

SALEM'S FIRST GRAND OPERA

APPEARANCE OF WORLD-FAMOUS TROUPE MARKS ERA IN SALEM'S ADVANCEMENT

"CARMEN" THE FIRST STANDARD OPERA GIVEN IN VALLEY

International Company, With Some of the World's Most Famous Singers and Numbering Seventy in all, Will Delight Salem Music Lovers at the Grand Opera House Saturday Night — Indications Are House Will Be Jammed.

For three days Salem has been honored as the chosen summer home of the International Grand Opera Company, of New York, which after six weeks in San Francisco comes direct to the Capital City of Oregon, bag and baggage, orchestra, prima donnas, chorus women, tenors and stars. Limited hotel facilities made the arrival a problem for the manager, and has filled about all the spare rooms and hotel suites with his leading people, while the minor performers have got rooms even in private houses, and have been strolling through the parks, attending the ten-cent theatres, and doing almost everything to amuse themselves.

A Sweet Prima Donna.
Madam Therry, who sings the leading part, is a French woman, who was the original Fedora in Sardou's masterpiece at the Opera Comique, after competition with 30 applicants to sing the roll. She sings the part in French, and the rest of the singers render their parts in Italian. Colombini, the dramatic tenor, is a college bred man, and Signor Zara

out. There are still seats and several boxes to be had. Albany people have secured boxes and a party signed up from Dallas and other nearby cities. It will be the biggest event ever pulled off in Salem, and the first real Italian opera ever presented in this city. The company goes from here to Portland. Manager Brooks is a talented newspaper man, and looks forward to the reception given his singers at Salem with great interest, as, he says, it is unusual for a city of this size to entertain grand opera. The company made no stops between California and the capital of Oregon.

Leaders in Cast.
The opera to be presented Saturday night will be the most popular of all operas, "Carmen." Mme. Therry is the charming Carmen. Temperamentally she is exceedingly gifted; with equal ease she simulates fiendish anger or passionate affection with all her minor emotions between these antipodes, she is vivacious, alert, bright, intelligent and artistic. One of her strongest powers is the



MADAME HELENE THERRY AS "CARMEN."

equal. The picturesque Toreador, as Zara presents him, is the real person himself, and his entrance song is recalled again and again. He is a large man of magnificent physique, and looks the bull fighter he portrays. He shows that he is the possessor of an admirable voice of vibrant power and quality of tone throughout its compass. The attention of the auditors is called to the clean cut and capital rendering of the quintet composed of Zarad, Donner, Francina, Guillano and Therry in the second act, known in English as "Women Are Cheats."

Mlle. Donner, in the character of the country sweetheart of Don Jose, Michaela, has a soprano voice of prime quality and warmth of color that places it among the category of grand opera voices. Splendid settings of the Spanish city is presented, and everything to carry out the inspiring atmosphere is done for the opera.

One Gringo Gal.
Miss Georgiana Strauss, the only American singer in this grand opera company, is a lady who takes special pride in telling the press representatives very sweetly not to bill her as Signora, Signorita or Mlle., nor any other foreign titles—plain Miss for hers. This slang expression, of course, is not the lady's, oh, no! However, after Miss Strauss had completed her musical education in Italy and made her debut that every debutant looks forward to, she was engaged for a season by this company, and has pleased the management to such an extent that they have the pleasure of re-engaging her for this season, and Salem people are honored with her presence. Miss Strauss is possessed of a beautiful, clear and pleasing voice of great range, a contralto that has a delightful absence of the fanning mill quiver or so-called tremolo in her singing. She is a dramatic actress as well, and lives the character that she portrays. Miss Strauss is one of the most valuable members of the company, as her repertoire is very extensive.

No Augmented Orchestra.
There is to be an orchestra of 30 "voices," and the front row of orchestra seats has been removed.

The Salem opera house orchestra consists, as a general rule, of ten pieces. When the opera companies come along with their additional musicians, this is called augmenting, meaning that the traveling organization and the house musicians play together. This augmenting of the musician is very well for ordinary and common-place music, but when we come to grand opera it is an entirely different proposition. It would be an impossibility for the individual members of a house orchestra

to become sufficiently acquainted musically, with each other during the short practice to allow their individuality being lost in the orchestra ensemble. The result of an augmented orchestra is, that, instead of playing as a unit, there is always noticeable that unwarranted predominance on the part of the instruments that are always obtained under such conditions. One of the violins may take it into his head to lead the others by a mere fraction in tempo; it may be a cornet or a trombone in virtuosic tendencies takes a passage a shade more forte than his fellows, and so on, but whether the conductor is indifferent to such insignificant details, or whether he has not full control over all his people, the effect is anything but satisfactory to the critical auditor. With an entire orchestra, as is carried by the International Grand Opera Company, and conducted by an experienced director this could not occur for such an organization, no matter how strong it may be, numerically, is not augmented—it is, properly speaking, a special orchestra.

JAPS ARE PLEASED WITH THEIR VISIT

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Seattle, Sept. 3.—The visiting Japanese trade commissioners began this morning an inspection of the factories of Seattle and nearby towns which will last the greater part of the day. The first place to be visited was the Hemrich brewery in Georgetown and the condensed milk plant at Kent.

A conference between the Japanese commissioners and the representatives of the Chamber of Commerce was held in the rooms of the latter last night at which tentative plans for the carrying out of the itinerary of the visitors in the United States was discussed. The meeting was productive of much enthusiasm and the utmost good feeling prevailed. Baron Shibusawa, chairman of the commercial delegates, voiced the sentiment of the countrymen when he predicted that trade between Japan and the United States would increase steadily, and made the positive declaration that whenever any article needed in Japan could be bought in the United States at the same price as elsewhere, this country would be favored. He expressed the hope that this country would act in a like manner in the matter of imports from Japan.

RUN PITCHFORK THROUGH HIS SIDE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
John Bass, a son of S. C. Bass, who resides between Mehama and Stayton, is at the Salem hospital receiving treatment for a severe injury received while threshing. He fell

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off the stack and plunged down head foremost, striking on a pitchfork and running one of the steel tines into his right breast about 10 inches. Fortunately it did not penetrate his lungs and he is recovering nicely. Mr. Bass is a heavy man and was literally impaled on the fork, and balanced in the air on the end of the implement, the whole weight of his body being sustained on the one tine. His father is in the city and attending at his son's bedside twice a day and he is receiving the best of medical and surgical care.

WOMAN FASTED THIRTY-ONE DAYS

Pomona, Cal., Sept. 3.—To cure a skin malady which has afflicted her for some time, Mrs. M. C. Allen today completed a fast of 31 days. She says she is confident her long abstinence from food worked the desired cure. During the interim following her last meal she drank only warm water. She lost 16 pounds.

MILLINERS NAME HAT AFTER EXPLORER COOK

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Chicago, Sept. 3.—Dr. Frederick Cook, the discoverer of the north

pole and the only man to stand on the crest of the globe, today was likewise elevated to the tip-most, top-most pinnacle of fame—the National Milliners' Association in session here named a hat for him.

The creation, designed to add additional distinction to his name, is a huge mass of headgear, two feet high if measured from the center of the rim to the crown. It is covered with black fur, while a white aigrette representing the pole bristles from the top.

Gambling.
Your life against 25 cents is just exactly what you are doing if you neglect a cough or cold on the chest. Instead of treating it with Ballard's Horehound Syrup. A 25-cent bottle of this splendid remedy will cure an ordinary cough, heal the lungs and act as a tonic for your entire system. Sold by all dealers.

Cottage Grove will issue \$150,000 bonds for a water system.

Warning.
Do not be persuaded into taking anything but Foley's Honey and Tar for chronic coughs, bronchitis, hay fever, asthma and lung trouble, as it stops the cough and heals the lungs. J. C. Perry.

Many a man's empty pockets are due to his wife's fondness for change.



ZARA, AS THE TOREADOR

sings the Toreador in baritone. Madam Zarad is the Italian prima donna, and a woman of rare voice and facial and physical charms. The basso, Oteri, has a truly international reputation, and is one of the great artists in the company of 75 people.

Great Seat Sale.
Manager Meredith secured a response in the form of seat subscriptions that was a very agreeable surprise, and the present indications are that the whole house will be sold

facial rapidity in the expression of emotion. As a girl, besought by two ardent lovers, only one of whom she loves, she misses nothing that the character requires. Sig. Colombini in the character of Don Jose, the impulsive and jealous soldier lover, leaves nothing to the imagination; realistic to a degree his insane and maddening scenes before the bull ring, at once inspiring and fiendish, is a dramatic bit of acting that none of the dramatic stars of the day can

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