

OGDEN CHOIR RETURNS HOME

Singers Are Now Resting After Arduous Week on Pacific Coast.

BIG CONCERT TRIP'S CLIMAX.

It Was Given in California State Fair Pavilion and Attracted 12,000 Listeners.

(Special to the "News.") Ogden, Sept. 9.—The Ogden tabernacle choir is home again after a most successful trip to California where they represented the state of Utah in a way that cast great credit upon this Intermountain commonwealth.

Many friends were made and much prejudice was allayed while our great state was brought into prominence and is wider and better known as a result of the trip. Much credit is being given the choir and those who went with them for the way the responsibility has been discharged.

The fitting climax of the trip was reached when the Ogden singers appeared for a concert in the large pavilion where the California state fair was being held. The purpose of having the choir sing in the exhibit building was to bring the people to the fair. The utmost desire of the managers was realized for the box office marked 5,000 paid admissions and more than 12,000 had entered the fair grounds and at the side entrance, so there were 12,000 or more people in the pavilion to hear the choir sing. A Sacramento man remarked that he had lived in Sacramento all his life but never had seen such a wonderfully large gathering. The building was simply one great mass of people. Every foot of available space of the large balcony and main floor was occupied by expectant people. The concert consisted entirely of choruses as no solos were attempted on account of the size of the assemblage.

SINGING EXCELLENT.

The singing of the choir was excellent and full of spirit, and during the rendition of each number the moving mass of humanity at the exhibition turned their eyes from the displays and remained spellbound in their attention and at the end burst forth in thunderous applause. The sight of this little world of people, awaiting their every note, filled the singers with inspiration and they sang as they had never sang before. This glorious sight can never be effaced from the memory of those who saw it.

NEARLY CONVERTED.

The feeling of the Sacramento people is shown by the remark of a reporter of one of their papers, who said: "If you people state your religion you will have us all converted."

KIESEL MAKES OFFER.

A number of large bouquets were given the choir by people of different estates showing their appreciation. In the midst of all these good things, Fred J. Kiesel, the choir's staunch friend, made a most generous offer to the choir to sing in Sacramento at his expense another day so that they could have at least one day to view the sights, and so on. He said he thought best, however, that this most generous offer be declined with gratitude.

After this crowning feature of the tour the choir boarded their special train and started homeward.

THURSDAY'S CONCERT.

The concert Thursday night added to the success the choir and soloists had won in previous appearances. The work of the choir was received with more enthusiasm, if possible, than the previous evening. The second part of the program consisted of J. J. McClellan's Irrigation Ode. The audience received the ode with great fervor and unanimity remained in their seats after the rendition, asking for more, by the clapping of hands. Willard E. Weihe, the violinist, was given an ovation. His playing was even better than the night before, the audience was simply carried away, and the performer was accorded rapt attention.

Fred C. Graham was the vocal soloist of the evening. The audience was unanimous in demanding his return after every number. He responded to nearly every demand with a pleasing encore. The choir left San Francisco Friday morning for Sacramento, where they gave two concerts, matinee and evening. Notwithstanding the fact that there was a misunderstanding regarding the time, the immense irrigation hall was filled almost to its capacity with an audience such as it has been the good fortune of the choir to meet during this tour. Had there been no mistake in the time it is safe to say that every seat would have been filled and many more would have been standing outside the doors, for thousands came and then left, not caring to wait from 1:30 to 2:30, the discrepancy in the time.

Willard E. Weihe and Miss Myrtle Ballinger were the soloists of the matinee. Mr. Weihe's artistic playing on the violin and his clear and soulful soprano was warmly applauded.

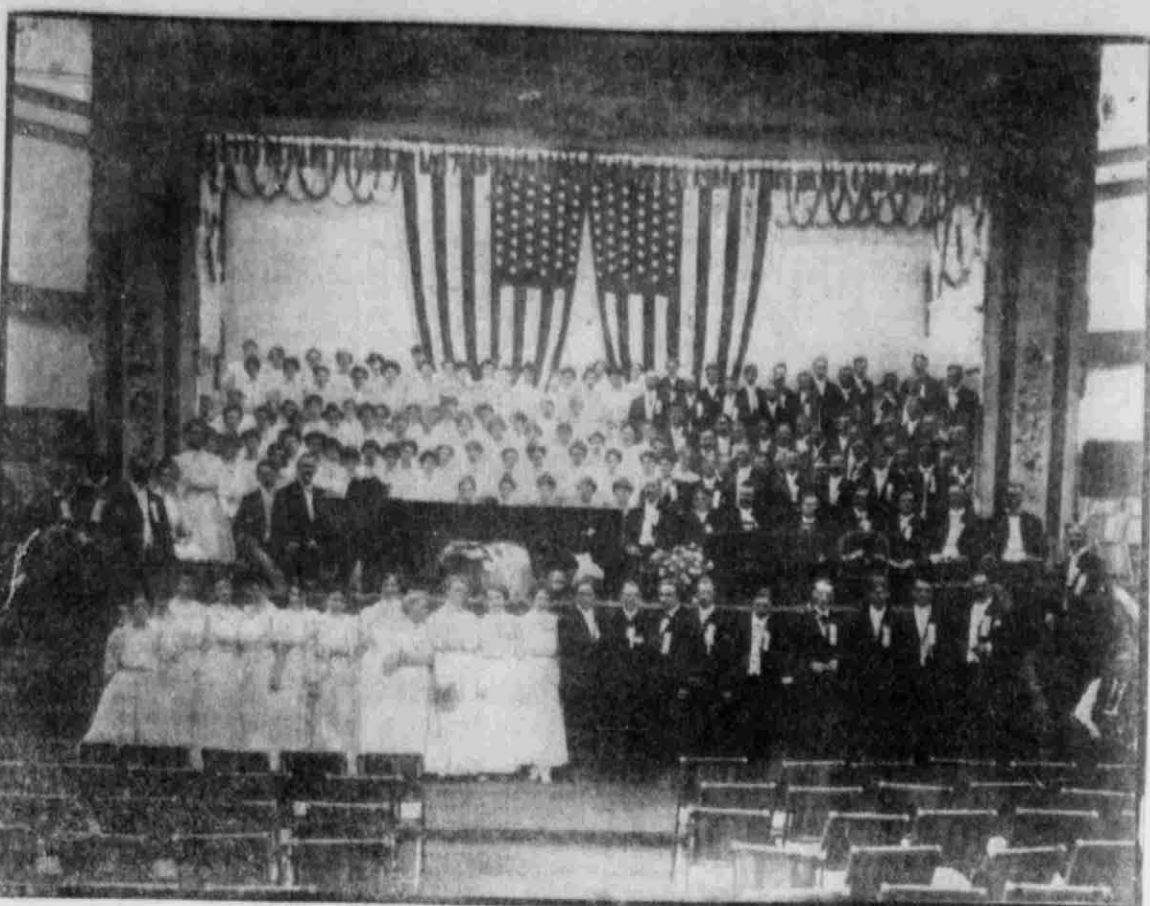
JOURNEY HOMEWARD.

The journey homeward was very much enjoyed as everyone was free from care and in good spirits. The health of the choir members has been good, although the soloists, Mr. Graham, Miss Foster, and Miss Ballinger, were troubled with their throats as the result of colds. At stations along the way a choir club sang sweet songs with beautifully blending voices. They drew large crowds and much favorable comment from delighted auditors. The choir special arrived in Ogden at 2:45 a. m. Sunday. After a most glorious trip, the singers were glad to be home.

During the entire trip the members of the choir have acted with perfect decorum. The proprietor and manager of the Golden Eagle hotel of Sacramento said to Director Joseph Ballinger: "I have never had a crowd of 25 act so well as your 200." Often in large parties of this kind, a great deal of bisterousness is present, but on this occasion it was not in evidence, and at every point the actions of the choir members commanded respect.

TRIP A SUCCESS.

The trip as a whole was a marked success artistically and in other ways. The choir did good work as singers. They upheld and enhanced the musical reputation of Utah, and proved themselves a credit to the community they represented. The venture was also a success as an advertiser of our great state. Utah took a prominent part in the irrigation congress, but it would hardly have been noticed among the many other things had it not been for the attention drawn by the choir. Chairman Beard of the executive committee said: "The singing of the magnificent choir was the crowning feature of the congress. Utah can well be proud of this famous choir."



OGDEN TABERNALE CHOIR IN CONGRESS HALL, SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

ROSS'S GOOD WORK.

Charles J. Ross, manager, was untiring in his efforts to make the choir comfortable during the journey. The choir was always provided and every wish and desire was anticipated and supplied. The choir is one large, harmonious family, where there is the utmost good feeling and in a way Charles J. Ross has been the head of that family inasmuch as he has looked after their welfare so carefully. The choir is deeply indebted to those men and women, too, who have worked in connection with Fred J. Kiesel, to make the trip possible. They worked valiantly, success has crowned their efforts, and untold good has resulted from their work.

SALT LAKE SOLOISTS ACCORDED DUE PRAISE.

Aside from the choir itself the Salt Lake soloists who accompanied the famous Ogden aggregation of singers to the National Irrigation Congress came in for generous treatment at the hands of the newspaper critics both in Sacramento and San Francisco where the choir appeared.

Those who returned yesterday are enthusiastic over their reception and all report having spent a most enjoyable time.

The San Francisco Chronicle of Friday has the following to say of the work of Willard Weihe and Fred C. Graham:

"At the concluding concert of the Mormon tabernacle choir of Ogden, given last evening in Dreamland Park, the most impressive feature was the playing of Willard E. Weihe, the violinist, who more than justified the expectations aroused by his excellent playing at the previous concert. In the rendition of the Mendelssohn concerto he hardly found himself, but in the allegro which followed, he was a revelation. All the dandling witchery of the inspired movement was put, as it were, into his hands. He played with an unaccompanied number, which was excellent for its splendid color and fantasy. It is safe to say that Willard E. Weihe is yet to be heard from."

"Daybreak" by Fanning was the introductory number sung by the chorus. The shading and general interpretation were most commendable.

"Fred C. Graham sang delightfully Clay's 'I'll Sing These Songs of Araby' and 'I Know Two Bright Eyes' by Clutman.

ANOTHER CRITICISM:

"Of the soloists heard last evening, Willard E. Weihe, the violinist, was the winner of the honors. He is called in Utah the 'Mormon Ysaye.' A pupil of the famous violinist, he suggests much of the master's artistry. He has a good tone, and plays with fine expression and poetry. The 'Andante rubato e vivace' from the Wieniawski Concerto was excellently done. The violinist was also heard in other numbers, one of which was Schumann's 'Traumerei,' played with exquisite feeling."

"Fred C. Graham sang Mendelssohn's 'If With All Your Hearts,' with much tenderness and Bohm's 'Still as the Night,' with fine phrasing. He has a pleasing tenor voice, which, though it has somewhat of a suggestion of baritone quality, is nevertheless very pleasing."

"Hallie Foster contributed some soprano solos. The accompaniments were played by John J. McClellan, the organist of the Salt Lake tabernacle. He assisted the chorus splendidly."

The Sacramento Union says: "Professor W. E. Weihe, violinist of the choir, gave a delightful example of fine bowing and stopping in the violin solo, 'Romanza,' from the second concerto of Wieniawski. He has depth of feeling, enthusiasm, fine method and exquisite execution, his technique being superior and free from rigidity."

"The pianist accompanying the choir and the soloists, J. J. McClellan, is an artist. He never outruns nor drowns. He really leads and carries. His method is excellent."

UTAH RELICS.

State University Starts to Build Up a Collection.

Utahns are to have a chance of seeing Utah relics from now on. The state university has started to build a collection which as the years roll around, will grow into the importance and size and interest that few museums can boast. Prof. Byron Cummings is decidedly anxious that a museum, worthy of Utah, should be located in this state and has been working hard to this end.

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JEWISH NEW YEAR.

Services in Commemoration of the Event Conducted by the Rabbi.

The Jewish year commenced last evening, and at 8 o'clock services in commemoration of the event were conducted by Rabbi Charles J. Freund, at Temple B'nai Israel, 510 Fourth East street. Today a public meeting was held at the same place, and special gatherings are scheduled for various hours during the celebration.

Last evening's meeting was characterized by special musical exercises, and an interesting address by the rabbi, his subject being "The Passing and the Present."

GIRL SUICIDES.

Widow of Aeronaut W. M. Goda Takes Bichloride of Mercury.

The widow of W. M. Goda, the balloonist who met death in Ogden some time ago, joined her husband Friday in the city of death. The funeral was held in Payson yesterday. The woman drank bichloride of mercury, a most deadly poison. This was not mentioned in the death notices covering the girl's death so the story which had reached the city of Ogden has just come to light and is still lacking in a few essential details.

It appears that while the girl was but 15 years of age at the time of her death, she had been married three times. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randall, formerly of Payson but who lived in Salt Lake up until Friday.

About two years ago she married a man whose name is not known at the present time. He passed out of the girl's life and about a year ago she married W. M. Goda, aeronaut, who performed at the Salt Palace last season. From this city Goda went to Ogden and there met death by falling on to electric wire. The little widow tried to earn money enough to pay the costs of her husband's burial. She had been taught the art of flirting with death by her husband and when he was unable to make the perisus jumps she took his place. After experiencing indifferent luck in Ogden Mrs. Goda, child-widow, came back to Salt Lake. A license was granted in this city permitting Charles E. Fitzgerald of Munday, Texas, and Lenora Goda to marry.

Within five days they had quarreled and soon after the girl drank the poison. Dr. Thomas C. Gibson was called and kept the suffering girl alive for eight days—and eight days of awful agony they were. Then she died, was buried and so ended a young life that had lived long in a short time.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. H. D. Ellerbeck announces the engagement of her daughter Genevieve to Dr. Clarence Mott Benedict, the wedding to take place in the near future.

Yesterday Miss Gertrude McGrath and Mr. C. S. McDonald whose engagement has been announced were entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Piler.

The chief topic of interest in social circles is the "Robin Hood" performance to be given this week. The boxes and lodges will be filled with parties, and social dinners and suppers are planned to precede and follow the opera.

On Saturday three brides-elect, Miss Louise Wey, Miss Evelyn Thomas and Miss Gertrude McGrath were guests of honor at a pretty afternoon affair given by Misses Phoebe Hardin and Alice Fisher, the decorations being suggestive of the coming bridal events.

Judge and Mrs. W. C. Hall and family who have spent the summer at Long Beach are expected home this week.

Miss Mary Olive Gray who has been spending the summer with her father, Mayor Gray in Montrose, Cal. has returned.

Mrs. Anthony Godde and children, and Miss Genevieve Knowlton will return this week from California where they have spent several months.

The Ladies Literary club holds its first general meeting of the season on Friday and the other local clubs will take up their year's work within the next two weeks.

Miss Ida Herman, one of the month's prospective brides, was guest of honor

weeks. Warden Pratt will examine the latest improvements in cell house equipment while away, and in his absence Deputy Warden Fry will be in command at the state prison.

LANDLORD WEY INDIGNANT.

Intends Taking Vigorous Steps to Abate Vice in Victim Alley.

Fred Wey, landlord of the Wilson hotel, is on the warpath after the immoral housekeepers in Victim alley that makes the hours of peaceful sleep tedious, make life a hollow mockery and hope an empty dream. Mr. Wey says that time and again guests have been driven from his hotel, and from the other hotels in the immediate vicinity for that matter, by the horrible filth that obtains in the unsanitary locality back of the hotels in the center of the block, until he can not and will not stand for it any longer. As he does not seem to get much satisfaction from the police department, Mr. Wey proposes suing the owners of the premises for renting their premises for immoral purposes. If that plan will not work, he will try something else. Mr. Wey says he intends cleaning out that nest, and believes it can be done.

AN APPRECIATED RULING.

Poor and Needy May Supply Themselves With Wood from Canyons.

E. H. Clark of the national forest service has made the announcement that the poor and needy of this city can go on the forest reserves comprising nearly every canyon surrounding Salt Lake and get dead wood. Col. P. S. Sowers made the same ruling several years ago and those unable to buy coal or wood were enabled to keep themselves in fuel as a result of this thoughtful ruling. Mr. Clark says that hardship will be worked upon those who will not be able to pay the advanced price of fuel during the coming winter. The Salvation Army has been rendering praiseworthy service in this connection in the past by bringing in thousands upon thousands of cords of wood for distribution among the poor of the city.

TWO WIVES SEEK RELEASE.

Matrimonial Bonds Prove Anything But Dream of Bliss.

Two wives seek the dissolution of the bonds of matrimony which they are according to their complaints, to husbands with whom life is not that sublime dream of bliss anticipated at the time of their marriage. The bills of complaint were filed Saturday in the district court.

Katie Esther Bishop charges that Chas. W. Bishop, her husband, has deserted her and after the revocation of her maiden name, Katie Esther Hammond. They were married in Denver, Colo., in 1901.

Bilda Ajakai takes the court to grant her a divorce from George Ajakai, alleging failure to support. There are three children as issue to the marriage and the unhappy wife asks the custody of those. The couple were married in Sweden 11 years ago.

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WANT ORDINANCES REVISED.

Attorneys of this city are just now bending their efforts to secure a revision of the city ordinances. In their present condition, the barristers say, it is nearly impossible to ascertain the force of the ordinances because so

POSTOFFICE INCREASE.

Seventeen Per Cent Advance in Business for August is Announced.

The Salt Lake postoffice showed a 17 per cent increase of business for the month of August over that of last year. The gain was for the most part in stamps and postal cards, while a decrease in envelopes was quite marked. The failure of the last item to come up to the record of 1906 is attributed by Postmaster Thomas to the fact that the firm furnishing envelopes to the government is far behind in its orders. Following are the sales of stamps, cards and envelopes for August of the current year and for the same month of 1906:

	1907.	1906.
Stamps	\$18,779.80	\$16,967.00
Cards	82,929	59,929
Envelopes	2,735.92	2,238.50
Totals	\$22,475.72	\$19,783.10

LEAVE FOR CHICAGO.

Warden and Mrs. Arthur Pratt will leave for Chicago Wednesday next, to attend the annual meeting of the National Prison association. They will be accompanied by their son, Harold L. Pratt, who goes to Ann Arbor to study law, and will be absent two

many of them have been repealed and amended. In order to learn the present force and effect of many of them it is necessary to go to the city recorder's office and go over the files there. The attorneys will probably ask the council at an early date to authorize the revision of the ordinances up to Jan. 1, 1907.

CONVENTION OF GOVERNORS.

Unique Plan Adopted to Exploit Resources of Great West.

To bring before the nation the realization of the resources of the west and to secure needed legislation, the governors of the western states, while present at the national irrigation congress in Sacramento last week, outlined a plan looking to a convention of western governors in Washington early next spring. In addition to the governors present at the meeting, several western senators and congressmen were present and the idea seemed to be highly favored. News of this plan reached this city Saturday in a letter received from Gov. Fair, who is now in California with his family. Gov. Fair will probably participate in the Utah day celebration at Venice today, returning to this city late in the week.

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SUIT FOR \$740.00.

L. John Thomas is made defendant in a suit filed Saturday in the third district court by William Desmond West company. The action is brought to recover \$740.00, alleged to be due for agent paid and disbursed.

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