

ANDREWS OPERA COMPANY PLANS NATIONAL TOUR

The Andrews Opera company, which for so many years was a successful theatrical company, are again organizing for a spring tour on the coast. They will open in Medford in the opera "Martha," at the Page opera house, Wednesday, March 8, under the auspices of the local Elks' lodge.

In speaking with Ed Andrews of his plans, he said: "My brother, George, and myself have been considering for some time the re-organization of the Andrews Opera company and the time seems to be most propitious. The high standard of moving pictures has, to a great extent, supplanted the demand for the dramatic performance, but can in no way substitute anything for the music drama. Besides, the various mechanical devices, such as the phonograph and the player-piano, have familiarized the public with classic music to such an extent that there is now a universal demand for opera and the high grade concert."

While the war in Europe has made us feel the pinch of hard times, it has also sent to America artists of the highest grade, who are unable to find employment at the extreme high prices of a year ago. This makes it possible to bring together a company of singers to give opera in the smaller cities, that would have heretofore been a financial impossibility. Aside from the Andrews family, whom you all know, we have engaged as our leading tenor, Salvatore Giordano, of the Metropolitan Opera company of New York, who has been singing with such artists as Caruso, Scotti, the late Nordica, Farrar, and others of their class. We will also have with us, Julia Zumwalt, with whom I have appeared in opera and consider her in a class with artists of the highest rank. Mr. Kirkoff, an artist of long experience, is also a member of the company.

The libretto of "Martha" has been revised by George Broadhurst, the noted playwright, especially for this company. The plot of "Martha" is on the serio-comic order, and as given by the grand opera companies, the light and humorous plot has been obscured by rather ponderous recitative. In the Broadhurst version spoken lines are used, which easily conveys the story to the audience, brings out the comedy and makes an entertainment that all classes thoroughly enjoy.

The routing and contracting dates for the company will be in the hands of George T. Wilson and A. C. Burgess. Both of these gentlemen are thoroughly experienced in this work and are playing the company on guarantees with local organizations such as Elks' lodges, musical societies, etc. The encouragement they are meeting with in both Oregon and California is proof positive that there is a demand for opera of the higher class.

"How long will your present season last?" was asked.

"Until the middle or last of May is now our idea. There is territory enough in Oregon, California and Washington to supply one company, and we will bring such celebrated artists from time to time as to thoroughly establish the Andrews Opera company as the leading operatic organization on the coast."

The local lodge of Elks, who are building such a magnificent Elks' home in the city, are to have half of the proceeds, which will be used in buying the elegant furnishings with which their building is to be equipped. Several of the company, including myself, are Elks, and we deem it a pleasure to help our home lodge, an order that does so much for charity in a quiet and unassuming way."

MAKES INSURANCE COMPANY PAY LOSSES

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 13.—Insurance company lobbyists stood against yesterday afternoon when the house passed house bill 233, introduced by W. W. Cardwell of Douglas county, which in 54 words wipes out the entire existing insurance code and substitutes simply the absolute requirement that insurance companies be compelled to pay the entire face value of policies in case of loss.

Thomas Brown of Marion declared the bill revolutionary and drastic, and said if it should pass, every reputable insurance company would leave the state and make room for countless "Jim crow" companies that would destroy the high standard of the business and nullify millions of dollars' worth of policies.

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BILLINGS VOTED OUT OF ASHLAND BY VOTE 521 TO 28

ASHLAND, Feb. 13.—At the special city election yesterday to determine the question of amending the charter to eliminate the Billings property from the city limits to permit construction of the Pacific highway, the measure carried by a vote of 521 for to 28 against. This election determines the matter of vacating certain western municipal territory, thus turning it over to the jurisdiction of the county exclusively. Specifically the measure voted upon was as follows:

"An act to amend section 1 of article 1 of the charter of the city of Ashland, Oregon, changing the north-westerly boundary line of said city to conform to the southerly line of the Pacific highway on the route marked 'Line A' as delineated and designated on the map as surveyed, staked and platting by the state highway engineer from where said survey enters the present city limits, southeasterly to and along the north line of the city pavement as laid in 1912, to a point on the northerly side thereof as indicated by said survey; thence north 31 degrees 45 minutes east to the present north boundary."

Although the vote was overwhelmingly for the amendment, the number of ballots cast did not approximate one-third of the normal voting strength of the city.

ASHLAND BOND SALE CALLED OFF

(From the Record)

The mineral springs bond proposition is exactly where it was immediately after the bonds were awarded to the syndicate of Ashland business men represented in the deal by Hon. R. P. Neil. The syndicate's sale of the bonds to C. S. Woody, on his bid as agent for the Portland Trust & Savings bank and the firm of Sweet-Causey-Foster & Co. of Denver, has failed to materialize. G. W. Smith, who spent several days here representing the Denver end of the combination, left Wednesday. On his arrival here he claimed that Woody was not authorized to make the offer he did on behalf of the Denver firm. He represented that his firm would stand by the bid providing certain concessions were made. These consisted of making the bonds serial instead of optional and also making them payable in New York instead of Ashland. After conferring with Dillon-Thompson-Clay, the New York bond attorneys, the city council did not see its way clear to grant the concession. Mr. Smith also made a cash offer of less money which the syndicate could not accept. The syndicate will take the sale of the bonds up with other houses that have offered to bid on them. The Smith-Emery company of engineers at San Francisco was also represented here, while the negotiations were going on, by their Mr. Smith—though his presence had no bearing on the negotiations, being wholly with the springs commission.

PUBLIC UTILITY SYSTEM PERMITTED

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 13.—The house this morning passed H. B. 212, introduced by Davey, Irvin and Eaton, which permits the organization of public utility districts for the development of water power or the construction of community projects of any kind. The measure proposes to extend to the country regions the same rights now held by incorporated cities. The various communities joining in the district are allowed to organize separately and, accomplish a sort of federation for the development of a common project, issue bonds and conduct the venture exactly as other ventures are handled in cities.

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BELLIGERENTS DELAY REPLY TO AMERICAN NOTE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Administration officials had unofficial information today of the presentation of the American note to the German government concerning the German sea war zone proclamation.

The communication was delivered to the German foreign secretary last night by Ambassador Gerard at Berlin.

The unofficial advices were to the effect that officials of the German government declined for the present to comment on the note, except to say that it was couched in friendly language. It was suggested the German reply which would be made in due course, probably would contend that its action was justified fully because of the attempt of Great Britain to starve out the German nation, "women and children, as well as soldiers."

The note to Germany and also that to Great Britain pointing out the danger to neutral shipping of any unjustified general use of the American flag continued to absorb attention in official and diplomatic quarters today. Many officials believed the United States would be convinced by Great Britain that it has no intention of making general use of neutral flags by British merchant ships.

BUTTE MINE GUARD KILLED BY UNIONIST

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 13.—The death of Thomas Munro, mine guard, who was shot and fatally wounded by Harry Robinson, vice-president of the Mineworkers' union, an organization formed during the labor troubles here last summer, is momentarily expected at the hospital, where he is lying with two bullets in his body. Robinson, who is held in the county jail, has as yet made no statement regarding this shooting. Munro gave a statement of the affair as his death declaration, saying that he had been frequently threatened with death because of his employment as an armed guard.

The shooting fray has revived much discussion of the labor disorders of last year in this city, but the authorities declare they expect no further trouble.

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SOUTHERN PACIFIC MUST CUT RATES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Application of the Southern Pacific for relief from the long and short haul clause of the interstate commerce law on shipments of rough green lumber from Oregon points to San Francisco points has been denied by the Interstate Commerce commis-

sion. The Southern Pacific asked to continue the present rates, which are higher to intermediate points than to San Francisco. The commission's order is effective May 1.

J. N. Teal argued before the commission in behalf of Eastern Oregon Lumber Producers' association in the case against the Great Northern, Northern Pacific, etc. The lumber producers of Baker and Union counties are seeking to have Spokane, Butte and Silver Bow gateways opened to the movement of lumber from that district on the same basis as applies from northern roads

through sea gateways to points on the Harriman lines.

Proposed increased freight rates on cement are not justified from Salt Lake and Devil's Slide, Utah, to Butte, Anaconda and other points in Montana and Idaho, according to a ruling made today by the Interstate Commerce commission.

A St. Helens shipbuilder will build new mill for government tugboat Mathloma.

State Employment bureau will give employment to unemployed politicians

FASTER MAILS TO PACIFIC COAST

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—New arrangements for faster mail train service between Chicago and the Pacific coast were announced today by Postmaster General Burleson. One new mail train between Chicago and Los Angeles will make the run in sixty-four hours and ten minutes over the Santa Fe.

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