



# SOCIETY

With grand opera this Saturday evening Salem has a bright mid-summer season closing and the social season opening with a musical bank of unusual proportions. The great number of people still at the seaside, at the Seattle fair and in the mountains, there will not be as brilliant an audience, in a social way, as would be the case later in the fall or winter. But this city is certainly favored to have an Italian opera presented by so large a company as the International Opera Company, of New York, which plays only in the largest cities of the United States, and is dropped off here more by accident than otherwise. May the accident be a fortunate one for all concerned.

### Musical Comedy Coming.

Salem is to be given a rare treat next Thursday and Friday nights, September 9-10, when local talent will present "Sabine Haenelt" at the opera house for the benefit of the public library.

"Sabine Haenelt" is a musical comedy in three acts, by Mr. and A. L. Knorr, and the story is very amusing. It deals with an American opera company financially embarrassed in Turkey, and the comedy characters are played by Mr. Cyrus Price and Toots Perkins, well-known fun-makers. They keep the laugh going all evening. Mrs. Gretchen Knorr plays the role of "Sabine Haenelt," the American girl.

Mr. Will Mott, as the Yankee "John Burns," takes the part splendidly, and his rich baritone voice will be heard in several numbers. Mr. Ross Melville, the well-known tenor, plays the Turkish officer, and has some pretty solos. Miss Adaline Meiring is very attractive and pretty as his sweetheart, and Margaret Ostrander, as the Dutch girl "Lena," is very clever.

The song numbers include "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now," "When You Steal a Kiss or Two," "Love Me Just Because," "Steinle," "Whistle If You Want Me Dear," "Pony Boy," "Telephone Song," "It's Hard to Find a Real Nice Man," "I'm no Stinky Romeo" and many others, some of which are Mrs. Knorr's composition. Miss Lela DeLong and Zoe Olmstead have very pretty numbers, and you should see Miss Louise Thompson and Virgil Lloyd in their sketch.

The pony ballet includes Constance Cartwright, Priscilla Fleming, Lucia Staley, Iza McGilchrist, Emmaline Klune and Genevieve Frazier, all very pretty and graceful girls. Those in the broiler chorus are Messrs. Robert Paulus, Virgil Lloyd, Abbie Graber, Edgar Sherman, Clifford Hedrick, Albert Shart, James McGilchrist, John Giffney, Bob Price, Holcomb and Misses Eugenia Belle, Lela DeLong, Zo. Olmstead, Myrtle Montgomery, Hazel Downing, Alta Altman, Vera Martin and Maude Durbin.

### A Memorable Occasion.

A very pleasant surprise was given to the venerable Nathan T. Pickett, at his home on Maple avenue, in North Salem, as he was passing his 80th mile stone in the journey of life, August 31, 1909, when he was literally buried by his daughter,

Mrs. C. R. Scott, beneath a shower of 290 birthday post cards, 10 letters of greeting, and one telegraphic message from his six children in five states, and his many friends of the past and present, representing 10 states, from Indiana to Washington, congratulating him on his safe arrival at the octogenarian cycle.

Some years ago his aged spouse, who has traveled with him 57 years in life's journey, conceived the surprise, and, confiding it to their daughter, Mrs. Scott, who, entering zealously into the plan, has been the presiding genius that brought the event to such a happy consummation. Some very unique specimens are to be found in the over 300 greetings, a few of which are worthy of mention. Many of the post cards had the picture of the sender on the face side, one of which was the happy, joy-beaming countenance of an old darkey that used to work for Mr. Pickett in the long ago. Another was a 3000-word typewriter letter of reminiscences from a friend of 40 years ago, giving a brief historical synopsis of the events happening in Mr. Pickett's old neighborhood home in Indiana. Another telegram from a railroading nephew in California. Several of the greetings are original poems, one from an aged minister, his former pastor. But the most prized of all was a poem by his wife, a masterpiece of its kind. What a host of memories of the past must flood and cheer the souls of Mr. and Mrs. Pickett, as those over 300 greetings, some of them covering a separation of over 40 years are read as reread.

### Sunday School Convention.

An interesting little program has been prepared for the Hayesville district Sunday school convention, to be held at Ayrum, three miles east of this city, on Sunday, September 19. The officers are: Fred McMullan, president; G. G. Looney, vice-president; Russell Kelzer, secretary-treasurer. Each school represented is to bring a properly written report to the convention. The day will be spent as follows:

- 10:00—Devotional service. Concert reading, Isa. 55:1-13.
- 10:25—"Progress of S. S. Work in Marion County," J. J. Swartz.
- 10:45—Song, Rickey.
- 10:50—"All in Line for Temperance," Fruitland.
- 11:10—Song, Hazel Green.
- 11:15—"Problems Facing the Boy," Clear Lake.
- 11:45—Discussion.
- 1:55—Song, Convention.
- 12:00—Basket dinner.
- 1:30—Song, convention.
- 1:35—Business session. Reports of schools.
- 1:55—Address, "Meeting the Difficulties of S. S. Work."
- 2:20—Questions on above.
- 2:30—Song, Hayesville.
- 2:35—"Arousing Interest in the S. S. Lesson," Leroy Eason.
- 2:55—Song, Bethel.
- 3:00—"The Superintendent and His School," superintendents.
- 3:25—Song, convention.
- 3:30—Adjournment.

Don not envy but pity the man whose master is money.

Plutocracy in power is bad enough but when reinforced by Privilege it becomes intolerable to men who deserve to be free.

## ALL READY AT THE FAIR GROUNDS

### Many Improvements Are Made That Make It One of the Finest in the United States.

The improvements at and the beautifying of the state fair grounds are now practically completed. For the past week Salem plumbers have been installing the toilets in the bungalow, the new building constructed this year for the accommodation of visitors, and by next Friday the workmen will have the neat resting cottage ready for occupancy. This is one of the most important improvements made at the fair grounds. In one compartment there has been arranged a room for ladies only, where they may sit down and rest, and should the weather require it, a fire can be built in a large comfortable-looking fireplace in one end of the room. The nursery is another great convenience, which will be turned over to the many mothers who bring their children to the fair. A gentleman's waiting and resting room has been provided, where newspapers will be provided. Directly off from the gentleman's resting room is a shoe shining chair, which has been set up in a small room, and there will be a man engaged who will look after the wants of the men visitors. In the ladies' apartment the board has engaged a matron to conduct that place and make things as comfortable as possible for the tired women and children who stop at the bungalow to rest during the long day of sightseeing.

The cement workers have now begun on the entrance or new administration building. The only work now remaining to complete the handsome structure is covering the outside with a coat of cement. This is over half finished, and by next Friday, two days before the opening of the fair, the workmen will be through and the new turnstiles will be set in place. The wiring of the new administration building has all been completed, and Monday evening, the 13th, it will be lighted with hundreds of electric lights.

There remains but a few rods of pipe to be connected before the new sewer will be in commission. By next Thursday the water will be turned on, and the fair grounds will then be equipped with a serviceable sewer system.

The Southern Pacific Company has fulfilled its part of the improvements by constructing a new switch two blocks long, around the north side of the grounds. For a time it was thought that the switch would not be constructed this year, but by next Tuesday the railroad workers will have it in order for the handling of live stock exhibits, and other shipments for the fair.

Everything is quiet as yet around the pavilion, with the exception of a few decorators working on the Polk county exhibit. This is the only county taking action in installing their exhibits so far this year, and when Polk has its apartments finished it will be one to stop and look at, as some of the finest exhibits ever shown at the state fair have been collected by Polk county. It has not been decided what will be done with the Marion county booth as yet, but it is probable that a candy or refreshment concern will take it over, or possibly another county would prefer to establish an exhibit in the vacant location. The counties which will not be represented this year are Lane, Marion and Columbia.

Judging from the records the horses are making every day in California, at the different fairs and race meets, and in the manner in which the local horsemen are driving their races around Lone Oak track, the state fair will have an exceptionally fast meet this season. Salem horse men and enthusiasts who attended the races last year at the fair will remember the bay pacer formerly belonging to Dr. W. S. Mott, of this city, called "Zombroun," but now the property of Porter Bros., distinguished as being among the largest horse owners in the Northwest. For the past week "Zombroun" has been making the southern people sit up and take notice. In Sacramento he won a race in three straight heats, making a new mark of 2:11 1/4. He has also been winning places in Pleasanton, Woodland and Chico, California, when up against horses with splendid records. It is

predicted that "Zombroun" will even beat his recent record when he races on the Lone Oak track, the fastest on the coast.

### Aunsville Notes.

The Speer-Miller Lumber Company is moving in the sawmill machinery recently purchased of D. F. Eastburn and is erecting a large mill on East Main street, which will soon be in operation.

W. W. Perkins, of Gold Creek, is in town, looking after business interests.

There is some prospect of installing an electric light plant in this place.

Many of the farmers and their families are leaving for the hop yards. The prune growers report an enormous output of prunes this season. John Crum and L. C. Eastburn made a flying trip to Portland Wednesday.

L. R. Randall and wife, of Tallman, were visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Kirkpatrick, over Sunday.

Mrs. Cockerline, of Medford, is here visiting Mrs. D. E. Swank.

There was an ice cream social at the suburban home of Rev. D. McInturf on last Tuesday evening. A general good time is reported.

Chas. Ransom is erecting a modern bungalow on his lots in the Merrifield addition.

Miss Sadie Davis is here from Kansas, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Davis.

A number of our townspeople, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Colvin, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rahn, Dr. and Mrs. Cole, O. A. Pound, J. Dally, W. Otam, B. Speer and O. V. Darby, were in attendance at the Seio fair this week.

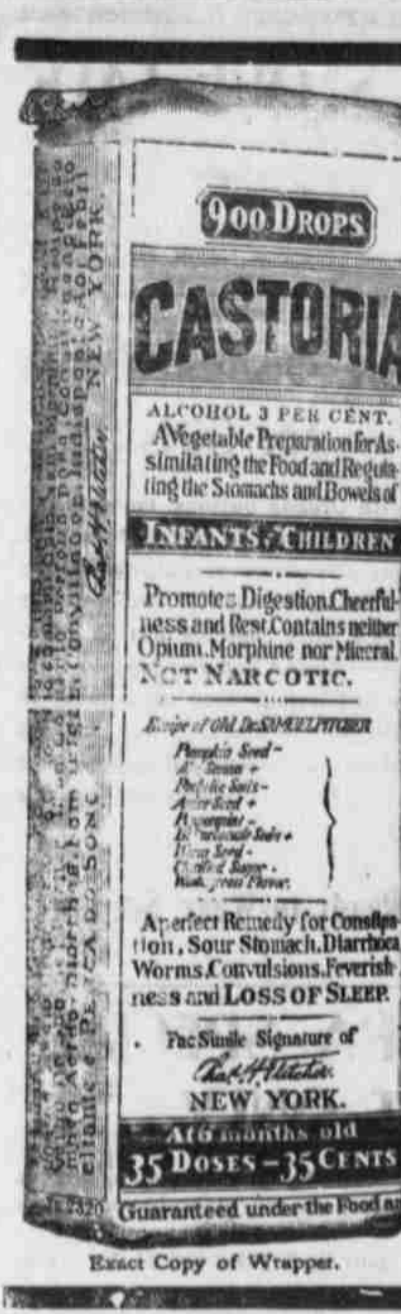
The public school building is being treated to a new coat of paint on the interior.

Mrs. T. J. Arthur has joined her husband here, and they have set up housekeeping in town.

Miss Letha Hamilton, of Portland, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. D. W. Smith, the past week, returning home Monday morning.

Mrs. H. C. Porter returned from Newport last Saturday, from an eight weeks' outing.

Mrs. A. B. Griffith and children,



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who have been visiting relatives in Nebraska, returned last week.

Mr. Sutton, of Idaho, is visiting his son, A. Sutton.

O. H. Gilbert, manager of the Pacific States Telephone Company, was visiting relatives over Sunday.

Mrs. D. L. Eastburn and daughter, Mrs. Will Myers, are home from Wilholt Springs.

Thomas Johnson, with his brother and family from the East, have gone to Newport for an outing. XX

### SCIO FAIR WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

Mr. Edward Keene, who is salesman at the Spencer Hardware Company, has returned from attending the Linn county fair, held at Seio, and says it was a great success.

The fact that the old route across the Santiam was a bad one will prove a fine thing for Lebanon, taking the road through that city—Democrat.

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