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With Medford Stop-Over

OPERA COMPANY OF LOCAL TALENT NOW ORGANIZED

The Boston Ideal Opera company, composed of well-known Medford people, has been organized and will begin at once the fulfillment of a thirty weeks' contract in Arizona cities, giving tabloid versions of comic opera favorites.

The principals in the company are Arthur C. Burgess and wife and son, Ralph, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hazelrigg, W. E. Quisenberry and wife, Bob Burgess and wife, and Frank Burgess, who is now in the east securing the chorus, etc.

The company has a contract to play twelve weeks in Phoenix, Ariz., and six weeks each in Globe, Bisbee and Tucson. They will present "Fra Diavolo," "Chimes of Normandy," "The Mascot" and a long repertoire of comic operas in which they won fame before settling in the Rogue River valley.

Upon the completion of the contract the company will return to this city, retaining their property interests in this valley. "The Quiz" during this period will be operated by H. C. Burgess, father of the Burgess boys.

W. C. T. U. ITEMS.

The W. C. T. U. convened in the library building on Thursday afternoon, February 26. A very interesting and instructive program was rendered.

A most able and interesting address was made by the Rev. Dr. Eldridge upon the life of Frances Willard whom he had the privilege of knowing personally.

Weather Forecast

Oregon—Rain tonight and Sunday; southerly wind, high along the coast.

PLACING THE BLAME

THE State Federation of Labor has sent out a "message to the people of Oregon," in which it attempts to analyze the cause of the army of the unemployed alleged to be in the state.

The cause of hard times is declared to be the wholesale distribution of highly colored and untruthful advertising of advantages offered settlers in Oregon; impractical boosting of communities where failure was certain to follow.

As a cure, it is recommended that immigration be checked as much as possible; that state and county publicity work cease; that a control be established over land prices; that a state probe of the provision business be inaugurated; that the day's work be shortened and that the newspapers aid in the movement against the exploitation of the people.

Oregon is suffering a touch of hard times from sympathy with the nation at large. Times are no worse here than anywhere—but better than in most states.

To those who are willing to work, Oregon offers better opportunities than any other place. No way has yet been devised to control the land speculator, except the single tax, which organized labor always votes against.

Back of this "message" is the desire for the "closed shop," the restriction of labor to union monopoly. That is why they would shut off the colonists' rates and keep the laboring man out, shorten the day and increase the pay.

FIELDS' RETIREMENT

KEEN regret is felt along the entire line of the Southern Pacific in Oregon at the retirement today of Superintendent L. R. Fields, who for forty years, or since the road's construction, has faithfully served both the railroad and the public.

Forty years is a long space in any man's life. Two generations of railroad men have come and gone and a dozen groups of financiers have gained and lost control of the Southern Pacific since Mr. Field entered its service.

During Mr. Fields' regime, Oregon has grown in population from less than 100,000 to nearly a million. He has watched and assisted in the development of the state from a few scattered rural communities to its present development.

Mr. Fields has well earned a rest, and the best wishes of everyone in western Oregon follow him in his retirement to private life.

Chinamen Big Gamblers and Honest

Writing about American gambling and gamblers in the March American Magazine Hugh S. Fullerton comments, as follows, on Chinese gamblers:

"There exists in the United States a class of gamblers of which little is known, who never are muckraked and seldom arrested; and as straight and as 'game' gamblers as the old school of the fraternity in America ever was. I refer to the Chinese.

"I remember once when Chun, our cook, ran off from the ranch one day and I was detailed to go into Silver City and drag him home by the queue, or else assume the duties of cook myself. Chun was getting \$20 a month and he had three months' pay when he set out on foot for Silver. I found him with more than \$1100 in checks in front of him.

"In almost every western gambling

house the Chinaman is welcome and regarded as a dangerous player who, with a run of luck, is likely to sweep the house clean. I have seen a laundryman in Fresno bet \$1000 on the turn of a card and lose without moving an eyelash. They play poker wonderfully well, and unemotionally. There may be cheats among them, but the gamblers who deal for them testify that they are about the most honorable of gamblers.

"Chinamen are big gamblers everywhere. In California, according to figures compiled by the labor commission a few years ago, it was estimated that more than half of the total earnings of all the Chinese in the state pass through the hands of gamblers.

Notice to Our Customers.

On account of important changes and improvements in our switching system it will be necessary to shut off the electric current from 6:30 to 7:00 a. m. Sunday morning, March 1, 1914.

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Value of a Swat-the-Fly Campaign

Mr. Groceryman, Mr. Farmer, Mr. Householder, how much would it be worth to you to have your place of business or your kitchen free from flies this summer?

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Now, if you and your neighbors suddenly are told of a practical plan to get rid of fly pests this summer by means of a little co-operation and effort, and with expenditure of practically no money at all, how about it? Will you all follow the prescribed course and spend your first summer free from the fly plague? If you will, it can be done.

The authority for this statement is Dr. Clifton F. Hodge, professor of social biology at the University of Oregon. Dr. Hodge, who is by now too well known over the state to be regarded as a visionary, is devoting

his entire time to certain advances in the state along lines of civic biology. Among these is the elimination of flies.

The experience of other communities has demonstrated that a condition of freedom from flies is not an Arabian Nights dream. The cities of Worcester, Cleveland, Washington, Baltimore, Johannesburg, South Africa, the Panama canal zone and many other places have proved the entire feasibility of subduing flies. Of course, there are still flies in Cleveland and in Washington and in Baltimore and in Johannesburg, but whole sections of these cities have been made entirely free, and had the co-operation all over the cities been of the same character as it was in these districts, the whole cities would have been free.

The success of Dr. Hodge's fly plan in eastern communities was such that this winter letters are pouring in upon him from nearly every civilized country requesting instructions. He answers them all.

At the Churches

Baptist

Rev. R. W. MacCullough, Ph. D., pastor. Bible school 9:45. Morning worship 11 a. m., sermon, "Is Christ's Death Scientific?" Communion and reception of new members. Evening worship, 7:30, sermon, "Seven Men Who I Have Met." B. Y. P. U. 6:30. Good music. Strangers welcome.

Oakdale Avenue Methodist

Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Kingdom of Heaven." Evening, "The Source of Strength."

Bible study and prayer service Thursday evening 7:30.

Come to these services and help us to make it a great day. H. M. Branham, pastor.

First Baptist, Talent

Rev. W. T. D. MacCullough, pastor. Bible school, 10 a. m.; morning worship, 11 a. m.; evening worship, 7:30. Strangers welcome.

Zion Lutheran

At Zion Lutheran church 512 W. Fourth street, there will be German and English service at 11 a. m. Bible school at 10 a. m. No evening service. Come and worship.

St. Mark's Episcopal

Services in St. Mark's Guild hall. Celebration of Holy communion at 8 a. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m.; Holy Eucharist and sermon, 11 a. m. Evensong Wednesday at 8 p. m. Thursday and Friday, 4 p. m. Confirmation instructions Wednesday and Friday following evensong. Celebration of Holy communion Friday, 9:30 a. m. Rev. W. B. Hamilton, vicar.

First Church of Christ Scientist. Sunday service at 11 a. m., subject, "Jesus Christ."

Wednesday evening testimonial meeting at 7:30. All are cordially invited.

Sunday school at 10 a. m., all under the age of 20 are welcome. Reading room in church edifice, 212 North Oakdale, open from 1:30 to 4:30 daily except Sundays and holidays.

Christian

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. to which all children and grown people are invited.

Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. W. T. Adams will fill the pulpit Sunday.

Endeavor society at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

The church has extended a call to a minister and it is hoped he will be here next week.

Catholic

Eleventh and Oakdale. Masses 8 and 10:30. Christian doctrine 9:45. Baptism 2 to 3. Evening devotion, 7:30, lecture, "Papal Authority, Its Origin, and Limitations."

Lenten devotions, Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 p. m. and mass daily at 7:30 a. m. Visitors and inquirers, ever welcome.

Jacksonville Presbyterian Morning worship with sermon at 11 a. m.

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