

ESTHER THE BEAUTIFUL QUEEN

Grand Opera House June 17 and 18

The Salem public is looking forward to the presentation of Queen Esther, a sacred opera, at the Grand Opera House the 17th and 18th of this month, anticipating a great treat. Mr. Martin E. Robinson, of Chicago, who has given this opera more than 300 times within the last seven years, and who gave it every two weeks for nine months in North Dakota and

that he can take a chorus and in two weeks' time be able to produce this cantata with artistic effect.

Mr. Robinson has been giving this opera in the principal cities on the coast, and has always met with the success which he richly deserves. All singers in the city are invited to join this already large chorus, numbering nearly 100, and should be at rehearsal



Mr. Martin E. Robinson, who is now in Salem conducting the rehearsals for the opera Queen Esther.

Minnesota, is now busily engaged in drilling the chorus. There will be about 100 take part in this. One hundred of Salem's best singers.

Miss Ethel Raymond will be the queen, and Mr. Geo. C. L. Snyder the king. The other parts are being assigned, and will be announced later. Mr. Robinson is a native of Illinois, and has been prominently connected with the musical clubs of Chicago.

He was a prominent member of the famous Apollo Club, of that city, and this gave him excellent musical advantages. Besides being a skillful director he has great compass in his voice, which is a beautiful tenor, and can easily range from A in Mordica's solo to low D in that of the beggar. This gives him an exceptional advantage over many conductors, who, while skillful with the baton, and can procure superb music effects, yet must depend entirely upon the singers to bring out the tones without the assistance of the voice of the director. To this is largely attributed the fact

at 8 o'clock tomorrow night at the First Presbyterian church. After this rehearsal no new members will be admitted.

Kindergarten Association Meeting.

There will be an important session Wednesday afternoon, June 8th at 3 p. m. in the kindergarten room at the First Presbyterian church. The Salem Kindergarten Association will hold its annual meeting. It is of the utmost importance that the matter of arranging for next winter's term be attended to at this meeting in order to secure the services of an efficient instructor before they all shall have accepted appointments. Every parent who intends sending a child next term must be present or send definite advice as to his intention. Patrons and friends of the association please notice that your attendance is absolutely necessary at this meeting to assure the support that will make a continuance of the work possible.

JAPAN'S GREATEST AIM

Everything Now Hangs on Port Arthur's Fate

Russia Will Have Internal Troubles Upon the Fall of That Fortress

London, June 6.—The curtain is drawn again in view of the progress of the war, probably indicating that important events are impending or afoot. The explosions heard at Port Arthur suggest that the Russians have renewed their attempt to remove obstructions in the mouth of the harbor. All kinds of rumors are current, few of which appear to have any reliable basis.

Various special correspondents in St. Petersburg report increasing depression in Russia over the prospect of the fate of Port Arthur, and say that wild rumors are in circulation as to dissensions between the generals. The Daily Mail gives great prominence to a statement declaring that Russia will stand or fall by Port Arthur, as far as the government's prestige with the lower classes is concerned. "Internal troubles are inevitable," the correspondent says, "should the fortress fall. Count Lamsdorff displays a strong personality, but his position is precarious, and he is likely to be sacrificed as a scapegoat to popular indignation at the war the war has been conducted. Although it is said that General Kuropatkin has lost forever at court, no change in the command of the army is contemplated."

The St. Petersburg correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Agency says that increasing anxiety is felt over the uneasiness of Chinese troops in the Manchurian frontier.

The Morning Post's correspondent in St. Petersburg goes so far as to

say that Russia is preparing to cope with a serious Chinese invasion.

A dispatch to the Standard from St. Petersburg asserts that no preparations whatever have been made to organize a transport service down the great waterways of the Sungari and Amur rivers. Great indignation is felt over the discovery that several wealthy Russian firms secretly assisted in the receipt of Japanese loans.

A dispatch to the morning Post from Shanghai says that some of the warships at Port Arthur have been beached and their guns removed to the land works.

This change has the correspondent also say that Field Marshal Yamagata has been appointed viceroy of the territory Japan has occupied since the war began. This is the only reference this morning to the statement of the Daily Express Saturday morning that Field Marshal Yamagata had been appointed commander-in-chief of the Japanese army of invasion.

The Standard's Tientsin correspondent reports that the Russian forces are being withdrawn gradually northward, the Russians being aware that a strong force of Japanese is gathering in the passes northeast of Mukden.

Large Sunday Excursions.

Four trainloads and one boatload of people were Salem visitors yesterday celebrating the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen's excursion. One train was run from The Dalles, one from Portland, and two from the south. The boat was run by Company G., O. N. G., from Albany. The crowd was estimated at between 4000 and 5000.

The trains arrived between 10 and 11 o'clock, and the boat about 11:30. After lunch the crowd repaired to the state fair grounds, where motor and bicycle races were run and a program was given.

The trains left between 5:30 and 6 o'clock, taking an orderly and well pleased crowd home, after a pleasurable day spent in the Capital City.

Musical entertainment was furnished throughout the day by bands from Cottage Grove, Albany, the Boys' Band, of Dallas, and the McMinnville band.

Big Ship Goes Down.

Chee Foo, June 6.—It is reported that a large Japanese merchant vessel was blown up off Talien Wan by a mine. No particulars are obtainable.

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We are making exceptionally low prices on lines of beautiful summer millinery—in fact, we feel certain that the low prices quoted here stand without a parallel. Nothing of the artistic quality has been sacrificed to price—this millinery is as exquisite and exclusive as it is attractively priced. Here are some of the bargains.

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Have you tried those two pretty ballads, "A Little Bird Whispered So," and "My Sweetheart Kitty O'Neill," by D'Arcy Blacall. For sale at Will's and Wenger's. 3t

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of *Charles H. Fletcher*

Southwick Coming.

Henry Lawrence Southwick, one of the Emerson College of Orators and an eloquentist of international fame, will be in Salem Wednesday, June 8. He will give his famous reading, "The Cardinal King," which is an interpretation of Bulwer Lytton's romantic drama, "Richelieu." Admission 35c and 50c. Seats reserved at Burghard's.

Fresh Fruits Served at Our Fountain. Crushed Strawberry Now the Rage

The Spa

Ask and Ye Shall Receive

Friedman advertised for customers which resulted in his selling at least two-thirds of many lines of goods advertised.

He Still Wants

250 teamsters to buy his 40c Mule Skin gloves at 25c per pair.
100 boys wanted from the age of 7 to 19 to take his \$7.50 suits at \$4.00.

50 boys wanted to take his \$2.75 suits at \$1.45.
100 men wanted to wear his best corduroy pants, worth \$2.50 per pair, now at \$1.45.

He wants a few more to wear his President Suspenders at 41 cents per pair.

300 men wanted with \$5.00 each to buy \$8.00 suits.

75 men with \$7.50 each wanted to buy his \$12.50 suits.

25 men with \$9.00 each to buy his \$15.00 suits.

35 men with 67c each with which to buy 75c striped overalls and jumpers.

Wanted—50 laborers to buy the best King Overalls at 49c per pr.

Wanted—100 laborers to buy the Pacific Coast Overalls at 46c per pair.

Wanted—50 painters to take his Painter's Suits at 62c each.

Wanted—75c carpenters to take his aprons at 17 each.

25c boxes Paper and Envelopes at 7c
25c Neckties at 9c, 35c Neckties at 19c.

Extra bargains in fancy and plain overshirts, underwear, hats, valises trunks, etc., at

FRIEDMAN'S

149 State Street.

How Many People Has Salem?

The New Official Census

has been taken and will for the first time reveal the exact population of Greater Salem. In order to increase interest in this matter and at the same time give its readers an opportunity to win a valuable prize, The Capital Journal offers one of the best Mitchell 1904 Model Bicycles, with coaster brake, to the person who will guess nearest the exact population of our city, as shown by the new census, which will be announced early in June.



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