

QUEEN ESTHER IS MUCH APPRECIATED; SEE IT TONIGHT

The operatic production of "Queen Esther," which was given at the Page theater last night under the auspices of the Greater Medford club and under the direction of Mr. Howse of Los Angeles, well merited the appreciative audience.

This production is greatly different from anything heretofore undertaken by our home talent, and its rendition indicated that our local musicians are truly versatile.

The text of Queen Esther is purely sacred, the stage effects spectacular and the costumes most effective. The stage groupings of the Jews and Persians were most Oriental, and particularly lovely was the flower chorus by the children, who adapted themselves to the situations most naturally.

The adult choruses, composed mostly of our younger set, were unusually good, and the gestures easy and graceful. Particularly commendable is the work of committing so long a score to memory in the short time that they have been rehearsing.

The title part was assumed by Miss Iva Coffin, who possesses a most pleasing lyric soprano voice, and who sang in splendid form. Her personality was well suited to the character.

King Ahasuerus was acceptably received by Mr. Howse, the director of the production.

Miss Ethel Guthrie took the part of Zeresh. She shows much dramatic ability and sings with an understanding far beyond her years. Her dance was particularly graceful and pleasing.

The part of Mordecai, taken by Mr. Fletcher Fish, was sustained with splendid understanding of the needs of the character, and together with the make-up and his splendid robust tenor, left but little to be desired.

Herbert Alford, as flaman, the king's counselor, fitted the part, which he enacted in a splendid manner and sang in unusually good voice.

Miss Leta Childers gave her part in a most acceptable manner. She has a sweet, appealing soprano voice.

Mrs. Whipple, as the prophetess, acquitted herself very creditably.

The heralds, scribes, princesses, queen's attendants, etc., are well worthy of note and enacted their parts most acceptably.

This splendid entertainment will be given again tonight at the Page theater. All who have not attended should do so tonight. Our young musicians deserve encouragement for their splendid efforts.

FAUST COMING TO PAGE FRIDAY

(San Diego Tribune) "Faust" as presented by the New York grand opera company last evening at the Spreckels theater, was a delight and a surprise to all music lovers. The company which came here unknown and practically unheralded on account of confusion of orders for advance "paper," numbers seven, and sings the opera in such a smooth and easy manner that the choruses are not even missed. Chevalier Salvatore Giordano sang the part of "Faust" and is possessed of a beautiful voice of that round Italian quality which is smooth and even through the whole register. Giordano sang in Italian as he has been in America but two years and has as yet not mastered the English very well.

Miss Nora D'Argel as Marguerite was delightful, with a magnetic personality, a clear enunciation and a well-trained voice. The duet, between Faust and Marguerite in the third act was very well sung, and Miss D'Argel showed ability to act in the jewel song.

At the Page May 15.

MEDFORD MAN SENT TO PORTLAND ROCK PILE

O. O. Hull of Medford was ordered to jail yesterday by Circuit Judge Davis on a charge of refusing and failing to pay his divorced wife, Mrs. Mabel Carson, \$300 alimony in compliance with a decree made by Judge Percy R. Kelly of Salem last January. Later Judge Davis recommended to Sheriff Word that Hull be sent to the rockpile rather than confined in the county jail.

By the terms of the divorce decree Hull was directed to pay his wife \$300 within ninety days after the divorce.—Oregonian.

ANGORA GOATS PROFITABLE CROP SAYS UNCLE SAM

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—The raising of angora goats in the United States is now a demonstrated success according to a report just published by the United States department of agriculture under the title, "The Angora Goat," Farmers' Bulletin 573. The industry, says the bulletin, is indeed so well established here that growers need not be inconvenienced by the action of South Africa in prohibiting the exportation of Angoras, for the quantity of good blood in this country is already sufficient to meet all requirements. In the opinion of experts the best American fleeces now equal any grown in South Africa or Asia Minor, the original home of the Angora.

Mohair Gains in Value

It is paying more and more, for the value of the fleece or mohair is increasing steadily. Formerly the use of mohair depended so largely upon the prevailing fashion that its price varied widely from year to year. This condition, however, is rapidly changing as new uses for mohair are continually found, from automobile tops and table covers to dress goods and curled false hair, and today the grower is assured of a reasonably steady market. The price of course varies with the quality, the very best fleeces bringing on an average from 42 to 55 cents a pound. The weight of a fleece has a very wide range, but in 1909 the average for Oregon was found to be 3.7 pounds, and for Texas 1.85. On account of the greater heat, however, and the damage of shedding, Angoras in the southwest are frequently shorn twice a year—a fact which must be taken into consideration in all calculations.

Two Clippings Drawback

This practice of clipping twice a year is in many ways a drawback to the industry, since it tends to lower the average grade of American mohair. Mohair as good as any can be and is grown in this country, but the average quality is not today considered to be as good as the foreign. About 2,000,000 pounds are annually imported. Ordinarily this is blended and spun with the domestic product. Six inches is the shortest length of fleece usually desired, and because of shearing twice a year, much Texas and New Mexico mohair falls below this standard. Where the fleece is allowed to grow for twelve months, the average length is 10 inches, and in the best flocks it is not unusual to get 15 to 20 inches. Romeo, the sweepstakes buck at the El Paso show in 1910, is an example of what is possible. His fleece weighed 18 pounds, measured 20 3/4 inches in length and sold for \$115. Such fleece is not of course the product of ordinary commercial conditions. It implies a considerable amount of care and personal attention.

The birth rate is approximately 65 per cent, but in well managed flocks this has risen on occasions as high as 120 per cent. Since the kids are not hardy, it is obvious that this means skill and industry during the breeding season. The best methods of caring for the flock at this time are discussed in some detail in the new bulletin. Otherwise the management of Angoras does not differ greatly from that of sheep.

SCHOONER IS REPORTED AGROUND NEAR SAVANNAH

SAVANNAH, Ga., May 12.—The revenue cutter Yamacraw is expected early today with the unidentified four-masted schooner which last night was reported aground in Nassau sound, five miles from the mouth of the St. John's river. Signals of distress were picked up by a Clyde liner and the cutter left here at midnight.

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JOURNALISM AS SACRED A CALLING AS MINISTRY

LAWRENCE, Kan., May 12.—The newspaper profession is as sacred a calling as the ministry, in the opinion of Dr. Washington Gladden of Columbus, O., as expressed in an address made by the preacher and former editor before hundreds of newspaper men here today at the national newspaper conference conducted by the University of Kansas.

Other speakers on today's program were H. F. Harrington of the Ohio State Journal, and Will Irwin, a magazine writer. A paper by Frank B. Noyes of Washington, D. C., president of the Associated Press, on press association work, was read.

Deplorable Vicious Tendency

Dr. Gladden declared what he referred to as a tendency of some newspapers toward "habits of exaggeration" and the exploitation of crime, vice and scandal. He outlined four great tasks for American journalism in the performance of which he said it might aid in purifying and invigorating public opinion.

First—To teach people to avoid exaggeration and violent speech and to cultivate moderate and rational modes of expression.

Second—To resist the tendencies which substitute the mob mind for the deliberate habit.

Third—To hold the popular judgment firmly to the truth that character and manhood and not money and popularity are the central value of human existence.

Discerning the Good

Fourth—To turn the thoughts of men more and more from the negative virtue of detecting and exposing the evil to the positive virtue of discerning and praising the good.

"I know of some newspapers," said Dr. Gladden, "that are doing much to bring to earth a reign of good will. They are disposed to discern the good and rejoice in it; they cultivate gracious speech and kindly judgment of their fellow men. And yet, I fear that it is true that in collecting and presenting the news of the day the habit which so largely prevails of fixing the attention of evil of society, of keeping the seamy side of life uppermost, of exploiting crime and vice and scandal, furnishes to quite too large an extent the common notion of the function of journalism."

TRUCE AT VERA CRUZ PENDING PEACE TALK

VERA CRUZ, May 12.—While the Mexican commissioners are en route to attend the Niagara Falls, Canada, peace conference and during the sessions, there will be no inauguration of hostilities by the American forces here and there is no reason to believe that the Mexican federals will advance their lines.

The recent charge by General Blanquet that the Americans were breaking the armistice caused General Funston to confer with his legal adviser, Colonel Porter. They agreed that while actually no armistice exists there is a tacit understanding that neither side will inaugurate hostilities. The interpretation placed on the agreement by Generals Funston and Colonel Porter would permit of unlimited strengthening of both Mexican and American forces so long as no advance was made.

HOUSTON WRITES UPON MEDFORD WEATHER BUREAU

Senator Chamberlain sends the following letter received from Secretary Houston regarding the Medford weather bureau:

Hon. Geo. E. Chamberlain, United States Senate, Dear Senator:

Referring to your letter of April 21, transmitting letters from Mr. George Putnam and others, also editorial from the Medford Mail Tribune, relative to the weather bureau station at Medford, Oregon, permit me to repeat the assurances given in several previous communications on this subject that the meteorological work to be done in Medford in the future will be fully equal to that performed in the past, which we understand has been of great value to the horticulturists in that region and fully met all their requirements.

The resignation of Mr. O'Gara as pathologist at Medford will not make any material change in the service rendered by the weather bureau at that place in the future, and it is thought that unnecessary apprehension has been felt because the weather bureau contemplated the removal from Medford of a few unnecessary instruments. Steps have already been taken to continue the use of the barometer and windvane which it was expected at one time to remove, although these are of only the slightest importance in connection with the frost-warning service.

It is hoped that when the local interests fully understand the arrangements that have been made by the weather bureau for furnishing them with forecasts and frost warnings they will be entirely satisfied therewith.

Very respectfully, D. F. HOUSTON, Secretary.

DEATH TO AMERICANS ON EMBASSY, PARIS

PARIS, May 12.—"Death to Americans," was written in Spanish in large black characters across the stone doorstep of the United States embassy offices in Paris early today. The authorities have posted three policemen on permanent duty in the vicinity.



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FEDERAL TROOPS AT SAN BLAS EVACUATE CITY

ON BOARD U. S. S. CALIFORNIA, Mazatlan, May 12.—(By wireless to San Diego, May 12.)—Mexican federal troops defending San Blas, a seaport halfway between Mazatlan and Manzanillo, have evacuated the town. It is understood they were ordered by Provisional President Huerta to proceed to Mexico City to strengthen the forces there. It is believed troops at other points on the west coast will be ordered to the capital.

Americans in the Yaqui valley, reassured by the cordial attitude of the constitutionalists, have decided to remain on their ranches. General Obregon is said to have guaranteed them every protection.

Walter Neal, an American who was wounded by federals recently near El Favor mine, is now safe with his family aboard the cruiser Maryland at Manzanillo, according to a wireless message received from that vessel today. Neal confirmed the report of an attack on the mine April 26 and the killing of C. R. Hoadley, an American, and of G. E. Williams, an Englishman.

Desultory fighting continues at Mazatlan. The gunboat Guerrero, which left Mazatlan May 7, carrying city officials and other refugees, touched yesterday at Manzanillo and discharged several passengers.

FIRST SHIP THROUGH CANAL NEXT WEEK

PANAMA, May 12.—The first ship to pass through the Panama canal under regular conditions probably will make the trip early next week. According to Governor Goethals, the channel through Cucaracha will be completed about Thursday. Observations will be maintained on the slide for a short time and then a Panama Railway ship with cargo will be sent through. The channel is being dredged at the rate of 100 feet daily and the empire suspension bridge will be removed immediately. The report that the steamer Pennsylvania of the Pacific Mail line will make the passage of the canal is erroneous.

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