

LOCAL SONGSTERS WIN PLAUDITS IN DIFFICULT OPERA

'Fra Diavolo' Under Auspices of St. Mark's Altar Guild Acclaimed by Capacity Craterian Audience

Bringing together an outstanding cast of operatic talent, Auber's romantic opera in three acts, 'Fra Diavolo,' sponsored by St. Mark's Altar Guild, was presented last night at Hunt's Craterian theater before an appreciative and enthusiastic audience which packed the auditorium.

At a lively, rollicking tempo that gave way occasionally for the slower, melodious duets that have made the production one of the most popular light operas, the story of the plunders of Fra Diavolo and his band of robbers in rugged Terracina, Italy, and of his final capture by the Italian Carabinieri, was told in rich music that centered around the voice of James Stevens, the robber chief.

Stevens shines in role. The popular baritone could not have been cast better, and his talent and magnetism formed the bulwark of the presentation.

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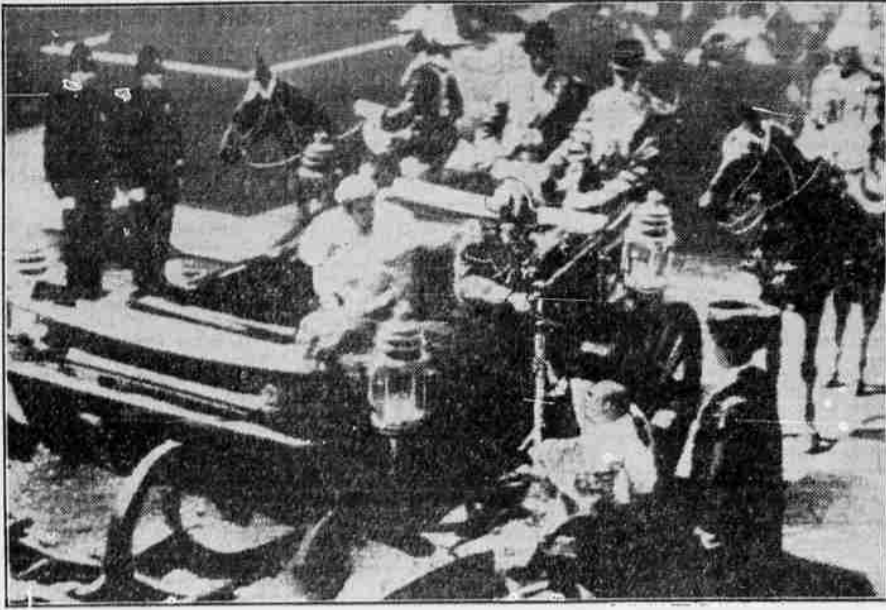
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KING GEORGE V RECEIVES PEARL SWORD IN JUBILEE



In this picture radioed to New York from London, King George V, seated in his carriage with Queen Mary, is shown receiving from the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Stephen Kellik, a pearl handed sword. The ceremony took place while the king was en route to St. Paul's cathedral to give thanks for completion of 25 years on the throne. (Associated Press Photo)

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SEND-A-DIME CHAINS SWEEP ASHLAND WITH SOARING STAMP SALE

ASHLAND, May 9.—(Sp.)—Worship of the Chain Letter might be the title of the drama enacted in downtown Ashland Wednesday as the city was blanketed under a cloudburst of the "In God We Trust" missives.

Led by the airmail \$1 letter, the field was represented by sums ranging from a dime to a buck, with nearly every person receiving at least one, and business in some portions of the city was practically at a standstill with clerks and proprietors alike joining in the scramble.

Several local citizens got in on the ground floor of the airmail proposition the first of the week, and were beginning to reap beneficial rewards by Wednesday. After only two days, one man said he had received \$17 with more coming in each mail. Other pioneers in the same project reported like success.

It was commonly agreed that the chain would work itself out in a very short time, for the perfect chain contains 15,025 letters over three times the population of the city. It was gaining momentum every hour, however, as more and more people were drawn into the vortex of the money rush.

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YREKA LEGION WOMEN SPONSOR AIR PROGRAM

A special combination "Mother's Day" and "Poppy Day" program will be broadcast over radio station KMED Friday at 1:15 p.m., sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary of Ross Neelan Post No. 122, Department of California. The program will be presented by talent from Yreka, Calif., dedicated to Mothers of America, and will give the needed publicity to the coming annual "Poppy Day."

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MEDFORD INVITED TO HOUSING SHOW IN PORTLAND SOON

George L. Baker, former mayor of Portland and now manager of the Oregon Manufacturers association, paid a visit to Medford yesterday in the interest of the National Housing Show which will be held in Portland, May 25 to June 2.



Aaron M. Frank is doing a real job of putting on this housing show for the Federal Housing Administration.

"We have the word of the directors from Washington, D. C. that the Portland show will be the largest and most comprehensive of the 287 they have presented to date. The committee has taken over the public auditorium and the four blocks adjacent to an exposition center. In this space will be offered the greatest show Portland has ever produced. From the Chicago Exposition of Progress they have signed the most spectacular and mystifying phenomenon of the electrical age—the 'House of Magic.' It drew capacity crowds for two years in Chicago and thousands of people were unable to see it.

"Tommy Luke and his entertainment committee will have the best of stage and screen stars on hand to attract thousands, and the governor of this state has asked him to select a 'Miss Oregon' to represent the state at the San Diego Exposition. Here's opportunity for some of the beauties of Medford to hold a contest and send their own representative to Portland to compete for this distinguished honor.

"The exhibit in the exposition center will be of unusual educational value as every means of building is going to be a modest dwelling typical of Oregon. In that, I mean it will be built entirely of Oregon products, inside and out. It is also an innovation in style of architecture and is already attracting the architectural genius of the country.

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The Blue family who have been living in the George Kerby house have moved further up Yank gulch into the Ormie Goddard house.

Wagner Creek is waking up. There is more building and improving of property going on than one has seen for several years.

The Bradleys are building a new house on their property up Wagner creek.

Mrs. Delbert Goddard and children, Gladys and Junior spent the week end with Mr. Goddard on Wagner road.

Mrs. Walter Posa and mother, Mrs. Tawgood visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Goddard April 28.

Many residents of Wagner Creek attended the music festival at Ashland May 2. Sixteen children from this school took an active part. Among those attending the festival were: Mrs. Byron Keith, Mrs. Delbert Goddard, Miss Rachel Williams, Mrs. Curtis McGrew, Herman Sommers and Miss Vera Wright.

Wagner Creek P.T.A. held their final meeting for the year at the Wagner Creek school house May 3. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. Donna Goddard, president; Mrs. Lura Jo Wally, vice president; Mrs. Lillian Keith, treasurer and Mrs. Ada Kerby, secretary.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Abbott are glad to know that they have a fine baby girl at their home. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott who now live in Medford were reared in this locality.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Garland and son Elsworth spent Sunday at the Wally home.

Hearing Stated on Labor Board Edict. PORTLAND, May 9.—(P)—Hearing on the motion for a permanent injunction to set aside the ruling of the national textile labor relations board in ordering the reinstatement of 29 former employees of the Oregon Woollen company has been set by Federal Judge Alger Fee for next Monday.

The judge late yesterday refused to set aside the board's ruling pending further hearing.

\$300,000 Sought For Flood Control. WASHINGTON, May 9.—(P)—Three hundred thousand dollars has been requested by the army board of engineers, from the public works administration for immediate flood control work on the Willamette river in the Big Bend region near Independence and on the Eugene-Harrisburg section of the stream, Representative Mott said yesterday. Thousands of dollars are lost annually in this district because of floods, he said.

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New Officer Here—Second Lieutenant Richard L. Matteson, 14th Coast artillery, has reported at the Medford district O.C. headquarters from Fort Worden, Washington and has been assigned to the district quartermaster's office for duty.

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