

GRAND CHORUS ENSEMBLE IN THE LAND OF NOD AT THE MEDFORD OPERA HOUSE THIS EVENING



It seems quite in the order of things historical that a great constellation of mimicry, music and frolic, such as "The Land of Nod" should have a career filled with large personal interest. The spectacle was first presented in Chicago three years ago after Adams, Hough and

Howard, three successful composers and librettists, had united in producing their admittedly best efforts. After a run of a year in Chicago it was taken on tour through the large cities of the middle west and south. Then it was returned to Chicago, where it ran for six months. After the second run it was taken to the

New York theater where it was rebuilt and rehabilitated in every way possible and was just entering upon what was believed to be a record-breaking run on Broadway when the theater burned. Fortunately the conflagration did not destroy the big scenic efforts nor mar the costumes and electrical effects. The book-

ings at New York theaters were such as to prevent its continued performance there, so Mr. Rork decided to send it on tour for a short season before resuming its metropolitan stay, which was so unfortunately interrupted. The presentation of "The Land of Nod," which will be made

at the Medford Theater tonight, is much grander and more sumptuous than seen at its initial offering in the middle west. New songs and dances and new light and tone effects have been supplied, keeping it far in the lead of other things of its kind.

BENSON URGING AUCTION OF LAND

Abel Ady Objects and Says It is Heggish—One Hundred Dollars an Acre Could Be Realized.

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 6.—Judge Benson and others are advocating the sale of the government lands of the Klamath project to the highest bidder after reclamation and applying the proceeds to lower the cost of the project to those owning lands and who are assessed for the cost of irrigating and reclaiming such land.

Abel Ady objects to the scheme and says: "I am hog enough to take all the law will hand out, but also content to take the profits between the cost of reclamation and the value of the reclaimed private lands, and leave the profits on the government lands to the honest home-maker, who will pay his share of reclamation and should be asked to pay no more."

"There are about 70,000 acres of reclaimable government lands in the Lower Klamath and Tule Lakes that would sell at auction for better than \$100 per acre when reclaimed, or more than \$7,000,000, which would pay the total cost of the project, leave the private lands reclaimed free and enslave the home-makers for years to pay the price of their lands."

MYSTERY CLEARED BY FINDING OF SMALL BOY'S BODY

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Dec. 6.—The finding of the body of Johnnie Stoppelman, a small boy, who disappeared last August, has cleared up a mystery that for months has been puzzling the local police department.

His body was found yesterday imbedded in the mud of the river, about 15 feet above where he was last seen alive.

Identification was possible through his shoes and stockings, as the boy's head and one arm were gone.

After his disappearance the countryside was searched so thoroughly without any trace of him being found that many people believed he had been kidnapped.

ALLEN LEAVES FOREST SERVICE

Will Undertake Work With Conservation Association Which Will Act With the Government.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 6.—Active support and co-operation by the people, legislators and lumbermen of Idaho, Montana, California and Washington in practical methods of securing better management and protection of standing forests and the reforestation of cut-over lands is the object of a campaign outlined at the semi-annual meeting of the Western Forestry and Conservation association in the offices of A. L. Llewelling, president, in Spokane. George M. Cornwall of Portland was secretary. Arrangements were made to finance and conduct the movement so as to obtain actual results to serve as object lessons. E. T. Allen of Portland, formerly district forester in charge of all government forest work in Oregon, Washington and Alaska, has been engaged as forester. The meetings will take place in Spokane.

Mr. Allen has resigned from the government forest service to give his entire time to the new movement, although in recognition of its useful public character the government allows him to retain the official title of collaborator. Among the chief objects sought by the organization, formed under the name of the Pacific Northwest Forest Protection and Conservation association, in Spokane last January, are the formation and perfection of fire fighting associations throughout the western states, in which state, government and timber owners shall join in hiring patrol and labor; the selection of representative areas for conservative logging and reforestation experiments, and the collection and dissemination of trustworthy information upon forestry and forest legislation. In reality, to make it a clearing house for all forest fire and conservation associations of the five states, and to co-operate with the federal government.

KING GEORGE TIRED OF JOB

Announced That Greek Ruler Will Abdicate Soon—King is Very Greatly Depressed.

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—King George of Greece has once more announced that he is tired of his job.

The king, who is sensitive to the extreme, cannot overcome the fact that his sons have been forced to quit the army and navy. This has led him to believe that the crown prince will never be allowed to ascend to the throne after once having been excluded from the country's service.

Court officers are trying to dissuade his majesty from abdicating.

King George made all preparations to abdicate last August and only gave up the idea when he received a message from King Edward imploring him not to take the step and thereby avoid great political complications.

Close friends of the Greek king, however, say that he is greatly depressed over the recent turn of affairs in his country and firmly believes that unless he abdicates that he will be deposed.

SON OF CYRUS FIELD HAS NEW CABLE INVENTION

STOCKBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 6.—Stephen D. Field, a nephew of Cyrus West Field, who laid the first Atlantic cable, has perfected an instrument in his laboratory here by the use of which four messages can be sent over a single cable simultaneously.

The device is now being used successfully on the cable between Key West, Fla., and Havana, Cuba, and proved serviceable during the recent storm. Heretofore it has been possible to send only one message at a time over a cable. Mr. Field has obtained patents on his invention.

It is Mr. Field who is credited with having invented and operated successfully in Stockbridge early in the eighties the first trolley car.

BALLINGER WITHDRAWS LAND IN CALIFORNIA

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—Upon the recommendation of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Secretary of the Interior Ballinger today withdrew from disposition under the

public land laws, except those relating to mineral lands, 118,611 acres of vacant and unappropriated lands in the Sacramento and Siskiyou land district. It is proposed that this land be made an addition to the Plumas national forest.



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