

CROWDED HOUSE GREET'S THE "FRA"

Benefit Performance by B. P. O. E. is Well Attended and Hugely Enjoyed—Mrs. Hazelrigg Carries Off First Honors.

A crowded house enjoyed the benefit performance of Fra Diavolo given for the local Elks lodge by Medford operatic talent at the opera house Tuesday evening. Mrs. Hazelrigg as Zerlina, as usual, carried off first honors, though F. O. Burgess as Fra Diavolo shared them with her.

Art Burgess as Lord All Cash made a decided hit. Ed Andrews and W. F. Quisenberry as the two bandits kept the audience in an uproar. Jack O'Brien won applause as Matteo, the inkkeeper.

Miss Effert, as Lady All Cash, was charming. W. B. Edwards made an acceptable Lorenzo, captain of carabinieri. Mrs. Quisenberry as Roberta, the witness and L. Beveridge as Francesco completed the cast.

The chorus and the orchestra, directed by Charles Hazelrigg, added much to the completeness of the production and it is safe to say that no other town in the northwest could more creditably stage an opera of such pretensions.

The performance will be repeated tonight.

FRENCH SOCIETY IS NOW BOXING MAD

PARIS, March 8.—Society is boxing mad. In America prize fights are witnessed by a howling mob as a rule, the most mostly in shirt sleeves (should it be hot weather), while women are conspicuously by their absence. Here audiences are about half and half—men and women. Full dress and extremely décolleté gowns are almost as necessary as at the opera.

Some ten years ago "salons de boxe" were already quite the go. Young society "bucks" who were proud of their physical prowess, entered the padded square and took part in many "elegant" affairs in which the opponent half the time was a huge American negro. As the social hero rammed in a solar-plexus or gave the black a whizzing uppercut, his best girl in the front row near his corner bursted her gloves applauding.

Since then there has been a slight change. The presence of the society chap in the ring isn't necessary to give a battle the upper crust O. K. They're all O. K. now. "La Boxe" is much more fashionable, it would seem, than is the gala night, when Signorina Whatchermaycallum slugs at the opera. Any Friday night at the Cirque de Paris, when Sam McVea, Joe Jeannette, Harry Lewis or any of the pugs, white or black, are on, one will find more buzz-wagons and private carriages blocking the avenues of the neighborhood than about the most favored theater in town. The list of those present includes the Baron So-and-So, the Duchesse "de Brie" and all the rest of them, and by consulting the social register one will find that half the aristocracy were out.

Seats in the front row sell at about \$8 apiece. Boxes are to be had from \$40 and \$50 up. Seats which may be had for \$1 at the opera sell at these social prize fights for about \$5. There are fights almost every night.

ORGANIZATION'S GREAT TASK.

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afternoon from Walla Walla, where, with K. S. Miller of this city, he represented Rogue River fruit men at the adjourned meeting of northwest growers who were called into convention first in January by President Atwell of the Oregon State Horticultural society, to see if a central organization could not be perfected.

The convention finally divided the entire northwest into 11 districts. Each district is represented on a central committee, Mr. Whisler representing southern Oregon.

The committee was furnished with certain rules on which to base an association and told to get busy. They got busy and were instructed to carry the matter to their local organizations for rejection or adoption. This is now under way.

When the various districts are heard from the committee will compile their views and report again to the convention.

"The task is a formidable one," states Mr. Whisler, "but I am confident of final success. But there are many details to be worked out."

Perhaps a good ad of a furnished room is the easiest of all want ads to write—assuming that the room you want to rent is a desirable one.

MOVING WAGONS WILL BE MOVED

Ladies of Greater Medford Club to Call on Mayor—Rosenbaum Says He Will Act if Mayor Requests Him to Do So.

The dray and expressmen of the city must find some other section of the city for their stamping ground aside from the railroad property in the heart of the city. The ladies have said it.

The Greater Medford club at a recent meeting appointed a committee to see what could be done in the matter. In the heart of the city, directly in front of one of the principal hotels, the drays and express wagons congregate daily. It is their "central office," their "stand," "This an eyesore to the boosters for a city beautiful, so the ladies got busy.

They descended in a body upon Agent A. S. Rosenbaum and demanded that the expressmen move. Mr. Rosenbaum is a most accommodating sort of a fellow. Certainly he would have them vacate if the mayor said so.

Now the committee is to call on the mayor and ask him to ask Mr. Rosenbaum to ask the draymen to ask their horses to hunt a new stamping ground. As mere man can't withstand the onslaught of the ladies—especially when their cause is as just as this—the mayor will probably ask Mr. Rosenbaum to ask the draymen to ask their horses to move.

They'll move. The ladies have spoken.

WOMEN OF 'CRAFT VISIT GRANTS PASS

A delegation of 16 members of the local lodge of the Women of Woodcraft visited Grants Pass last Monday night and initiated one candidate for entry into the circle. The ceremony was successfully carried out.

Among the party who made the trip were: Organizer Baker, Mrs. H. G. Shearer and the Mesdames Noe, True, Rorerberger, Bennett, Clark, McBride and Byden, and the Misses Kenyon, Parker, Mabel Jones and Maud Ling.

A number of local candidates will be initiated into the order here next week.

Defense Closes Case.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 8.—The defense in the case of the United States against C. D. Hillman, charged with using the mails to defraud, will rest this afternoon. The government's rebuttal will take only a couple of hours. District Attorney Todd is confident of conviction.

James Jepson, Hillman's assistant cashier, testified this morning that Hillman's "forfeiture" marks in the ledger mean nothing to the office force and that the rule is to forfeit options one day after payment, and contracts if one day is missed in payment.

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JULIET GOES ON ROMEO'S BAIL

Jailed as Result of Street Fight, Jacksonville Man is Freed on Bail Furnished by Woman Friend—Assaulted Opponent.

Beauty came to the rescue of the gladiator in Jacksonville Tuesday when the young woman with whom he is reported to "keep company" furnished bail money which permitted Dudley Bemer, a resident of the county seat, to roam at large after the minions of the law had decided that that privilege was only to be allowed him upon the furnishing of bail money to the aggregate of \$35.

The necessity for all of the above arose as the result of an alleged assault by Bemer upon the person of W. B. Cook, also of Jacksonville, and reported to have occurred on the main street of that city yesterday afternoon.

According to witnesses of the affair, Bemer and Cook became embroiled when they met on the street. Some assert that, during the talk between the two, Cook started to "peel" of his coat, whereupon Bemer, acting on the theory that the first blow is always the best blow, struck Cook in the face. Cook went to the hospital for the count.

Bemer was taken before Justice Dox and held in \$35 bail on an assault charge. He did not have the money himself, but love undid the lock with a golden key.

TARGETS ARE CLOSE IN PRIZE CONTEST

C. T. Hamilton, Gus Stinson, W. E. Peek and Jack Caulfield are tied for the best score in the rifle tournament being held on the range at the Natatorium and which will be decided next Saturday night at 10:30 o'clock sharp. The next best scores recorded are those of J. Fleck and William Beck, both of Medford while Arthur Coffeen of Medford and A. M. Turfill of Central Point are tied for third place. The difference between the targets of first, second and third are so small as to make them almost even.

The prize of \$10 in gold will be awarded Saturday night.

Big Logging Contract Begun.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 8.—W. W. Masten, who has a contract with the Big Basin Lumber company for logging 6,000,000 feet of lumber and placing the logs in the Upper Klamath lake, has opened his camp and commenced on this big contract. He is employing 24 men in the woods cutting the timber and will add to this force as the weather becomes more settled.

Haskins for health.

TRAINS FROM SOUTH ARE LATE

Great Storms in California Check Traffic—Local Railroad Men Are Informed That Conditions in Southland Are Improving.

With passenger trains from the south arriving 10 to 12 hours late, the flood situation in California which has checked traffic on the Southern Pacific is said today to be improving. Trains tonight will be but a few hours late, according to A. S. Rosenbaum, and by the end of the week conditions will be normal, unless the rainfall increases.

Both evening trains last night were 12 hours late, while the limited was delayed over six hours this morning.

LEWIS URGES WALNUT CULTURE IN OREGON

EUGENE, March 8.—"The present prospects are that the walnut industry will become a very important one in Oregon," said Prof. C. I. Lewis, head of the department of horticulture at the Oregon Agricultural college, in an address to the Lane County Horticultural society recently.

"We find walnut trees growing in nearly every city from Portland to Ashland," Professor Lewis continued. "While the plantings are not extensive as a rule, they are sufficiently large, nevertheless, to indicate the prospects of the industry. Undoubtedly we are making many mistakes in walnut growing and are not profiting by the 30 years' experience of the California walnut growers. I spent three months, last winter, in California, and had a splendid opportunity to look into the walnut industry in that state.

"In locating a walnut orchard, the most important point is to have deep, rich soil. It will be some years, probably, before we will know the very best locations for the walnut, but we do know that on deep soils trees are growing all the way from the river bottom soils, which are sand and silt, up to the red hill lands.

"Since the walnut begins its activity so late in the season, it is not so susceptible to frost injuries as most of our fruit trees. They may be injured, however, on low lands by heavy fall frosts. We should insist on planting the French strains, such as the Franquette and Mayette, etc.

"Personally, I believe that if we are to place the walnut on a sound foundation, we must either plant first class grafted trees, or else the very best seedlings we can procure, with the idea that we will top work the best seedlings after a few years. There is too much variation in even the best selected seedlings."

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