

Brains Needed in Singing

Mrs. Ed Andrews Writes Valuable Advice for Those Who Consider Following Music—First Great Requirement Is Brains, Then There Is Needed Voice, But That Is Secondary.

Verdi, the man who wrote "Trovatore," was once asked what were the requirements essential to a great singer. His answer was: "First, brains, and second, voice." The old master was in a great measure right. We often hear it said that "so and so is a beautiful singer, perfectly natural, never had a bit of training," which means that the person referred to possesses a wonderful vocal instrument, so to speak. But one cannot play upon this instrument with any degree of skill without the proper course of training, no more than they could upon a great Stradivarius violin. The violin and the voice each produce a divine quality of tone. The artistic results depend upon the skill of the player. You may not be aware of the fact, but it is nevertheless true that America, and not Italy, is the nest in which the famous songbirds of the world are hatched, and it is with regret that we have to acknowledge that until very recently our American singers had to masquerade under a foreign nom de plume in order to get recognition in the land of their birth. America, until very lately, has been snobbish and imitative in her appreciation of art. Mme. Nordie's real name is Lillie Norton. "Albani" is an Italianized pronunciation of Albany, N. Y. Just what her home name is the writer is unable to state, but like as not it is Mary Jones. Peregini, the famous American tenor, used to answer "present" in his school days when the teacher called out "Johnny Chatterton!" And so we might go on down the list to a considerable length. We are happy to say that this condition has

changed. It is now quite common to see such names as "Susan Adams," "Geraldine Farrar" and "Loise Homer" in the same cast with the greatest singers in the world. The American singers have at last come into their own. This country is by far the greatest market for musical talent of any country on the world's map. And the boy or girl who possesses talent and inclination may feel assured that if they fit themselves for a career by a thorough musical training they will have a profession that they can depend upon for a livelihood as surely as any of the recognized professions, such as law, medicine, science and literature. But, like the doctor or lawyer, they must fit themselves. The quick in any profession is in the down-and-out class. There are many so-called musicians who are only entertainers in a very amateurish way. High schools and colleges are constantly calling for capable instructors of music. Besides, there are churches in every large city who pay good salaries to capable singers for one day's service out of the seven. And there is the concert and operatic field, whose possibilities are unlimited.

Thus far we have had to draw largely from Europe for our instructors and musical directors. The reason is not that America has not the natural talent, but that her so-called musicians have been satisfied with the most superficial knowledge of what is one of the great professions. So my advice is to boy or girl who wish to make music their life work, go at it in earnest, and, like the surgeon or lawyer, become master of your profession.

MRS. ED ANDREWS.

25 MEN AT WORK ON AMENT DAM

Much Progress Is Being Made—Structure Is Being Rebuilt—Will Recover Large Pumps Soon Now at Bottom of River.

GANTS PASS, Dec. 24.—Twenty-five men are now working on the repair of the Golden Drift dam and great progress is being made. All the work is being done in a good substantial manner and it is expected that the large pump which has lain in the river since the dam went out will be taken out by January 1. The recovery of this pump has been a severe problem. Elias Ruud, civil engineer, has charge of the work, and asked how the work was to be done he said:

"The general plan made by me last year will be followed with a few changes, which will be made in order to increase the strength of the structure and give it a better appearance. The plan is made with a view to make the reconstructed parts become a portion of the entire plant, when rebuilt in a more substantial way, of more durable material than the present log crib, rock fill structure.

"The first part of the work will be the construction of a cofferdam to direct the river from the present break so that the concrete work will be protected from any possible flood. The northeast corner of the power house is to be rebuilt. The gates admitting the water to the penstocks will be fixed in such a way that they may be easily moved and the debris in the power house and penstocks will be cleaned out.

"The north wall of the power house will be rebuilt of reinforced concrete in its entirety and a new house will be built for the pumps.

"The new feature of this reconstruction of a number of flood water gates which will be able to take care of a substantial part of the flood waters. Intakes for the gravity ditch as well as a new fish way, which will ultimately have to be constructed, will be provided for in this new part of the structure.

"In a general way, the conditions as they develop during the work will have to be the main factors in determining the various details in the work."

At any rate the dam is being rebuilt at last and the work is being vigorously pushed and is being done in such a way as to make it a substantial structure, and as large a force is being worked as can be at the present time.

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RECEPTION TO NEWCOMERS

Greater Medford Club to Give Reception So That New Members May Become Acquainted With the Club and Its Purposes.

The Greater Medford club will give another reception January 18 in the club rooms at the Natatorium. These receptions are given so that the members may become acquainted with each other and with the newcomers. Each member is expected to bring her friends and a special invitation is extended to all newcomers in Medford, so that they may become interested in the club and the work it is doing. The club hopes to help make great improvements in Medford this year and needs the cooperation of all the women in town. Any one who is not a member should take this occasion to hand her name in for membership.

The ladies undertook last spring to have trees planted on all the residential streets but on account of the torn-up condition of so many streets the plan could not be satisfactorily carried out. But this year plans have been made to have trees put in on all the paved residence streets, a chairman was appointed by the president of the club, for each street, and she was to be assisted in the work by all the women living on that street. The choice of tree was to be made and orders put in for the trees so that the planting could be done in time, this year. And a report of the work done will be made at the next meeting of the club, the last Monday in January. It is to be hoped by that time all the ladies will have met and have gotten the orders for the trees in. This is a work which the ladies can do and all should take interest enough in the beautifying of the city to rush it through. There are enough members on each street to divide the work so that no one will have much to do, and every one, whether a club member or not, should be interested enough to do their share.

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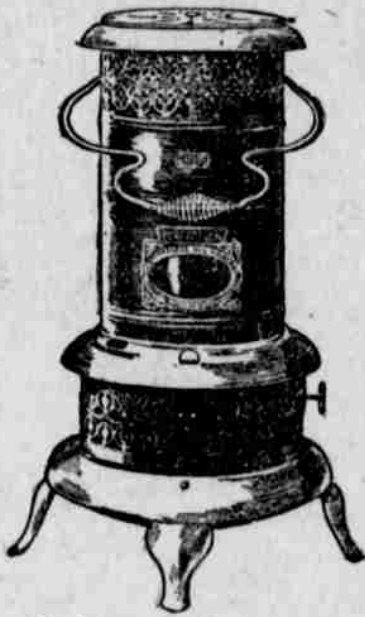
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PROPOSED CITY CHARTER

Notice is hereby given that the following is a copy of the text and title of a certain measure submitted by the city council of the City of Medford to the legal voters of said city for their approval or rejection at the annual city election to be held by said city on January 10, 1911, together with the number and forms in which the ballot title thereof will be printed on the official ballot.

ROBT. V. TELFER,
Recorder, City of Medford.
Dated December 23, 1910.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MEDFORD.

The people of the City of Medford do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Charter of the City of Medford be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER I.

Incorporation and Boundaries.

Section 1. The inhabitants of the County of Jackson living within the boundaries hereinafter described are hereby constituted and declared to be a municipal corporation, by the name and style of the City of Medford, and by such name they and their successors shall have perpetual succession, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all suits or actions whatever; may purchase, receive, and hold property, both real and personal, within or without said corporate limits, when necessary or convenient for municipal purposes, or any of the purposes hereinafter enumerated in this act, or may lease, sell, or dispose of the same, or contract with relation thereto for the benefit of the city, or in pursuance of powers granted in this act; may exercise all the powers usual and necessary for a municipal corporation, including police power, and power of eminent domain, and all powers hereinafter enumerated or necessarily implied; shall adopt, and may alter at pleasure, a corporate seal.

Section 2. The geographical limits and boundaries of said city shall be as follows:

Beginning at a point sixty chains west from the southeast corner of section twenty-five, township thirty-seven, south of range two west, in Jackson county, Oregon, and running thence north eighty chains to the north line of section twenty-five, in said township and range; thence west on said north line six hundred and forty-six feet, more or less, to the center of the county road, running northeasterly along the northwest side of what was formerly Johnson's addition to the City of Medford; thence northeasterly along the center of said county road to the southwest corner of John S. Miller donation land claim; thence east along the county road to and one chain east of the east bank of Bear creek; thence southward parallel with, and one chain distant east from said creek to a point in section nineteen, township thirty-seven, range one west of the Willamette meridian, due west from the northwest corner of Sunrise Home Park addition, in said section, as laid down in the plat thereof on file in the office of the recorder of conveyances of said county; thence east fourteen hundred and fifty feet, more or less, to said northwest corner of said Sunrise Home Park addition; thence east on the north line of said addition eight hundred and fifty-three (853) feet to the east line of donation claim No. forty-two (42); thence south on the east line of said donation claim No. 42 five hundred forty-seven and sixteen-hundredths (547.16) feet to the north line of Queen Anne addition to the City of Medford; the same being the section line between sections nineteen (19) and thirty (30) of said township and range; thence east on said section line two thousand and two hundred and fifty-three (2253) feet to the northeast corner of said Queen Anne addition to the City of Medford; thence south on the east line of said Queen Anne addition and said line extended ten hundred and forty feet to a point one hundred and thirty-two feet north of the northeast corner of donation claim No. 44 in section twenty-nine of said township and range; thence east 1544.4 feet, thence south 1669.8 feet; thence west 1544.4 feet; thence north thirty ten feet, more or less, to a point on the east line of said donation land claim No. 44, 1537.8 feet south of the northeast corner of said donation land claim No. 44; thence south seventy-two degrees and thirty minutes west five hundred fifty and eight-hundredths (550.8) feet to the southeast corner of Imperial addition to the City of Medford; thence along the boundary line of said Imperial addition south seventy-two degrees sixteen minutes west thirteen hundred eighty-two and seven-tenths feet; thence north thirty-four degrees west one hundred thirty-eight and eight-tenths feet; thence north thirty-nine degrees west one hundred seventy-five and five-tenths (175.5) feet; thence north forty-six degrees fifty-seven minutes west three hundred thirty-eight (338) feet; thence north nine degrees four minutes west eight hundred sixty-two and six-tenths (862.6) feet to the northwest corner of said Imperial addition; thence south seventy-eight degrees west to a point which is due north of the southeast corner of a tract of land formerly owned by J. S. Haggy; thence south four hundred and ninety-five feet to said J. S. Haggy's southeast corner; thence north seventy-eight degrees west two hundred and fifty feet; thence southwest to the south side of the east end of East Twelfth street in the City of Medford; thence south twenty-six degrees fifteen minutes east along the county road thirteen and sixty-hundredths chains to J. D. Whitman's northeast corner; thence south seventy-two degrees thirty minutes west thirty chains; thence south twenty-two degrees and eighty-one (2281) feet to the south line of the Evan's donation land claim; thence west along the north line of said donation land claim to donation land claim No. 84, in township thirty-seven, range two west, to the northwest corner of said donation land claim;