

SACRED OPERA ESTHER

Large Audience Greeted Its
Rendition at Opera House
Last Evening

The opera house last evening was occupied with a fashionable gathering, fashionable from the footlights to the uppermost portions of the gallery. It was an appreciative audience, and a painstaking, deserving cast.

Amateur performances usually drag and tire the people who are present, but the rendition of the sacred opera, "Queen Esther," lacked those disagreeable features, and passed off as smooth as a professional attraction. Esther, the beautiful queen, is in favor at the court of Ahasuerus. Her subjects ask that she intercede for them with the king and save their land. Though unbidden, she asks the king for mercy, and her prayers are granted.

Haman, prime minister to the king, is accused of conspiring to do injustice to the Jews, and, upon order of the king, is executed.

The opera last evening was under the direction of Mr. Martin E. Robinson, and to him, in a great measure, is due the excellent presentation of this well-known and beautiful story.

Miss Ethel Raymond appeared in the title role of Esther, and she was the recipient of deserving tributes at every appearance. Her singing was at all times clear and comprehensive. One of her best solos was "Long Live the King; Ne'er Shall Thy Praises End; Ever the Dutiful, More Than the Beautiful Find in Thee a Friend." Her splendid voice reached the highest note with ease.

Her solo "Fast Ye and Pray for Me" was one of the grand things of the evening.

Geo. L. C. Snyder, as king, was exacting and firm, yet his heart melted to the pleadings of a beautiful woman, who was also a queen, like Esther. Many solos, duets and quartets were imposed upon the king, but Mr. Snyder was equal to the task, his fine bass voice was heard to good advantage, and he received many rounds of applause.

Mrs. W. Carlton Smith came in for her share of the honors as "The Prophetess," and sustained the character with a charming ease. Her voice was in fine form, and she was heartily received. Her solo "Coming With the Hopes of Heaven Above Them" and "For Thou Hast Been a Strength to the poor," were exceptionally well rendered.

Miss Ida Stege, as Mordecai's sister, was a favorite, and her sweet voice was always a revelation to the audience. Her solo trio, "God Is the Refuge of His People," was one of the grand things of the evening, and deserves especial mention.

Francesco Seley, as Mordecai, was

very good, and was a typical Hebrew. Miss Ethel M. Shea, of Portland, took the role of Haman's wife, and pleased all with her cheery voice.

Ronald E. Bradbury, as Haman, was equal to any task imposed upon him by the author. His singing was very pleasing, and his acting was far above the average.

The pages, Misses Ama Strong, Evaline Calbreath, Madeline Walker and Althea Moores, were called back a number of times, and were prime favorites.

The king's maidens, eight young ladies, were also attractive, especially in the ribbon drill.

The other characters were well sustained, and all were carefully prepared for the event. The chorus consisted of about 60 voices, and was inspiring.

The costumes were rich and elaborate, and the scenes were vivid and realistic.

The orchestra and the accompanist, Mr. Newberry, were splendid.

Tonight the opera will be repeated, and another crowded house will greet it.

PERSONALS

J. F. Simpson is in Eastern Oregon on a business trip.

Miss Ruby Farrington, of Eugene, is visiting in this city.

Mrs. Frank Girard and daughter, Agnes, have returned from Hood River.

Mrs. Mark Skiff left today for Newport, where she will pass several weeks.

Prof. and Mrs. W. I. Staley left this morning for the East, where they will spend several weeks.

Oswald West, state land agent, went to Albany today on business connected with his department.

W. G. Wood, of Albany, is in the city, visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. R. Whitney.

Miss Ivy Ford, who has been attending Willamette university, has returned to her home in Eugene.

Senator Squire Farrar, wife and daughter, Miss Gladice, returned today from a several weeks' trip to St. Louis and other Eastern points.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Moores have returned from Eugene, where they were the guests of Judge and Mrs. R. S. Bean during commencement.

Loss Was Heavy.

St. Petersburg, June 18.—A Liao Yang dispatch places the Russian's total loss in killed and wounded at 2000 in the battle of Vafangow.

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CATTLE WERE HEALTHY

Dr. J. J. Smith, veterinary surgeon, of Albany, was in the city yesterday, making a test of a carload of cattle that George Burdick shipped to Seattle. Every animal must undergo the examination for tuberculosis before being shipped from the state. The test is made by means of tuberculin, and the temperature of the animal is supposed to indicate whether or not it is suffering from the disease. The process requires 20 hours to complete the work, but every one of the lot tested yesterday proved to be in good health, and the veterinary issued a clean certificate. The prevalence of tuberculosis is becoming one of the serious drawbacks to the stock interests, and the government is taking vigorous measures to stamp it out.

Death of Geo. H. Jones.

George H. Jones died at his home in South Salem this morning aged 82 years. He was one of the oldest settlers in Marion county, and at one time owned considerable property adjoining town. He had been sick for several weeks, but it was not thought that the end was so near.

He leaves a wife, two daughters and one son, one being a noted musician, Miss Frances Jones, of New York City, and the other Mrs. Jos. Parker, of Washington. The son, De Witt Jones, lives in Portland, but has been at home for about a week. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Two Insane Patients.

Sheriff James Ross brought over to the asylum, from Lincoln county, Grant Graves.

Sheriff Worth Houston, of Linn county, brought a woman named Mary E. Shimanek to the asylum. She is a Bohemian, and this is her second attack.

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MODERN WOODMEN CARNIVAL

Will Show in Salem From
June 27th to July 2nd

The Modern Woodmen of America's free street fair carnival, from all rumors, will be one of the big successes of the year. They are starting their advertising in the country, for 25 miles around Salem. As there is no Fourth of July celebration here this year, the country people will no doubt avail themselves of the opportunity to celebrate a few days in advance. The whole big show will be on the streets, with many side attractions, and will not be held in an enclosure, as in former years. The date, June 27th to July 2d, will give every one an opportunity to pay all the attractions a visit.

Rain is Needed

And it will probably come, for the benefit of the late sown grain, and to keep fat cattle on the range, the very best of which in all Oregon find their way to the old reliable market of E. C. Cross, where they may be had at the cut prices, in cuts to suit. The meat war is still on.

Knapps Not Napping.

A new circuit court case is Johanna Knapp against Amanda Knapp, to set aside a deed. Chas. L. McNary is attorney for plaintiff.

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Another Wedding.
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