'FRA DIAVOLO' BY LOCAL TALENT TO TOP MUSIC WEEK

Box office sale of tickets for the opera "Fra Diavolo" Wednesday at the Craterian theater opened this morning.

With the approach of the light opera "Fra Diavolo," to be presented Wednesday night at the Craterian theater, a study of the plot of the opera shows that the story, laid in Terracina, Italy, is melodramatic in the highest degree.

Lorenzo, in command of the Roman dragoons, is leaving Matteo's inn to capture Diavolo and his brigands, as the story goes, just as the rich English lord and his fair young wife, traveling under the names of the Lord and Lady Allcash, arrive, lamenting their misfortunes, having been robbed on the road.

The Marquis of San Marco, who is no other than Fra Diavolo, appears soon after and is welcomed by the innkeeper, Matteo and his daughter, Zerlina. The Marquis openly courts Lady Allcash and relieves her of her jewels. Giaconno and Beppo, two of Diavolo's companions, appear on the scene and conceal themselves in Zerlina's room—Giaconno is to stab her, while the two rob the English lord. These two bandits, with their clever repartee and witty dialogue furnish the comedy.

After Lorenzo returns, with brighter hopes of winning Zerlina, the soldiers arrive at the inn in time to discover the robbery, but Diavolo covers the retreat of his fellow bandits, by pretending to have a rendezvous with some lady, arousing the jealousy of both the Englishman and Lorenzo, the latter challenging him to a duel.

In the last act of the opera, showing the forest where the duel is to take place, both Beppo and Giaconno are arrested by the captain, who, through them, hopes to capture the chief, Fra Diavolo. The two brigands are forced to betray Diavolo an dlure him into a trap, where he is ensnared and shot.

As a fitting climax, the happy Lorenzo wins Matteo's daughter for his bride.

Those who are fortunate enough to hear Auber's melodious opera will be charmed by the brilliant and fluent measures varied here and there with pretty bits of sentiment, which go hand in hand with the romantic story of the Italian bandit.

Music lovers ask what better way to patronize the finest of fine arts, music, in national music week than to attend the performance of this colorful opera at the Craterian theater on Wednesday evening, May 7.

Menus of the Day

By Mrs. Alexander George

Dinner for Four

The Menu

Fried Chicken — Corn Fritters
Cream Gravy
Buttered Spinach
Mashed Turnips
Bread — Rhubarb Conserve
Peach Salad
Nut Torte — Coffee

Corn Fritters

1½ cups flour.
1½ teaspoons baking powder.
¼ teaspoon salt.
¼ teaspoon sugar.
¼ teaspoon pepper
2 eggs.
1 cup corn.
1-3 cup milk.
4 tablespoons fat.

Mix dry ingredients, add eggs, corn and milk. Beat 2 minutes. Drop from tablespoon into frying pan in which fat has been heated. Turn fritters to allow even browning. It will require about 3 minutes for fritters to cook.

The fritters can be fried in deep hot fat if desired.

Rhubarb Conserve

4 cups peeled diced rhubarb.
1 orange, chopped.
3 tablespoons lemon juice.
4 cups sugar.

Mix ingredients. Simmer until thick. This will require about 45 minutes. Cool and serve.

Nut Torte

1-3 cup butter.
2-3 cup sugar.
½ cup milk.
3 eggs.
1 teaspoon vanilla.
¼ teaspoon lemon extract.
¼ teaspoon almond extract.
¼ teaspoon salt.
2 cups flour.
2 teaspoons baking powder.

Cream butter and sugar. Add rest of ingredients. Beat 2 minutes. Pour into shallow baking pan, lined with waxed paper. Cover with meringue.

Meringue

3 egg whites.
½ cup sugar.
½ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon salt.
¼ teaspoon lemon extract.
1-3 cup broken pecans.

Beat whites until stiff, add sugar and beat until creamy. Add rest of ingredients. Roughly spread over batter. Bake 35 minutes in moderately slow oven. Cool. Cut in squares and serve plain or topped with whipped cream.

White Frosting

3 cups sugar.
1 tablespoon vinegar
¼ teaspoon salt
1½ cups water.
3 egg whites.
1 teaspoon vanilla
¼ teaspoon lemon extract
¼ teaspoon almond extract

Boil gently and without stirring sugar, vinegar, salt and water. When fine thread forms as portion of syrup is slowly poured from spoon, pour slowly into beaten egg whites. Beat until frosting is thick and cold. Add rest of ingredients. Frost cake.

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New Associated Press Index Chart Shows Commodities in Steady Climb

By CLAUDE A. JAGGER
(Associated Press Financial Editor)

NEW YORK, May 6.—(AP)—A new implement with which to take the pulse of business appears today with publication of The Associated Press' daily index of commodity prices.

This index has been devised after months of study by the Associated Press' daily index of commodity prices.

This index has been devised after months of study by the Associated Press statistical department in an effort to provide a sensitive cross section of wholesale prices of the raw products which form the basis of the bulk of the nation's business.

It is based on 20 leading commodities which in 1926 accounted for approximately one-third of the total wholesale turnover in all of the 784 items used in the U. S. bureau of labor statistics all-commodity index.

1926 Was "Normal."

The 1926 average price was taken as 100, so the day to day changes show in effect percentage of the level prevailing in 1926. That year was taken in recognition of the vogue among statisticians of arbitrarily using 1926 as a "normal" year.

The index is designed to show as reasonably close a relationship to the general wholesale price level as is possible in daily index, while at the same time depicting the movements of the sensitive staples such as cotton and wheat. Consequently, a combination of raw materials which which normally fluctuate rather sharply, and those which change in price less frequently, is used.

Examples Shown.

The relative importance given to each commodity in calculating the index was decided upon after considering the percentage which each contributed to the total turnover of commodities in 1926, then making certain adjustments to allow peculiar characteristics of the various items.

For instance, wheat was given a larger weight than would be indicated by its total relative value, because of its prominence as a cash crop. Scrap steel was given a large weight because of its barometric value for the entire steel industry. Corn was given a relatively small weight, since so much of the crop is fed on the farm and actually reaches the market in the form of hogs. A number of experts in governmental and private statistical agencies were consulted in deciding upon these weights.

Index Staples.

The index has been built upon the following staples, with their percentage weights indicated:

Wheat	12	Rubber	4
Cotton	12	Sugar	4
Steel scrap	12	Coffee	3
Hogs	9	Corn	3
Butter	6	Hides	3
Petroleum	6	Cement	2
Cattle	5	Oats	2
Copper	4	Rayon	2
Bit. coal	4	Silk	2
Eggs	4	Lead	1

These weights are thus distributed as follows:

Domestic agricultural 56%
Industrial and other 44%

The Associated Press index, save for minor short-term swings, has been climbing almost steadily since the 1933 bottom. It reached a recovery top of 75.42 in February, fell to 70.39 in March, and has subsequently regained a good part of its loss.

This chart shows the fluctuation of the new index of commodity prices devised by The Associated Press statistical department. The chart covers 1934 and the elapsed portion of 1935. The recovery top was 75.42. A minor downward swing carried the index to a low of 70.39 in February, but prices have been climbing steadily again since. The index is based on the 1926 "normal" of 100.

ANKLE BROKEN IN SUNDAY SMASHUP

A charge of driving while intoxicated will be lodged against Wm. Shann, 45, of this city, when Shann recovers sufficiently from a broken ankle sustained in an auto crash yesterday morning, according to city police. The police report on the accident says that Shann, driving while intoxicated, rammed the auto driven by J. W. Ayres of Phoenix, at the corner of Main and Bartlett streets.

Immediately after the accident, Shann left the scene, running to a nearby pool room. The police pursued him, the report indicates, apprehending him there, and taking him to the police station, where he was locked up. Shortly afterward, he complained that his ankle had been injured in the crash. A doctor summoned declared two bones in Shann's ankle broken. Shann was taken to the Sacred Heart hospital.

ARCH MASONS TO STAGE BIG MEET

Klamath chapter, Royal Arch Masons will come to Medford to confer the Royal Arch Degree on a class of three candidates Saturday evening, May 11.

Preceding the degree work a dinner will be served in the banquet room at 6:30. The grand high priest of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon has been invited to attend and an invitation has been extended to all Royal Arch chapters in the valley to be present.

This promises to be a very worth while evening and all Royal Arch Masons are cordially invited.

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MANY RURAL SCHOOLS CLOSING DOORS SOON FOR SUMMER HOLIDAY

Four rural schools of the county—Ruch, North Phoenix, Elk Creek and Shady Cove, closed their school years last Friday, May 3, and between now and the end of the month practically all rural schools will follow suit. The Central Point schools, according to the records of the county school superintendent's office close Friday, June 7, the latest date so far listed.

The Missouri Flats, Mt. Pitt and North Trail schools are scheduled to close next Friday, May 10. Antioch is listed to close next Thursday.

Schools scheduled to terminate next Friday, May 17, are: Nell Creek, Lone Pine, Uniontown, Provolt, Applegate, Gold Hill, Beaver Creek, Little Applegate, Tolo, and Watkins.

May 24 closing dates have been scheduled for the following: Jacksonville, Antioch, Independence, Talent, Rogue River, Reese Creek, Oak Grove, Bellview, Alderbrook, Pinehurst and Howard.

The Butte Falls school will close May 22. West Side and Brownsboro, May 21; Wagner Creek, May 20, and Table Rock May 23.

Forest Creek, Lake Creek, Griffin Creek, and Agate schools will close May 31.

HOT WEATHER BRINGS WATER FROM SNOWS

A general and gentile rise is now underway in the irrigation water reservoirs of this county, according to irrigation office attaches, and is the start of the spring run-off of water.

The snow was melting at Fish lake today, also at Hiatt prairie. Emigrant dam was reported full.

Rogue river is now running nearly bank full, and all streams are reported higher, and carrying a full head of water. The Applegate river was also at spring stage, and muddy from mining operations.

SEND-A-DIME LETTERS FLOWING INTO MEDFORD

The "Send-a-dime and end the depression" letter racket, struck this city with full force today and many local folks were enthusiastically sending the chain letters to friends. The idea appealed to all classes, from young folks to grandparents.

A number of people reported they had received dime appeals from upstate friends with "Have faith in your friends, and don't break the chain," appeals. It is predicted by the end of the week "everybody will be doing it."

First Drowning.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 6.—(AP)—The first drowning of the season was reported from Battle Ground lake, 18 miles east of here Sunday when the body of Milton Ahola, 17, was recovered from the lake waters.

NOTICE

Hotel Holland Coffee Shop is specializing in home-cooked chicken dinners at 50c. Lunches 35c and 40c. Dinners 35c, 50c, 65c.

GET UP AT NIGHT?

WHEN you are bothered with getting up frequently at night—when you suffer from swollen ankles and feet, try that newer medicine, a diuretic stimulant, of Dr. Pierce's called "Anuric." Read what Arnold B. Barnwell of 809 N. Russell St., Portland, Oreg., said: "My kidneys did not act normally, sometimes the secretions were very acute and at other times they passed too freely. I used two bottles of Dr. Pierce's Anuric tablets and felt no more trouble." Sold by druggists.

Write to Dr. Pierce's Clinic, Buffalo, N. Y., for free medical advice.

MILLION WORKERS ARE AFFECTED BY HIGH COURT EDICT

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Justice Roberts' words that the act was "invalid as violation of due process" of law and was "not in purpose or in effect a regulation of commerce" was immediately interpreted by some observers as laying down principles which may affect materially the court's judgment of NRA and its code rules of industry.

President Roosevelt in signing the railway law last spring, had commented it was "crudely drawn."

Act Held Arbitrary

Justice Roberts said the act would benefit 146,000 persons who had retired within one year before its enactment.

"This is in the last degree arbitrary," he said.

Ruling that invalid sections of the law made the entire act unconstitutional, Justice Roberts said those who were scheduled to retire when the act was to become effective would have received a pension although they never had contributed. He added the cost the first year would be $9,000,000.

"That is not a permissible subject of legislation," he said, explaining it set up "new contract obligations."

Some railroads, he said, would have to pay money for the employes of other carriers.

"This pooling provision of the act is unreasonable and arbitrary," Roberts held.

MAYOR PROCLAIMS AMERICAN LEGION POPPY SALE DAYS

Friday and Saturday, May 24th and 25th, were proclaimed "poppy days" in Medford in a proclamation issued today by Mayor George Porter. The proclamation urged all citizens to honor the World war dead by wearing the American Legion and Auxiliary memorial poppy on those days and to aid the war's living victims by contributing to the Legion and Auxiliary welfare funds. The proclamation follows:

"The city of Medford during the great crisis of the World war sent forth its sons in response to the nation's call. They served gallantly in the nation's defense, and of their numbers some were called upon to lay down their lives in that service. The memory of their patriotic sacrifice should always be held dear by the citizens of Medford.

"Others of these brave young men were called upon to sacrifice, not life, but the health and strength which makes life worth while. Their families and the families of the dead also were required to make heavy sacrifices. These disabled and dependents are still paying the human price of our nation's World war victory.

"From the battle front in France our returning soldiers brought the poppy as the symbol of sacrifice and the memorial flower of the dead. Each year before Memorial day the men of the American Legion and the women of the American Legion Auxiliary ask us to wear this flower in tribute to the nation's fallen defenders and to give in exchange for the flower a contribution to aid the war's living victims.

"Therefore, I, George Porter, mayor of Medford, urge all citizens to honor the dead and aid the living by wearing the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary memorial poppy on Friday, May 24th.

"And to that end, I do hereby proclaim Friday and Saturday, May 24 and 25 Poppy day in the city of Medford.

MR. HOOVER BUSY WITH HIS FENCES

PALO ALTO, Cal., May 4.—(AP)—Former President Herbert Hoover, who has recently indicated intentions to resume an active part in national political affairs, joined former classmates of Stanford university at a "pioneer" alumni reunion today.

The former chief executive, whose week-end program also includes a speaking engagement before the California confrence on social work in San Francisco tomorrow, attended an alumni luncheon with Mrs. Hoover at noon.

Both were expected to greet old college friends at a banquet gathering of 1894 to 1898 graduates tonight, at which Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Stanford and former secretary of the interior in the Hoover administration, will preside.

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BANWELL TO TALK AT FINAL MEETING VOCATIONAL CLASS

As a fitting climax to a series of Young Men's Vocational Classes, which have been conducted in Medford during the past few weeks, A. H. Banwell, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, will address the young men tonight with the functions of a chamber of commerce as his subject. This meeting will be held in the council chamber of the Medford city hall at 7:30 o'clock, and the fathers of the young men, as well as business men who have conducted vocational classes, have been cordially invited to attend. Frank Hull, who has supervised the series of vocational classes will act as chairman of the meeting.

Mr. Banwell is well fitted to cover the important Chamber of Commerce subject for the combined vocational classes, as he has been identified with activities of this nature for more than 14 years. During that period of time, before assuming the managerial position at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Banwell was associated with the Washington Manufacturer's Association of Seattle, was manager of the Tacoma Tourist's Information Bureau, filled the office of publicity director for the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce, and was manager of the Northern California-Southern Oregon Development association. Last Friday evening he was honored by re-election to the office of president of Crater Lake Aerie No. 2093 Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Following Mr. Banwell's talk this evening, a vote will be taken among the members of the vocational classes to determine whether or not a packing school will be organized in Medford in the near future.

CHAIN STORE DEMURS ON SALARY COMPLAINT

A demurrer has been filed in circuit court by J. J. Newberry, Inc., in the civil suit filed against them by W. C. Degerness, former local store manager, for $891.37 allegedly due for services rendered. The demurrer cites "insufficient grounds" for suit.

Degerness sets forth in his complaint that he managed the store for a fixed salary, and ten per cent of the profits, and asserts that full payment has not been made, claiming a $891.37 balance due.

Malarky, Sabin and Hebring of Portland, and A. E. Reames of this city appear as counsel for Newberry, Inc., and Kelly and Hammond for Degerness.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McDougall of this city are the parents of a baby boy weighing six pounds, born Friday night at Purucker's Maternity home.

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Oregon Weather.

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