

FAMOUS WOMAN, HER BIRTHDAY AND YOURS

HELENA MODJESKA.

Without doubt one of the half dozen greatest actresses of the nineteenth century was Helen Modjeska, who was born at Cracow, Poland, Oct. 12, 1844. She came of an artistic Polish family composed of players and musicians, and her father, Michael Opido, gave her a thorough musical and dramatic education. At the age of 17 she made her debut as an actress. The year before she had married a man named Modrefewski, from whom she took her stage name of Modjeska. Later she married Charles Bozenta Chlapowski, a brilliant Polish journalist, and with him she came to this country, owing to the disfavor with which his political views were regarded in the old country. They settled in Los Angeles, Cal., where they hoped to form a Polish colony, but before many months had passed the actress and her husband had lost all that they put into the venture. They had hoped to succeed as agriculturists, although they were practically ignorant of the first thing about farming.

Modjeska had risen high in her art in Poland and when she found that she and her husband were financially ruined she decided to turn her attention to the stage. Within a very short time she mastered the English language and achieved great success

from the start of her American work. Modjeska was one of the most cultivated and accomplished of all the actresses of her time. She was conversant with French, German, and English as well as with her native language; she was a skillful painter as well as an excellent musician. Her repertoire included 284 parts, of which about 30 were in English.



A rummage sale will be held by the Ladies' Union, Friday and Saturday. Articles of any and all descriptions are salable and will be gladly received. Addresses of collection stations can be learned by telephoning any one of the following committee: Mrs. E. H. Harbison, chairman; Mrs. W. A. Cant, Mrs. S. E. Matter, Mrs. W. C. Johnson.



Mrs. Benjamin Lavick of Chicago was honor guest at a surprise party Sunday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Kassmir, 409 First avenue West. Fifty persons attended, the out-of-town guests being Mr. and Mrs. James Lavick of Virginia, Minn.; Mrs. G. Cohen of Cleveland, Ohio, and Samuel Lavick of Chicago.



Mrs. William Kehtel, 314 Second avenue East, will be hostess to the women of the Moose circle tonight.