

DOLLAR OPERA IS SUCCESS-BEHYMER

70,950 Persons Pay \$38,469.50 to Hear 32 Performances of Bevani Singers

LONGER SEASON IS POSSIBLE

Auditorium Manager Solves Problem That Was Called Crazy Idea All Over the U. S.

"Dollar opera has been a success in Los Angeles," said L. E. Behymer, manager of the Auditorium, last night as the curtain of the big stage rang down on the performance which closed the fourth week of the engagement of the Bevani singers.

"After four weeks, during which time 70,950 persons have paid \$38,469.50 to listen to thirty-two operas, the question of grand opera in Los Angeles has been solved. The company has made money and goes on its way rejoicing. I have vindicated my assertions and have shown that the Auditorium is a practical house with its large seating capacity and large stage for giving grand opera at popular prices. There is no reason why a series of from eight to twelve weeks of grand opera could not be financed and given here in an artistic manner, with the right kind of brains, energy and determination behind it."

When Mr. Behymer tried to book this opera company he found that eastern bookers already arranged for the house presented serious difficulty. "I had to get the eastern managers to cancel four plays before I could make this engagement," he said. "You're nutty on grand opera. We cancel the shows. It's up to you to make good."

HERE'S HIS ANSWER "At the end of the first week, after playing to some 18,000 persons, with an income of \$8297, I went back. We may be nutty, but we are cheerfully making good."

"The members of the New York office force were not the only doubters either," continued Mr. Behymer. "This experiment was looked upon as a crazy idea all over the United States. Dollar grand opera!"

Letters of confidence came frequently, advice more frequently. No one had any faith in it. Even the Los Angeles public awaited the criticism of the local press before venturing to invest fifty cents for a cushioned seat in a good part of the house to listen to sixty-eight persons working continuously for three hours.

"The New York grand opera managers said: 'If Bee makes good the problem is solved, but he is as crazy as ever on music. Why doesn't he turn his attention to the moving picture show and ride in an automobile?' The Bevanis themselves questioned dollar opera; they wanted the first ten rows at \$1.50, but had forgotten to stipulate the prices in the contract."

"Dollar opera has come to Los Angeles and Los Angeles received it. The Bevani company has sung thirty-two operas, 'Lucia' and 'La Boheme' four times each; 'Faust', 'Aida', 'La Boheme', 'The Love Tales of Hofman', 'Rigoletto' and 'Il Trovatore' each received three presentations. 'Martha' was given twice and 'Cavalleria' and 'Pagliacci' one afternoon and one evening; a mixed program was given on Verdi night, and an all-star program on a Saturday evening."

70,950 SEEN OPERAS "In all 70,950 persons paid admission. Of this number 5500 witnessed 'Lucia', 5500 'Faust', 8950 'Aida', 3200 'Martha', 8350 'La Boheme', 8950 'Love Tales of Hofman', 8200 'Rigoletto', 7400 'The Love Tales of Hofman', 4100 'Il Trovatore', 4650 'Il Trovatore' and 4200 the mixed programs.

"'Lucia' and 'Aida' vied in popularity with 'Rigoletto' and 'La Boheme.' The first week's business was \$3297, the second week, as the reputation of the Bevanis spread, amounted to \$11,941. The third week, a repetition of many of the operas given during the previous weeks, showed \$7,330.50 as the receipts for eight performances. The fourth week, with 'La Boheme' as the stellar attraction, \$10,301—a total of \$38,469.50."

"And this," concluded Mr. Behymer, "is less than the cost of one week of grand opera in New York at the Metropolitan opera house, where less than one-third as many persons could receive the educational advantages which have been offered to the people of this city in the productions given by the Bevanis singers."

TAFT EXPECTED TO PLEAD FOR DELAY ON TARIFF Message Probably Will Make No Recommendation for Changes

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—President Taft was reported today as not having made up his mind fully with regard to the tariff features of his forthcoming message. He has a long conference with Chairman C. M. Emery of the tariff board and talked also with a delegation from the National Tariff Commission association.

There is a general impression in Washington that Mr. Taft will indicate that the tariff board is not ready to submit a detailed report on any one of the schedules, and until the board is able to submit data upon which an absolutely scientific revision can be made the president will recommend that all action shall be deferred.

WILD-EYED MEN TERRORIZE TOWNS IN SHASTA COUNTY Run Amuck in Different Places and Then Take to Woods

REDDING, Cal., Nov. 26.—Two wild-eyed men are running amuck in the woods of Shasta county, there being no connection between the two, yet each being afflicted in much the same manner and threatening violence to any person whom they may encounter.

Sam Gibson, aged 45, a powerful lumberman, at Le Moine, yesterday, after menacing the lives of several persons, started for the woods and disappeared. The crazed man threatened to annihilate anyone who came in his path.

At Shingleton, an unknown man appeared yesterday and tore his clothes from his body. He created a reign of terror and disappeared.

You can buy it, perhaps at many places, but there's one BEST place to buy it—and that place advertises.

LOCAL IMPRESARIO WHO SAYS DOLLAR OPERA IS SUCCESS



L. E. BEHYMER

U. S. ENGINEER LIEUTENANT TO RESUME LOCAL OFFICE

According to orders received yesterday at the office of the United States engineer, Lieut. Charles T. Leeds will return to Los Angeles and assume his duties as engineer on December 1. During his absence of about three months the office has been in charge of Capt. W. P. Stokely. Captain Stokely has been instructed to return to San Francisco.

MUSICAL THIEF BUSTY

George W. Quick of 78 Gladys avenue reported to the detectives late yesterday afternoon that his home was entered during the absence of the family yesterday morning and a mandolin and a guitar were taken.

BOYS OF Y.M.C.A. SELECT OFFICERS

Jay Perrin of Los Angeles Elected President of Long Beach Conference

PLANS FOR FINAL SERVICE

Directors of the Work in Several Branches of Institution to Deliver Addresses

LONG BEACH, Nov. 26.—The Older Boys' conference of the Y. M. C. A., which will close tomorrow night after a successful session, has elected the following officers: President, Jay C. Perrin, Los Angeles; vice president, Leonard Holland, Pasadena; secretary, Lloyd Wyatt, Long Beach; assistant secretary, Malcolm Tedford, Santa Ana. A day filled with interesting and instructive meetings began with gatherings along the beach at 8:15 o'clock by the delegations from the different organizations represented. Bible study and a discussion of the "Religious Life of the Older Boy" followed.

SCENE OF SUMMER CAMP A unique affair was tonight's program in the Sunday school rooms of the Baptist church, where the effect of the Y. M. C. A. summer camp was obtained by pitching two tents and lighting a campfire.

Tomorrow morning a number of the secretaries will occupy pulpits here, and boys will sing or act as ushers in some

JURY DISAGREES IN CASE CHARGING EMBEZZLEMENT

After deliberating until nearly midnight last night the jury in the case of Allen R. Fisher, charged with embezzling diamonds valued at \$500 from the Diamond Credit company, reported that it could not agree and was discharged. The case was tried in Judge Davis' department of the superior court.

ANDREW G. PATTON DIES AFTER LENGTHY ILLNESS

Andrew Glassell Patton, well known in Los Angeles and vicinity, died at Banning yesterday after a long illness. He was a brother of George S. Patton, Mrs. Thomas B. Brown, Mrs. LeMoine Wills and Mrs. Hancock Banning. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Church of the Savior (Episcopal) at Banning.

JUDGE JOINS CHINESE COUPLE

Justice Baird yesterday united in marriage Wong Hing, a merchant in Chinatown, and Lee Ho Moy. This was Justice Baird's first Chinese wedding. The bridegroom, who is 45 years old, is a native of China. The bride gave her age as 32 and California as her native home. Her parents, however, were born in China. While the groom was dressed in American style, the bride wore Oriental robes.

ENGINEER IS BANKRUPT

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States district court yesterday by E. T. Hawkins, a marine engineer of San Pedro. He gives his liabilities as \$8542.50 and his assets as \$100, on which he claims exemption.

THOROUGHLY BRITISH

Hicks—Did you ever see any one so uncompromisingly English as Perkins? Wicks—No, and I never saw any one with any pretension to style make such a ridiculous breach of good form as he did yesterday. He appeared in full dress at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Shipping News

SAN PEDRO, Nov. 26.—Arrived: Steam schooner Mandakay from Crescent City via San Francisco; steamer Olsen & Mahoney from Ancon, Panama; steamer Homer from San Francisco and way ports; steamer schooner Helen P. Drew from Greenwood; schooner Stinson, fifteen days from Bellingham; steamer Santa Rosa from Eureka via San Francisco; steam schooner Silverdale from Everett.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

The schooner Stinson, Captain Peterson, arrived today from Ballard with 300,000 feet of lumber. The steamer Riverdale, Captain Dahlquist, arrived tonight from Everett with a cargo of poles and lumber. The schooner Omega, Captain Peterson, sailed today for Coos Bay to reload lumber.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS

ARRIVE Geo. W. Elder, Portland, Nov. 27 Governor, Seattle, Nov. 29 Hahalei, San Francisco, Nov. 29 Geo. W. Elder, San Diego, Nov. 29 Rose City, Portland, Nov. 29 Admiral Sampson, Seattle, Dec. 1 Governor, San Diego, Dec. 3 Santa Rosa, San Francisco, Dec. 3 DEPART Geo. W. Elder, Portland, Nov. 27 Governor, Seattle, Nov. 29 Hahalei, San Francisco, Nov. 29 Geo. W. Elder, San Diego, Nov. 29 Rose City, Portland, Nov. 29 Admiral Sampson, Seattle, Dec. 1 Governor, San Diego, Dec. 3

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ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 26.—Arrived: Steamers Yosemite, Bear, Gray Harbor, Hahalei, San Pedro; Schooner Balboa, Redondo. Sailed: Steamer Redondo, San Pedro.

FORMER HOTEL EMPLOYE TO ANSWER FOR FORGERY

E. P. Lambert, formerly a hotel employe of Los Angeles, was brought to this city yesterday from Minneapolis to answer a charge of forgery pending in Justice Pierce's court. The accused is one of two men who disappeared some weeks ago in company with Phyllis Roberts. The three were wanted in Los Angeles on the charge of passing bad checks. They were arrested in Chicago. The Roberts woman was brought here, while Lambert was taken to Minneapolis to answer similar charges there. He was acquitted, however, but was brought here on request of local officers.

NEARLY \$2000 IS RAISED

Nearly \$2000 was realized as a result of the efforts of the managers of the Children's hospital, according to a statement given out yesterday, from the two donation days during which contribution boxes were placed in many business establishments. They express thanks to owners of the banks, buildings, stores and hotels and to the school board for co-operation in the work.

PASTOR TO TELL OF ALASKA

The Rev. A. C. Smith, pastor of the First Christian church, will preach this morning in his church on "Paul's Doctrine of God." At 7:30 p. m. he will give a stereoscopic lecture on "A Midland Glacier of Alaska," followed by a short sermon on "Thanksgiving." Dr. Smith has a fine set of views on Alaska which he is exhibiting for the benefit of the public.

STREET CAR STRIKES BOY

Pursuing a ball which had been tossed toward him, George Webb, 2 1/2 years of age, ran in front of a Garvan car at Monte Vista street and Avenue 54 at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and was seriously injured. He was unconscious for an hour after the accident, but may recover. He is the son of George D. Webb, a clerk.

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