

SEATTLE CRITIQUE PRAISES SINGER PAGE TOMORROW

Walter Anthony, Seattle's most prominent musical critic, in writing of a very elaborate musical presented by the Seattle Temple Chorus, says: "The alto section has the poetic, vibrant voice of Agnes Nielson Skartvedt for its leading soprano. If you go to Vancouver often, and do not know this voice, I will describe it best by saying, it has the 'serenity' fullness of Dorothy Jordan."

Of her solo in this program, he says: "Agnes Nielson Skartvedt sang 'Schalkowsky's' sonata set thrilling 'Pilar's Song' and Donizetti's aria from 'L'Elisir de l'Amour' with excellent interpretative impulses. The dainty singer won and earned her meed and the blossoms that were sent her."

Wherever this popular star has appeared, whether in concert with John Spargur, Ruth Miller of the Metropolitan Grand Opera Co., the Famous Chorus, of which she is the leading attraction, or alone, she has always won her audiences.

Her appearance at the Page, Medford, tomorrow evening bids fair to draw a large audience. From her repertoire she has chosen a program marked by its balance. There are included such popular numbers as "Nebber Min' Mah' Honey" (a duet with tenor), "When I Was One and Twenty," and others. The heavier titles, that will thrill and sway and inspire, include, "O My Fernando," Donizetti, and "Amour viens aider" from Samson at Delila-Saint Saens. Altogether the program is rich with variety.

STATUS OF WAR RELIEF CLAIMS IN UNITED STATES

The war mineral claimants in Medford and vicinity, numbering 154, will be interested in the following statement in the Mining Congress Journal regarding the awards on claims.

The status of war mineral claims as of January 10, is shown by the following:

Total number of claims allowed in part	33
Total amount claimed thereon	\$1,904,405.23
Total amount proceeds awarded thereon	576,781.78
Average percentage recommended	29

Status of Funds

Amount of appropriation	\$8,500,000.00
Total expenses to date	\$173,000.00
Total awards to date	576,781.78
Balance	\$7,750,218.22

"The truth of the statement that language is a method of concealing thought was never better exemplified than in the war minerals relief situation as it has been shown to exist in the hearings before the committee on mines and mining.

"The intent of congress in the passage of this legislation originally has repeatedly been made clear, but the verbiage by which that intent was expressed has been so construed that the intent has been impossible of execution.

"Mandatory legislation is so much more difficult of execution than prohibitory that undue obstacles should not be put in its way. It is a well-established principle of law that relief legislation should be liberally interpreted. There is but little doubt that any relief bill ever passed could have been technically construed to a point where not one cent of the fund appropriated could have been made available.

"That is certainly the case with the present law. But with the report of the Secretary of the Interior to congress, dated December 1, showing thirty claims on which partial awards have been made and 442 claims disallowed, out of a total of 1,201 filed, there is something wrong somewhere that should be made right. The commission has emphatically maintained that it is not at fault in its rulings and procedure. The commission has not had the hardihood to criticize the decisions of the attorney general. There is only one other remaining factor in this problem which can be wrong, that is, the individual claimants who are at fault, but the commission has done its best to correct this fault by eliminating 442 of them."

There will be a special called meeting of the Parent-Teacher circle of the Lincoln school, Friday afternoon at 3:30.

SENATOR M'NARY PLEDGES SUPPORT TO LOCAL LEGION

In response to a direct appeal by Medford Post of the American Legion, to the United States senators and representatives from Oregon, the following telegram has been received by Mr. Coddling, adjutant of the local post:

G. A. Coddling, Adjutant Medford Oregon Post American Legion, Medford, Oregon:

"Will warmly support legislation most suitable to welfare of ex-service men. Nation owes them debt of gratitude, which should be settled in a material way."

"CHARLES L. M'NARY,
"Senator."

The matter of an equalization of compensation for ex-service men and women who served during the war with Germany, was thoroughly debated at a recent meeting of Medford post, and the adjutant was instructed to communicate with the Oregon members of congress, urging them to support legislation submitted to congress by the national officers of the legion. Legion officials who are close to the situation at Washington, expect definite action by congress within sixty days.

At the national convention of the legion at Minneapolis in November, 1919, recommendations were made to congress that measures be taken to equalize the compensation of those who served with the armed forces of this country, with those who remained in civil life, but refrained from making a specific request, leaving the matter of the adjustment to congress. It is apparent, however, that congress does not fully realize the necessity of relieving the financial distress of many of the ex-service men and women, for no legislation to that end has yet been enacted. Legion officials are now working on a definite request, which will be submitted to congress in the near future.

TALENT TALK

Mr. Mulligan is having the flu and Mrs. Mulligan is caring for the dejected during her husband's illness.

Mr. Fred Cook returned to Klamath agency with his father, Mr. E. E. Cook, who spent a few days in Talent.

Mrs. Wm. Crosby went to the Sacred Heart hospital Sunday, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis Monday, and is doing nicely.

Mrs. Barber of Eugene is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Vogel.

Miss Mabel Heart of Oakland, Cal., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jean Estes. The Estes' are just getting out after a sojourn of the flu.

School began Monday after a short vacation on account of the flu.

Fletcher Smeener has moved into Talent from the oil wells, where he has been working. They expect to begin drilling at the oil wells the last of the week.

Mr. Morris spent part of last week in Portland attending a convention of ministers.

Mr. E. Perry and daughter, Mrs. Ames, of Medford, were in Talent Monday on business. Mr. Perry has moved his household furniture from the Ames building to his home in Medford.

Mr. Paul Winstead, who owned the Brand ranch north of Talent, has sold to Mrs. H. J. Oden, who has taken possession. Mr. Winstead has moved to Medford for the present.

Mrs. Jeff Bell has been quite ill, but is improving.

Mr. U. S. Bowman, son of Mr. A. J. Bowman, is very ill with brain fever.

Mr. H. W. Frame, who has been spending the winter working in the National Rice Mills at Sacramento, Cal., is back on his ranch near Talent.

Dr. J. B. Webster of Ashland, is moving onto his ranch near Talent.

Mr. Carter, who had a stroke of paralysis, passed away Thursday. The family took the body to Portland for interment and have returned to Talent.

Mr. Ditsworth, who lives south of Talent, had a stroke of paralysis last week, but is some better.

Mr. Woot Clark has gone into business with Mr. Dewey in the garage.

GENL. PERSHING TO INSPECT PANAMA CANAL ZONE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11.—General Pershing will leave about March 25 for the Panama canal zone to inspect the military defenses there. This will constitute the last leg of his inspection tour of the nation's military posts. He will be away two or three weeks.

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Only a person who has experienced that awful "all night" cough that sometimes follows influenza can appreciate what a good night's sleep can be. Mrs. Annie Davison, 2050 Myrtle St., Long Beach, Cal., writes: "The result of using Foley's Honey and Tar was a restful one for me. Foley's Honey and Tar checks harsh, racking cough; eases wheezy breathing; stops tickling in throat; soothes raw, irritated surfaces with a covering, healing feeling. For sale by Medford Pharmacy."

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Mr. Darcy and Miss Irwin have spent several years in this work all over the country and bible school workers of all the churches are cordially invited to be present. It is seldom that people of their ability and experience can be heard.

TACOMA TEACHERS DEMAND INCREASE IN SALARIES

TACOMA, Mar. 11.—Tacoma school teachers today presented to the school board a demand for an increase of \$300 a year for class room instructors and \$480 a year for supervisors, superintendents and heads of departments.

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