

## NORDICA SCORES PERSONAL TRIUMPH IN HER CONCERT

Madame Lillian Nordica, the third metropolitan grand opera star to sing in Medford this season, scored a warm personal triumph in Medford Friday evening. In many respects her's was the most enjoyable concert of the three.

Nordica is more dramatic than Schumann-Heink, though not so human, and is much more sympathetic and pleasing than Gadski. Seldom is an opera star of her magnitude so gracious in concert and seldom is she so successful in a program as varied as was Friday evening's.

**Violinist Shares Honors**  
The "big" numbers were the Madame Butterfly aria, "The Years at the Spring," "Le Nili" with violin obligato, and the familiar dramatic number Schubert's Erlking. This last Nordica interpreted vastly different from Schumann-Heink and Gadski but made it nevertheless startlingly effective. The voice of the Erlking was given a soft weird appeal quite different from the airy grace and lilt given it by the other artists.

William Rummel, violinist, shared the honors with the famous singer. To suit the acoustics of the hall he was forced to use the mute in many numbers usually not so played but his wonderful tone and temperamental style captivated his hearers who demanded many encores. The "Caprice Viennois," always delightful was played in superb style and the "Humoresque" of Dvorak, played with an absence of the usual staccato, will long be remembered.

**Her Fine Accompanist**  
Romayne Simmons, who has accompanied Nordica for years, suits the piano to her voice in ideal manner. His accompaniment to the Erlking varies so much from the established as to cause a storm of discussion in local musical circles.

**Part I—Praeludium and Allegro** (Pugnani-Kreisler), Chanson Louis XIII and Payne (Couperin-Kreisler), Mr. Rummel; When Cherries Bloomed (Wakefield-Cadman), At the Feast of the Dead (Wakefield-Cadman) (two Japanese songs), Ich Grolle Nicht (Schumann), Damon (Stange), Mme. Nordica; Berceuse (Aulin), Mazourka (Zarczycki), Mr. Rummel; Ariette (Vidal), Mandoline (Debussy), Chanson de Bachante (Demberg), Mme. Nordica.

**Part II—Moment Musical** (Schubert), Hungaria Dance (Brahms-Joachim), Mr. Rummel, Le Nili (Lereux), violin obligato played by Mr. Rummel, Elisabeth's Aria from "Tannhauser" (Wagner), Mme. Nordica; Caprice Viennois (Kreisler), Introduction and Tarantelle (Sarastie), Mr. Rummel; The Zephyr and the Rose (Bleichman), Am Mansar-nares (Jensen), But Lately in Dance (Arensky), Springtide (Rachmanin-off), Mme. Nordica; The Erlking (Schubert), Mme. Nordica.

## YOUNGSTER KILLS A HUGE COUGAR

Lloyd Porter, a 12-year-old boy who lives with his parents on a homestead above Butte Falls has set a record for big game killing which will be hard to equal by any boy of his age. Last week, according to Mr. Porter, who is in the city on business, the youngster killed a huge cougar which measured 10 feet 11 inches from tip to tip.

At Christmas, Lloyd was presented with a 30-30 rifle and since that time has hunted considerably. Recently he ran across a fresh cougar track and trailed the brute for about three miles when he came up with it in a clearing. Two shots laid the cougar low.

## HOMESTEADER'S CABIN ON APPLAGATE BURNS

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Allenton, homesteaders on upper Applegate, was completely destroyed by fire Wednesday night. The family is now making its temporary home in a shed on the place until a new house is erected. Mr. Allenton is in town now for necessary supplies. Their entire belongings, together with their provisions were burned.

The fire started in the kitchen after the family had retired. When Mr. Allenton awoke he had barely time to get his wife and two children outside. Neighbors came to their relief.

### MISS LETA CORDER



Miss Leta Corder who will sing at the Natatorium on the 20th, is rapidly reaching the front rank of American singers, having just finished a very successful Canadian tour with the Schubert Symphony club of Chicago.

Music lovers of Medford will be glad of the opportunity of hearing her on Thursday evening, Feb. 20th, at the Natatorium under auspices of I. O. O. F.

## MUCH INTEREST IN BIG IRRIGATION MEET SATURDAY

Great interest is being manifested in the city and valley in connection with the monster irrigation meeting called by the Commercial club for next Saturday at the Opera house. The committee is working hard on the program and arrangements and from indications the meeting will prove a great success and very beneficial. The need of irrigation as well as the proposition offered by the Rogue River Valley Canal company will be thoroughly discussed in order that the required acreage may be secured to guarantee the extension of the system to cover 55,000 acres of land in the valley.

## TROOPS PASS CITY ON THEIR WAY SOUTH

A heavy train filled with light artillery passed through Medford Saturday morning en route from Boise, Idaho to Monterey, Cal. Additional order to proceed to the border are expected on arrival at Monterey. Other companies are to follow according to the men in the troop. Thirteen cars filled with horses and mules was one part of the equipment. The men are anxiously waiting for the word which will give them active service and send them over the border into Mexico.

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## KENTNER'S STORE HAS A NARROW ESCAPE

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The flames ate their way through the table on which the iron rested, spread to a partition and burned through that. It was discovered at this stage and extinguished.

## MME. NORDICA PAYS HIGH COMPLIMENT TO LOCAL AUDIENCE

"I am truly delighted with your city and valley but chiefly with your people. I enjoyed singing to them, and if I ever tour the coast again I shall certainly look forward to a stop at Medford. I would really love to stop here longer but it is impossible."

Such was the summary of her impression gained during her visit here as voiced by Madame Lillian Nordica, the world's greatest Wagnerian singer, who delighted a huge audience at the Natatorium Friday evening. Mme. Nordica left for San Francisco Saturday.

"It was not work singing to an audience as responsive as the one I had last evening," declared the diva today. "It was rather a pleasure if an audience is responsive it is a great aid in my work and singing is a pleasure, but some audiences are cold, and then it is work."

"I was truly surprised at my audience. They followed my singing closely and showed at all times a superior knowledge of music, something which is generally lacking in the smaller cities."

"I do not wonder, though, that you have wonderful people here. Such a charming valley is bound to attract them. This climate is wonderful, and I'd love to remain longer."

"Friday afternoon I was taken for a drive through the city and valley and this leads one to truly appreciate what you have here. I shall always remember the famous valley of the Rogue."

## ASHLAND NORMAL PASSES HOUSE

SALEM, Feb. 15.—The Ashland Normal school bill, providing for the submission of the re-establishment of the Ashland normal to the people in 1914, passed the house yesterday by a vote of 40 to 10. It is believed the bill will have easy sailing through the senate.

"To avoid a row," the senate committee on education is making a favorable report on the two bills providing for the submission to the people at the next general election the question of the re-establishment of the old Southern Oregon normal at Ashland and the normal at Weston, in Eastern Oregon.

"We are not making this report because we believe in it, but because it will avoid a row, both in the committee and out," said Senator Hawley, chairman of the committee.

Early in the session Representative Hinkle of Umatilla county, introduced a bill providing for the turning over to the Weston school district all of the old normal property, but a little later when Senator Von der Hellen introduced a bill to re-establish the Ashland normal, Senator Barrett of Umatilla quickly followed with his bill to re-establish the Weston normal.

### ROGUE RIVER PIONEER CALLED BY DEATH

William Owens, a Rogue river pioneer, died at Salem Friday morning and the body will be shipped today to Central Point, where funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 p. m. He was the father of former County Commissioner Owens.

Mr. Owens was 79 years of age and is well known in the Willamette and Rogue River valleys. He came to Oregon from Missouri and settled in the Willamette valley in 1865, and since then has been engaged in farming and was known as one of the most successful farmers in the northwest.

He is the father of nine children, five of them living in the Rogue River valley. They are: Mrs. Agnes Head and Mrs. Gregory of Central Point; John, George and James of Wellen, Or. The other four are

Caleb Owens of Idaho, Mrs. Lida Brown of Polk county, Mrs. Rudy Midgley of Eugene, and Mrs. Alice Grimes of Linn county.

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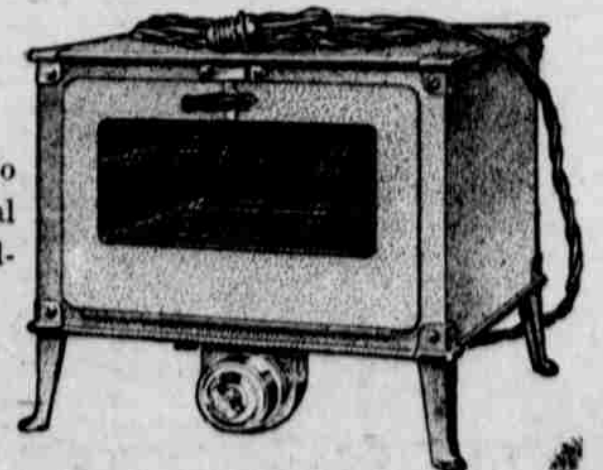
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