

### CONCERT WAS HIGH GRADE PERFORMANCE

Local Operatic Stars Were Splendid in Their Several Parts and Much Appreciated.

The concert given Christmas night by the Medford band was a high grade performance from first to last. The first part of the program was given by the band, the second part being two vaudeville sketches, two vocal selections by Henry Gunson and three scenes from Cavalleria Rusticana. The numbers played by the band were quite pretentious, two numbers being from Wagner operas and one grand selection from Meyerbeer's Hagenofa. As a rule entertainments given by local talent escape without criticism, but the performance of Christmas night is worthy of critical review.

Charles Hazelrigg, the director, is a musician of undisputed merit, and in the Fortissimo passages, especially noticeable in the Tannhauser March, was all that could be desired, but a little more attention to the lighter effects would be an improvement. The personnel of the band is good, individually they are good musicians. They play in tune, which is saying a good deal, but there was an absence of the delicate shading which they frequently played in their outdoor concerts last summer. In fact, the program might be somewhat improved by adding a little of Gounod and Verdi. The Medford band must take its place as the first band in the state, and to do so means frequent and rigid rehearsals, and the citizens should help to support this organization, for it is one of Medford's assets.

#### Walters and Claremont.

The musical sketch by Walters and Claremont was a splendid success. Walters is really a great tenor, and it is safe to say that when he takes the road, as he expects to in the near future, for a vaudeville tour, there will be no such tenor on the vaudeville stage. Miss Claremont is pretty and vivacious and acts well. In comparing Walters with the tenors now on the American stage, I think it is safe to say that he has no superior as a dramatic tenor. He perhaps lacks the delicate shading of Caruso and other famous operatic stars, but in a dramatic climax where it requires voice and intensity of emotion, there is none of them got Walters beaten.

A very pleasing sketch was rendered by Haight and Dean, entitled "A Misfit Meeting." Both Mr. Haight and wife are exceptionally good actors. They handle their comedy in a manner that never gives offense. They kept the audience in a roar of laughter from first to last and by the way, Mr. Haight is also a Medfordite, and the owner of a ranch out near the 401. We don't have to go outside of Medford for anything in the way of talent. Mr. Haight is living in Medford at the present time, and Mrs. Haight's mother is a member of their family. Mrs. Taylor is one of the veteran actresses, having supported Booth and Barrett in the old stock days. She has also played with Thomas Keen and John McCulough. She is a well preserved lady and a most interesting conversationalist.

Mrs. Bertha Taylor is building an addition to her home.

#### CITY NOTICES.

RESOLUTION AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL CITY ELECTION. Be it Resolved, by the city council of the city of Medford: Section 1. There is hereby ordered to be held in the city of Medford an annual election for the election of city officers, pursuant to the charter of said city, and also for the purpose of submitting to the legal voters of said city the following proposed charter amendments to the charter of said city: 1. An amendment to the charter of the city of Medford creating a city court, making the mayor ex-officio judge of said court; providing for the appointment and salary of a special judge of said court and repealing sections 26, 27 and 28 of said charter. 2. An amendment to the charter of the city of Medford, Oregon, amending section 18 of the charter of said city and providing for salaries for the mayor and councilmen of said city. 3. An amendment to the charter of the city of Medford amending section 38 of said charter, prescribing the duties of the treasurer of said city and limiting his liability in certain cases. 4. An amendment to the charter of the city of Medford amending sections 80 and 84 of said charter. Said annual election is ordered to be held on January 11th, 1910, between the hours provided in the charter for the holding of annual elections. The following officers shall be elected at said election: One councilman from each ward of said city, a

### LONGER FRUIT SEASON HEREAFTEER IN PORTLAND

Cold Storage Thoroughly Tested and is Shown to Be Great Success.

Hereafter Portland will have a much longer fruit season than during former years, says the Journal. Cold storage will be generally utilized by both fruit shippers and mission merchants for the saving of supplies that would otherwise be forced upon an overful and therefore unappreciative market. In former seasons the glut of fruit has been so complete at times in the wholesale market that many tons have annually gone to waste which could have been saved had proper facilities been at hand. Portland has several storage plants at this time and there is talk of additional plants being constructed if demand warrants. It has been found that fruit, such as peaches, plums, cherries and grapes can be kept in storage until such a time as the demand grows better. During the past week some peaches grown at Ashland were withdrawn from the storage for the Christmas trade and were found to be in excellent condition. A short time ago a prominent fruit dealer who has an orchard at Milwaukie, withdrew some cherries and grapes from storage, and the excellence of their quality was commented upon by the fruit trade in general.

#### EVANS CREEK ITEMS.

A big dance at Joshua Neathammer's Christmas eve. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Owens spent a pleasant evening enjoying the Christmas tree at their place, which was followed by a nice luncheon.

Miss Nellie Smith is at home from the Ashland Business College to spend the holidays with her parents. Miss Stella Smith has recently returned from Medford.

Miss Alvie Scott from the Medford high school will spend her two weeks' vacation on the creek.

Miss Ella Owens and Forest Annis were married December 22. Carter & Owens' saw mill is again sawing lumber.

The shooting match at Wimer was quite a success. A large crowd witnessed the shooting.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Godding ate Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Minthorn.

John Milton is visiting his brother, Joel Milton.

Farmers are glad to see the warm weather as the freezing injured the grain.

#### ROSEBURG TO HAVE BIG BOOSTING FUND

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 27.—If present plans do not fail the Roseburg commercial club will have an advertising and "boosting" fund of between \$10,000 and \$12,500 next year, and will also employ a professional publicity manager at \$1000 per year. Nearly \$5000 has already been pledged for the coming year. The new publicity manager will be Thomas D. Richardson of New York City. He is a young man, but with a personal acquaintance as broad as the continent, a strong personality

city treasurer and a city recorder. The following are the places in said city designated as the places at which said election will be held: First ward—Commercial club rooms. Second ward—Hotel Nash sample room. Third ward—Council chamber, city hall. The following are hereby designated as judges of said election: First ward—J. S. Sawyer, C. W. Davis, who shall also act as clerk; G. P. Lindley, who shall also act as clerk. Second ward—L. B. Warner, William Ulrich, who shall also act as clerk; J. H. Bellanger, who shall also act as clerk. Third ward—M. F. McGowan, Scott Davis, who shall also act as clerk; H. B. Cady, who shall also act as clerk. The foregoing resolution was passed by the city council on December 21st, 1909, by the following vote: Merrick aye, Welch aye, Emerick aye, Wortman aye, Elfert aye, Demmer aye. Approved December 22, 1909. W. H. CANON, Mayor. Attest: ROBT. W. TELFER, City Recorder.

Notice is hereby given that the annual city election ordered by the foregoing resolution for the election of the officers and the approval or rejection of the charter amendments therein specified will be held in said city at the time and at the places designated in said resolution. ROBT. W. TELFER, City Recorder. Dated December 23, 1909. 242

and boundless energy. He has had much experience in the newspaper and magazine field, also as an advertising and special writer. He was recommended by Tom Richardson of Portland. If Mr. Richardson stays a second year he will demand an increase to \$5000 per year. If he proves himself capable he will be kept in the employ of the club.

#### Notices to Contractors.

Sealed bids will be received by the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, up to and including January 4th, 1910, for the excavating and laying of all water mains to be constructed during the year 1910, bids to be filed with the city recorder not later than 4 o'clock p. m. on January 4th, 1910, and to be accompanied by a certified check equal to ten per cent of the amount bid for. By order of the city council December 21st, 1909.

ROBT. W. TELFER, City Recorder.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1909.

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Be sure you are right before you go ahead, is good advice that applies to the light business as well as other business. Electric light has stood the test of time as the safest and most economical light and before considering cheaper lights get the experience of people who have used them several months at least. 240

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It is this constant yearning for better things which characterizes, and sets apart, the human race from the brute creation.

What would we think of a human being today who, in the midst of civilization, persisted in living in a cave, clothed with ruds skins, shunning society, and conducting himself as a savage.

You are ready and willing to adopt any new things in your house which can be proved a source of additional comfort, and cheer and health.

We want you to think about a few facts regarding electricity, which we believe, entitles it to your earnest consideration.

We know that if you once realize what electricity will do to make your home more homelike, more cheerful, more charming, you will need no persuasion—you will insist on electricity.

We know that if we can show you where electricity will lighten your burdens and make your life more livable, you will need no urging to adopt it.

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kerosine lamp, gas, acetylene and the various other forms of light, can be considered but stepping stones, leading up to the ideal illuminant—electricity.

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