessary. Much credit for the success of the undertaking must go to Mrs. Dillman for untiring efforts and energy in putting the entertainment over.

After the performance all those taking part, including wives or husbands as the case might be, were invited to the Dillman home where refreshments were served and an hour of good cheer was spent with mutual congratulations and remarks intended to give each participant some encouragement and praise—a "mutual admiration party." It was styled by the newspaper man present. At any rate those taking part feel they did their best under the circumstances, and are happy in having given their neighbors an evening of entertainment and added to a good cause in giving the Public Library a boost.

STANDARD OIL CO. STORAGE TANK ARRIVES

The construction of the Standard Oil Co. service station near the power plant in this city is going up rapidly. The forms are made for the concrete bases for the two big storage tanks are now ready and the foundations for the office, warehouse and garage buildings are completed. Tuesday's train brought one large 20,000 gallon storage tank and there will be another of the same size arrive soon. E. D. Aspinwall, formerly with the Standard Oil at Crane, has moved to Burns with his family and are now domiciled in a new cottage recently completed in the Bennett Addition. Mr. Aspinwall will be in active charge of the new station here and will be succeeded at Crane by some one yet to be named.

WEINSTEIN INCORPORATE; OPEN WHOLESALE BUSINESS

I. Weinstein of the Weinstein Mercantile Co. arrived home on Tuesday night's train after an absence of several weeks spent in Portland and other outside points. He was accompanied in by David Turtledove, an experienced accountant and bookkeeper, who is here to take a permanent position with the firm in that capacity. While absent Mr. Weinstein made

the necessary arrangements to incorporate the Weinstein Mercantile Co. with a capitalization of \$100,000 with himself and his son Archie holding the controlling stock. The other stockholders are men of affairs and with the capital now at the disposal of the firm it is the intention to engage in the wholesale business as well as retail in Burns. The Times-Herald is not in a position to go into details in regard to the future intentions of the new corporation at this time but may have more information in the near future.

GOOD ROAD MEN TO MEET SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Archie McGowan, president of the Good Roads Club at this county, received a telegram Thursday morning announcing that the roads committee of the Bend Commercial Club, together with the Deschutes county court member, will meet a delegation from Harney county on Sunday, March 22, at the halfway house, Brookings, at noon.

The executive committee of the Harney County Road Club and members of the county court will journey to the appointed place on that day and take part in a conference having for its purpose the improvement of the Central Oregon Highway between Burns and Bend. It is the intention to take up the matter of getting assistance from the state highway commission in having the route of the highway in the vicinity of Glass Butte definitely located and improved over the route recently surveyed. With such an improvement the bad road on the side of Glass Butte would be eliminated and with the permanent route established work of a permanent character be done.

This is an important road to the traveling public and the subject should be given consideration.

FARM RESIDENCE DESTROYED BY FIRE

The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank King was destroyed by fire Wednesday forenoon and almost everything was consumed, only a desk and a few other things of any value were gotten out.

Mrs. King and the children were at the house alone at the time the fire was discovered. She had gone to the upstairs rooms after a sack of flour when she found the entire second story in flames coming from around the flue. She had no time to get anything out. Mr. King was out in the fields at work on some fence.

There is some insurance but it is small compared to the loss according to Mrs. King, who gave us the information about the fire. A defective flue was responsible for the loss.

The Kings are being cared for at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Baker until they can secure a house. No doubt they will rebuild in the immediate future.

HARNEY HIGH SCIENCE CLUB

(Contributed)
In the fall of the school year a Science Club was organized for the purpose of aiding the members in increasing their knowledge of science and how to experiment.

With the prospect of trips and hikes renewed interest has been shown this term. The program committee has outlined the topics for discussion for the coming meeting as follows:

May 25—Famous Men of Science and what They Have Accomplished; April 8—Foolish Notions Which the World Has Outlived; April 22—Modern Inventions in the Home; May 6—Labor Saving Machines and Devices; May 22—Radio.

Individual members are contemplating collecting material for the aquarium which is maintained in the Biology Laboratory. As soon as the weather permits the entire club will go on a collecting expedition.

A small blaze at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith the fore part of this week caused an alarm to be turned in but it was extinguished before the fire apparatus could reach the scene. No particular damage was done, although it scorched the floor and burned some screen doors that Harry had been staining. He is of the opinion that he must have carelessly thrown a cigarette against the newly stained cigars which ignited. He knows of no other way the fire could have started.

HERRICK ENGINEERING FORCE NOW IN FIELD

Observing Effects of The Spring
Flood on Poison Creek; May
Find Better Grade Out.

The entire engineering force of the Fred Herrick Lumber Co. are in the field at this time, having gone out the first of the week. Both James Girard and Frank Klobucher are with the engineers at present and some of the office force as well. Chas. B. Foley seemed to be the only man on the job at the office the other day when a newspaper representative called for information.

It has not been definitely announced just what particular work is under consideration at the present. The engineers are "taking stock" of the effects of the high water on Poison creek just now, also viewing other portions of the work already completed with a view of what action may be taken in the future.

The rumor prevails on the streets that the abandoning of the route that requires a tunnel is under consideration, but this lacks official confirmation. However, it is possible a better grade may be found getting out of the Poison creek canyon up on the table land.

At any rate the engineers are active and this means work in the immediate future.

PIANO PUPILS HEARD IN RECITAL

The pupils of Mrs. Anna Racine were heard in recital at the Liberty Theatre on Thursday evening. Although many of these pupils are young and beginners the crowded house evinced marked interest and appreciation. Some of the advanced pupils rendered some fine selections.

The ten piece orchestra numbers a and b, were roundly applauded and the aggregation responded to a hearty encore. Mrs. Racine gave two vocal selections that were highly appreciated. Her b number in French was particularly pleasing, as it seemed well in her register and the pretty trills were lilting and inspiring.

VALLEY VIEW HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Luther Fitchett and little son, who were patients, have returned to their home at Crane.

Mrs. Clyde Weltenhiller, of Crane, was operated on last Wednesday and is recovering nicely.

Buster Vaughn, of Diamond, is a patient at this time.

WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR SUCCUMBS AT SALEM

Mrs. Laura M. Pierce Dies After
Long Illness; Mother of Five;
Native of Oregon.

Salem, Or., March 8.—Mrs. Laura M. Pierce, wife of Governor Walter M. Pierce, died at the family home here at 9 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Pierce had been in ill health for more than two years.

Funeral services will be held from the First Presbyterian church here Tuesday afternoon, with Rev. Ward Willis Long officiating. All state departments will be closed during the funeral hour.

Laura M. Pierce was born in what is now Wheeler county, near Monument, in central Oregon, May 30, 1871. Her people were pioneers, her father, Peter Rudlo, crossing the plains in '49 to the coast. Her mother came in '52. In early girlhood she moved with her parents to Milton, Oregon, where she attended the public schools. Her parents moved to Walla Walla in 1887. She graduated at Whitman college in the class of '91, preparing herself then for a teacher, and graduated from the Elensburg State Normal school in the class of '92.

She was married to Walter M. Pierce in September, 1893, and moved to Pendleton, where her husband was then county clerk of Umatilla county. She lived in Pendleton, where four of her children were born, until 1907, moving then to the Grand Ronde valley, where she and her husband lived until he was elected governor in November, 1922, since which time she has been a resident of Salem, Oregon.

She was the mother of five children, Lloyd B. Pierce, aged 30, the only son, who went as a volunteer and served nearly two years in the World war; her oldest daughter, Mrs. Lucile Hall, lives in Salem, and is the wife of Harold Hall. Her second daughter, Helen Wilson, is the wife of Ray Wilson, a research chemist in the employ of the Western Electric company, New York City. Her third daughter, Edith Pierce, is now a junior in the University of Oregon at Eugene, and her youngest daughter, Lorraine, is a senior in the Salem high school. She also reared Clara Pierce, daughter of her husband by a former marriage.

There are three grandsons. There are three older sisters and one brother living. She was the youngest of nine children.

She was a devoted mother, giving

her whole soul and energy to the rearing of her children, caring little for society. She was always an extremely strong woman until her first operation, in October, 1919, since which time she has suffered much. Since February 1st, 1924, she has had the attention of a private nurse, demanding constant care. All through her suffering and affliction she has been kind, hopeful, cheerful and helpful to the very last; she had an indomitable will, keeping track of her household affairs even after she could not longer walk or talk aloud, insisting that the bills for the home come to her, even paying her February household accounts with her own check.

When Mr. Pierce was elected Governor the newspaper reporters soon found that Mrs. Pierce's illness was very serious and questioned the Governor about it. To them he confided the truth that it was a hopeless case of cancer, but he asked them to say nothing about it and to not mention her illness except when absolutely necessary. The newspaper men recognized the fine sentiment in the Governor's wish and respected it. To Mrs. Pierce the Governor spoke hopefully right up to the day of her death. Long after she realized that there was no hope he would not admit it to her, but talked of the time when she would be well again and they could go out together. When he was in the hospital last summer for an operation, he found a nurse he considered especially competent and he took her from the hospital at a greatly advanced salary, to care for Mrs. Pierce. The expense of these two years has been tremendous, but that has not counted for a moment with him. To alleviate her suffering in the slightest degree, at any cost, was his object.

When affairs of state crowded upon him, he would say to a friend, "all this is nothing, if only my wife were well again."

CONTESTS BEFORE U. S. LAND OFFICE

Two contest cases were heard in the local land office this week, in which the United States is contesting the stockraising homestead entries of Fred C. Green and Paul C. Stewart.

The government was represented by J. J. Brozman and J. D. C. Thomas. Wm. Farre and McCulloch & Duncan defended the cases. Many witnesses were heard in the two cases which have attracted considerable interest from the fact that there is an indictment by the federal grand jury against Fred Green involving the same land. However, the federal charge is not being pushed pending the result of the contest in the local land office.

HARNEY COUNTY TAX CASE IN SUPREME COURT

Set For Hearing at Salem Next
Wednesday; Dist. Atty. Cozad
And J. S. Cook Represent.

District Attorney V. G. Cozad was a passenger out on yesterday morning's train en route to Portland and Salem. Last week he and Attorney J. S. Cook appeared before Circuit Judge Dalton Biggs in chambers at Ontario and argued the tax case. Judge Biggs at once rendered a decision favorable to the county and District Attorney Cozad at once communicated with the supreme court asking that the case be advanced to as early date as possible. Thursday he was apprised by wire the case had been set for Wednesday, March 18. This was a much earlier date than had been hoped for and the abstract had not yet been put in type, but the two briefs necessary were gotten out by this office. As the time was so short in which to get out the abstract, in view of the necessity of this office having to issue the regular edition of the paper Mr. Cozad decided to go to Portland to get the necessary printing in order to have it ready to submit.

Mr. Cook will leave here Monday morning for Salem to be present at the hearing as the representative of the plaintiff in the case.

H. C. H. S.

The local high school was defeated by the Ontario High School last Monday in the last district debate of the year. Ontario defeated Vale and lost to H. C. H. S. at Burns.

Though the margin of points was a narrow one Principal McDade feels that the district championship will be ably sustained by Ontario H. S. Sidney Hotchkiss and Roy Brown though defeated in their final attempt earned hearty commendation and much praise by their debating, reflecting honor on the school which sent them.

The basketball season came to a close last Saturday with two spirited contests at the public school. In the first game the Burns town team downed a team from Crane 19-12. It was a strange coincidence that the same score featured the second game between H. C. H. S. and U. H. S. of Crane. As Union High had won the week previous the win by the Purple and Gold team evoked the count. The contest was fast throughout with close checking by both sides holding the score down. Al Welcome was high point man with ten markers. "Bill" Piser refereed both games.

MOTHERS' CLUB

(Contributed)

Mothers' Club met at the home of Mrs. I. S. Geer with Mrs. George Simmons as joint hostess on Friday of last week.

The President appointing various committees for the calico dance, which will be given the 10th of April. Again we ask the public to help us make this dance as near as possible what the name implies by the ladies wearing dresses made of calico, precale or gingham material; and the men overalls.

On Saturday night, March 21st at the Odd Fellows hall, the ladies of the club will entertain their husbands at cards.

Flowers were ordered sent to various members who are ill.

The meeting was then turned over to the hostesses and several hours were spent in playing Five Hundred. Mrs. Harry Smith Jr., winning first prize and Mrs. W. Piser, of Crane second.

After which refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Chas. Leonard with Mrs. Jay Gould as joint hostess. This will be a card party; kindly let your hostesses know if you are not coming.

Atty. J. W. McCulloch has been here from Ontario during this week on legal business before the U. S. Land office. He has been associated with his law partner, Capt. Robt. M. Duncan in the defense of some clients in land matters.

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