

State Press Flashlights.

Have you noticed that the most desirable farms and the ones that command the highest market price, are located on the good roads? Which means that you should have a permanent road in front of your farm if you ever hope to get from it what it is worth.—News Times.

If the link highway between the Yamhill Valley and Tillamook county is built, it should be the nearest and less mountainous route. That is the Sour Grass pass. It is important that the right way be obtained before work is started, however.—News Reporter, McMinnville.

Now Henry Ford plans to manufacture a \$200 tractor to be used on the farm. It will be a success, too, and will do the work of several horses. Has the horse come to be merely an ornament. The odor of the stable seems to be giving away before that of gasoline.—News Reporter.

If the city can frame a valid ordinance making it a crime to give away a glass of beer it can in the same manner prohibit the giving away a cup of coffee, or a glass of lemonade. That the higher courts will allow such a law to stand is preposterous and unthinkable.—Oregon Messenger.

If you went up to a man on Saturday and tried to tell him what he should do with his pay he would rap you on the nose. And then he would spend the rest of his time indignating about things and telling what John D. Rockefeller and Andy Carnegie should do with his money.—Pilk County Itemizer.

The National Conference of Duncards has decided that a person cannot own an automobile and be a Christian. So the members of that church are commanded to eschew the unholy luxury. If we measure a man's religion by the happiness he foregoes we must admit that the Duncards are wise. But why not measure it by the happiness he gets for himself and diffuses round him?—Oregonian.

There are but two classes of merchants—those who advertise and those who do not. The man who advertises has the best of the deal. He keeps himself before the public—he keeps his wares before the public—and he keeps their quality and price uppermost in the public mind. People talk about a man who advertises, because they know he has something worth advertising—and he wouldn't advertise.—News Reporter.

We are not prone to the devotion of gathering statistics—usually a dry and thankless proposition—but we cannot refrain from the following: We have a linotype in our office which, in five years has set five million lines. Five million lines, laid galley to galley, amount to 833,333 inches or 69,444 feet, or 13 1/2 miles. Figuratively and literally speaking, that machine has "traveled some."—Astorian.

The Portland lawyer who declared his income is \$160,000.00 a year and who testifies that \$8,000 was a low fee for a lawyer to charge for performing work that the court had allowed less than a thousand dollars for must have magnified his ability or else that expense of his early education for grafting was dearly paid for. Possibly a comparison of these figures with those of his income tax statement might develop that he is a colossal liar if not a purveyor.—Sheridan Sun.

If we remember rightly, the countries of England, Germany, Belgium, France, Italy, Austria, Russia and Serbia, belong to the so-called "Christian nations" and are constantly sending missionaries to the "heathen" countries of China and Japan. Just this week the two heathen nations settled a dispute without going to war and have signed a treaty of peace. Look at the difference between this and what is going on in the civilized, Christian nations noted above and then study the problem; why is it?—Umpqua Valley News.

You know that your German-American neighbor is a most excellent citizen and it is hardly fair to him to assume that he can ever be anything else. His trials are great if he must choose between loyalty to his citizenship and sympathy for the fatherland, but his decision should not be in doubt. Many public expressions are made through authoritative sources that their loyalty will surely be on the side of their adopted country in the event of hostilities. Happily it will not be necessary to choose.—Telephone Register.

An Iowa farmer has devised a rat trap on which he claims a patent but which anyone troubled with rats can use. He purchased a big galvanized iron bucket, or garbage pail, and placed it in the barn. He filled it two-thirds full of water and on top of the water placed a layer of chaffy oats an inch deep. The next morning he emptied out mixture of water, oats and drowned rats. He rebated his trap and the next morning he figured results and found he had aimlessly but with malice aforethought gotten rid of eighty-nine rats. He declares it will rid a barn in a short time.—Ione Journal.

Under the new brand law, Governor Withycombe is empowered to appoint one inspector for each county in the state. Each inspector in turn is authorized to appoint deputies in the various parts of the county. The inspectors are compensated for their service in the sum of ten cents per head on the first twenty-five animals inspected and three cents each for every additional one, and ten cents a mile for the distance they travel to make inspection. The state veterinarian, ex-officio state recorder of

brands and provides that no brand shall be used by more than one person. To record a brand costs the owner of it one dollar.—Rural Spirit.

"In the fighting at Carency, France, Germans lost only 700 men." This item was so unusual that it was cabled across the ocean and sent to the daily papers of the country as news.

Only 700 men killed! Wasn't that fine? The supposition is that Germany was very fortunate, and that the French loss was much heavier.

But suppose the loss was equal then there were only 1400 men murdered—so low a death list that it is a matter of international news.

Only 1400 young men shot to death, torn to death in this one fight. ONLY 1400 homes saddened and in mourning.

Gosh, but wasn't this cheap? Wasn't this a bargain day trench?

Every farmer and every poultry raiser should keep a few snakes as a protection to his crops and poultry, says Allen S. Williams, secretary of the International Herpetological society in a statement just issued. Williams is a traveler and a lecturer and snakes are his hobby. He has collected reptiles in every part of the western hemisphere. "The idea is simple," says Williams, "rats, weasels and other rodents destroy crops and are the natural enemies of domestic fowl. Snakes are the natural enemies of rodents. Keep a few snakes to kill off the young rodents and in time your crops and chickens will be safe. To the cereal crops alone in the United States rodents cause an annual loss of \$100,000,000. If snakes had even a half a chance the loss to the farmers and poultry raisers would be reduced to practically nothing. There are a dozen varieties which could accomplish the work and are non-poisonous."—Oregon Messenger.

I believe that nothing is right. I believe that everything is wrong. I believe that I alone have the right idea. The town is wrong, the editor is wrong, the teachers are wrong, the people are wrong, the things they are doing are wrong and they are doing them in the wrong way anyhow. I believe I could fix things if they would let me. If they don't I'll get a lot of other fellows like myself and we will have a law passed to make others do things the way we want them done. I do not believe that the town ought to grow. It is too big now. I believe in fighting every public improvement and in spoiling everybody's pleasure. I am always to the front in opposing things and never yet have I advanced an idea or made a movement that would make me, woman or child. I am opposed to fun and am happiest at a funeral. I believe in starting reforms that will take all the joy out of life. It's a sad world and I'm glad of it. Amen.—Banks Herald.

Germany's Plea in Evasion. (Oregonian.) The summary of the German reply to President Wilson's note regarding the Lusitania massacre and the attacks on American ships is an evasion of the issue and is an implied attempt to justify crimes which would still be crimes were all the excuses offered by Germany valid. But they are not valid; none of them are valid. The facts on which Mr. Wilson based his demand for reparation and for cessation of submarine attacks on merchant ships can easily be proved. The proof was in the President's possession before he wrote his note. The only condition on which the President could, with due regard to the dignity of the American people, postpone compliance with his demands until this proof had been furnished to Germany would be that during the necessary period of delay, all German attacks on American ships and on belligerent ships carrying American passengers should cease. But while the German reply was in course of preparation another American ship the Nebraska, was torpedoed. This ship had lowered her flag at sunset, according to custom, but it was not yet dark and her name and nationality could have been read by the submarine's commander. Not even this much care was taken, much less was the ship visited and searched, as required by international law. There was absolutely not the slightest excuse for the attack on the Nebraska, except that she had sailed from a belligerent port. She carried no contraband, for she was in ballast. She had passed into the open ocean and was therefore not in British waters. Germany, instead of making amends for past offense and giving earnest of her purpose to offend no more, has repeated and aggravated the offense.

Germany pleads in extenuation that the Lusitania was armed. She was not armed, and the charge that she was includes a charge that the United States has committed a breach of neutrality. Germany alleges that the Lusitania carried explosives in violation of American law. She carried only small arms ammunition, which is not an explosive, and to carry which is no more a violation of law than would be the carrying of a supply of cartridges for a passenger's revolver. Germany had a right to stop and seize the ship and its contraband cargo. She had no right to kill 1500 unarmed people, including hundreds of neutrals, in order to destroy ship

and cargo. Her lack of facilities to take the ship to a German port is no excuse for wholesale murder. It is pretended that the Lusitania was a British auxiliary cruiser. She was not; she was an unarmed merchant ship, in strictly merchant service. The fact that she was sailing from an American port in this service is proof, which Mr. Wilson should not permit to be questioned, that this is the truth, for to do otherwise would be to call in question the neutrality which we have been at pains to maintain under great provocation to depart therefrom. Presence on the Lusitania of some British subjects on their way to join the British armed forces made the excuse for slaughter, not only of these British subjects, but of all on board the ship. Since when has it become the practice of the German army to shoot on sight not only an unarmed man on his way to join the enemy's forces, but everybody in his vicinity—not only men, but women and children, even babies; not only people of hostile but those of neutral nations? That is a parallel on land to what Germany did at sea. The attacks on the Cushing and the Gulflight are termed "mistakes" by Germany. An aeroplane descended from a great height to within about 400 feet of the Cushing, yet it is pretended that the aviators could not see the great letters on the ship's side proclaiming her name and nationality. The Gulflight's name and flag were as plainly displayed, but the proximity of British patrol ships made the excuse for torpedoing her without investigation. The submarine could recognize the patrol ships and could prudently steer clear of them, but it could not recognize the clearly neutral character of an American ship. It was not willing to risk its own safety by approaching near enough to determine the character of the ship, but it took no chance of permitting a possible enemy to escape. The suggestion that the United States can buy safety for its citizens by including the enemies of Germany to relax the severity of their blockade against importation of food to Germany assumes that we are willing to purchase our unquestioned rights from Germany by obtaining from her concessions from her enemies. The United States will never bargain for elementary rights, the loss of which would lose us our place among nations, for it would render us in effect a subject nation of any buccaneer power which ravages the seas. Our differences with Germany must be settled without reference to any negotiations we may have with Britain. We have important questions to settle with Britain regarding the blockade of Germany, but we will settle them without reference to our relations with Germany. They do not concern the safety of life and limb, therefore will brook no delay within reason. Our differences with Germany relate to the very life of our citizens, therefore are matters of urgent haste. More than three weeks have now passed since the Lusitania was sunk and the sea was strewn with the dead and dying. More than two weeks have passed since Mr. Wilson's unequivocal demand was made on Germany for reparation for past offenses and/or assurance that these barbarous methods of warfare would be abandoned. The answer is not a frank avowal of wrong done and a solemn pledge that it shall not be repeated. Nor is the answer a bold defense and defiance. It is an evasive plea in extenuation, an apparent play for time, while the objectionable course is still pursued. Does Germany imagine that the American people are so weak that they will permit themselves thus to be trifled with? Or has she become so reckless that she invites addition to the number of her enemies? Unless we greatly mistake the temper of Mr. Wilson, as revealed in the note calling Germany to account, his rejoinder will leave no doubt in the German mind that he means to do precisely what he said in his first note—not to "omit any word or any act," that may become necessary to exact prompt and full compliance with his demands. Should words not suffice and should acts become necessary, we doubt not that the American people will support him to the last man and the last dollar in the effort to make the name of the United States respected and to establish the right of Americans to travel the high seas unharmed.

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COMING!

The California Jubilee All-Star Quartet.

Entertainment

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENINGS, JUNE 11th, JUNE 12th, 8 to 10 P.M., AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Read What Others Say of these "4-STAR" Entertainers:

San Jose Daily Mail. **JUBILEE QUARTET SINGS TO ENORMOUS CROWD.**

San Jose heard one of the greatest sacred concerts ever given here last night at the First Christian Church, the occasion being the second appearance of the California All-Star Jubilee quartet.

As early as 6:30 people were turned away, the large auditorium, which seats 1500 people, already being jammed to the doors. The Rev. Mr. Brewster, pastor of the church, said last night that it was the largest crowd that had ever been in the building.

The quartet sang as an opening number "Remember Thy Creator." This number was so well rendered that the standard of expectancy was placed very high, and it was not only sustained, but grew, as one number followed the other. The quartets were all good.

Perhaps the most novel feature of the program was the soprano solo by Mr. Payne, "Ave Maria," by Millard. Mr. Payne took B flat above the staff and trilled just as any well-trained lyric soprano would do. He is a wonderful two-voiced singer, and the audience recognized his ability. Before the program began Mr. Brewster requested that there be no encores, but when Mr. Payne had finished "Ave Marie," the immense audience could not refrain from applauding it.

Mr. Stewart, at the piano, was at his best and he astonished his hearers by his slyph-like touch as he played "The Last Hope."

Santa Cruz Evening Surf (Calif.) The California Jubilee Singers pleased an audience which literally filled the Opera House last night. There really wasn't a seat left vacant.

The program was a very entertaining throughout. There was a remarkable variety, considering that there were only four men—no women. But why carry a soprano, who nMr. Payne can do the deed himself? He wore a fetching black satin costume, assuming a very feminine gait with a slight Grecian bend, as it used to be called. He sang to high B—a musical friend insisted to me that it was C. Pretty high, any way. Otherwise he was second tenor in the quartet, with a baritone range and quality at times.

Mr. Stewart, the pianist, played Liszt's big Rigoletto Fantasia with much facility and musical quality of tone. The quartet work was good, and there were several very comical real jubilee songs, including "Heaven's a perfect gem."

From Imperial (Calif.) **Successful Entertainment.**

The Jubilee Singers who sang in Imperial last Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Christian Church, entertained one of the largest audiences ever assembled in that handsome edifice.

Their work was very good; in fact, about the best Imperial has ever had an opportunity to enjoy. So well satisfied was everyone who attended that the hope is being expressed that many entertainments of a similar character will be brought to this city.

Redlands Review (Calif.) **QUARTET OF JUBILEE SINGERS GAVE VERY GOOD ENTERTAINMENT.**

A program that will linger long in the memory of all who heard it was that given last evening by the California Jubilee Quartet.

Between five and six hundred gathered in the Congregational Church, filled the balconies and overcrowded onto the porches and sidewalks, and listened to a perfect silence until the last note of every number had died away, before busting into the tumult of applause that invariably greeted it.

S. S. R. S. Stewart, who has been called "The Black Paderewski" charmed his hearers with a selection from "Rigoletto," and as an encore played the sextette from "Lucia" with his left hand. The closing number on the program was another selection from "Lucia," "What Withholds My Angry Fury?" sung by the quartet.

It is understood that the society will endeavor to have these clever entertainers here again later in the season.

The Austin Express (Ariz.) Mr. Samuel S. R. S. Stewart gave a musical recital last evening which was one of the rarest treats that the citizens of Austin have had the pleasure of listening to for a long time.

Mr. Stewart plays the most difficult selections from the old masters in a manner that is most pleasing.

Entertainment Pleases All.

The high school auditorium was filled almost to its capacity last night to hear the Jubilee Singers. The entertainment was one of the best that has come to Marysville this year and everybody in the large audience went away well pleased with the performance. The program included plantation melodies, jubilee songs, sacred selections, popular airs and classical selections.

The double-voiced singer, Payne, scored a hit with his rendition of "My Hero," from "The Chocolate Soldier." "What Withholds My Angry Fury," from "Lucia." His impersonation of Black Patti brought down the house, and his rendition was perfect, his fine soprano voice being impossible to distinguish from that of a woman. His voice is a wonder, and he is entitled to all the praise he has received at the hands of the press from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

S. S. R. S. Stewart, the baritone, pianist, soloist, was also fine, and he received loud and long applause at the conclusion of his selections. The tenor soloist is the possessor of a most unusual voice. The four singers each have very fine voices and they respond to the encores willingly and quickly.

Marysville Appeal (Calif.)

Oxnard, Calif. On all sides nothing but praise was heard of the excellent work of your quartet at our high school last night. The singing of the old time plantation melodies was of the true genuine southern style, and that is praise enough. Mr. Payne is an extraordinary, double-voiced singer, doing remarkable work both in lyric soprano and rich baritone. Mr. Stewart is an exceptionally good pianist.

Speaking to school principals I can say that they can feel assured that the entertainment the quartet will give is all right. It is clean and good, and "it takes."

Very truly yours, HERBERT LEE, Principal High School.

Forest Grove, Ore.

The students and faculty of Pacific University and townspeople of Forest Grove were delighted with the program given this evening by the California Jubilee Quartet. They live up to their advertisements, every member is an artist. The program was above the average and every number was given in a finished manner. This is their second appearance in Forest Grove, and we will look forward to their coming again.

(Signed) Pres. of W. M. C. A. Pacific University.

Sacramento, Calif.

The California Jubilee Quartet gave a song service in our auditorium yesterday afternoon, January 25th. Their performance was greatly enjoyed by a large audience. Not only have the members of the quartet beautiful voices, but they sing their songs with intelligence and faultless enunciation. There was much of the true up-lift in what was said and sung. What they gave us was really a song service.

CHARLES G. TITUS, General Secretary, Y. M. C. A.

Oregon Normal School, Monmouth Oregon.

This is to say the the California Jubilee Quartet played to a large and appreciative audience in the Normal Chapel last night. The program rendered was of a high order, especially Mr. Payne, in his imitation of Black Patti, and very much enjoyed by every one.

Respectfully submitted, J. H. ACKERMAN, President.

(Formerly State Superintendent of Schools.)

Long Beach, Calif.

I heard with mingled pleasure the concert given by the "All-Star California Jubilee Quartet" at the Long Beach Auditorium last evening.

The audience was great and more than pleased by the truly artistic singing of this quartet.

We shall welcome them again if they return to our city. I heartily commend them to all lovers of music. HENRY I. RASMUS, Pastor First M. E. Church.

Pomona Progress (Calif.) "Black Patti" Proves to be

A vocal wonder. Undoubtedly the greatest vocal wonder who ever visited Pomona was the colored man, John C. Payne, who appeared at the Fraternal Aid Opera House Friday night with the California Jubilee Quartet. Appearing in a female garb, imitating the celebrated "Black Patti," Mr. Payne rendered a soprano solo in a manner which would have done credit to Mrs. Peter Collins, the famous soprano who earned such a reputation in the east with the original Tennesseans years ago.

His numbers alone were well worth the price of admission to the entire concert.

As is claimed by the quartet every one is a star. Stewart, the baritone singer, has a magnificent voice. His greatest applause was won when he rendered his instrumental numbers. Stewart is considered America's most accomplished negro concert pianist. His work Friday night at the piano elicited wondrous applause and repeated encores.

The jubilee singing was as good as four men can do. The jubilee song, "Reign, Massas Jesus, Reign," was superb, as was also the closing number from "Lucia," "What Withholds My Angry Fury?"

If the enthusiasm of those who heard the entertainment last night continues today it is believed that the Fraternal Aid opera house will be packed tonight.

Daily Oregon Statesman Salem, Ore.

JUBILEE SINGERS PLEASE. Musical Ones Make Great Hit in Sale.

Those who were fortunate enough to hear the California Jubilee Singers at the Grand opera house last night will recall the superb selections rendered before the audience last evening. Not a word of praise more to one than to another of the members of this quartet is deserving. Every member is a soloist of the highest class. There is no better cure for bad humors and no medicine more pleasant to take than an evening's entertainment at the hands of a good company of jubilee singers.

Prescott (Ariz.) Herald.

STEWART CONCERT CO.

The concert opened with a piano selection by Mr. Samuel S. R. S. Stewart, a musician and composer of music. Mr. Stewart is one of the most talented young musicians in the west. He has made a close study of his profession. Mr. Stewart has a free, decided manner of touching the keys of the piano that is very entertaining. He plays the most difficult selections from the old masters with a grace and ease that is refreshing. Mr. Stewart was loudly applauded each time he appeared on the stage.

Stockton Record, (Calif.)

AN ATTRACTION WORTH SEEING.

It was a pleased and joyous audience that left the Auditorium last night at the end of the two hours program of the California Jubilee Quartet, under the auspices of the St. Paul's Bible class.

John Payne, the man with the double voice, was the sensation of the evening. In the quartet numbers he carried the baritone part; but in his solo he came upon the stage in a woman's costume and sang "Carmen" in a way that would have done credit to any high soprano.

These entertainers will appear under the auspices of the class at the Auditorium again tonight.

"The Mail" of Woodland, (Calif.) **JUBILEE QUARTET IN SPLENDID CONCERT.**

The California Quartet gave one of the most enjoyable concerts heard in this city for many months. It was under the auspices of the Young People's Society of the Methodist church and was well patronized.

The voices of the participants are remarkable and the blend was perfect. The quartet, four in number, came first on the program, and whetted the expectation of the audience for the solos, which followed.

The program ended with the Sextette from "Lucia" and it has never been better sung in this city. The entertainment is deserving of all the praise a short notice is capable of giving.

Christian Church, June 11 and 12. Remember the Dates.