

SOCIETY
By Beatrice Lilly.

Gerald Mount, George Sullivan, Melvin Ogden and Ed McCulloch were guests at the Beta Theta Phi house during the week-end.

Delta Delta Delta held initiation on Thursday and Friday of last week. Minnie Polly, Jennie Hunter, Ada Coffee and Margaret Mann were those initiated.

Lyn Livermore, of Pendleton, is visiting at the Sigma Chi house.

The local alumnae association will meet at the home of Miss Greta Bristow, 414 Lawrence street, on Saturday afternoon, December 13. The assistant hostesses are: Mrs. Eberle Kuykendall, Miss Pearl Hawthorne and Miss Francis Kelly. There will be a special program with talks on the proposed Woman's building and special music. The members are re-

quested to meet promptly at 2:30.

Dr. Coshov, of Portland, was a week-end guest and Dr. Bowers, a dinner guest at the Kappa Sigma house on Sunday.

Mrs. Lillian Gray returned Monday evening from Portland, where she spent the week-end.

Charles Reynolds, Boyce Fenton and Bert Gerard were dinner guests at the Chi Omega house Sunday.

The Sigma Chi fraternity held initiation Saturday evening for the following: Miller McGilchrist, Bothwell Avison and F. Saunders.

On these cold nights eat hot dogs at Obak's.

Western Reserve has a course in real estate.

New shipment of BBB briars at Obak's.

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MAKES PLEA FOR EARLY SHOPPING

THE LABOR COMMISSIONER SENDS LETTERS BROADCAST FOR THE AID OF SHOP GIRLS

Says Appeal Is of Vital Merit, and Asks That All Help by Verbal Appeal, to Lessen the Load of the Laborers.

To the Editor:

I want to beg space in your paper for an appeal to the public on a matter of much more importance than many as yet think.

It is the matter of early holiday shopping. There are very few who have not heard this appeal from many sources before, but many, very many, have not been moved by it as they should.

As Labor Commissioner, charged with the protection as far as possible of the workers of Oregon, I add my voice to the appeal to everyone to shop early.

Do your shopping early in the month, early in the week, early in the day. Observe all three of these important points and you will do justice and mercy that will be appreciated by thousands of overworked saleswomen and salesmen, and by thousands more who realize the importance of such action.

Shop early and in broad daylight. Don't allow yourself to linger with the thoughtless throng after the evening shadows begin to fall. Do this and the fervent "God bless you" will spring from the hearts of tens of thousands of shop girls ready to collapse from the fatigue of the day of the hardest kind of work.

Have you any idea of the work of both brain and body of the average saleswoman, particularly in the city or larger town? I dare say you have not—not one in fifty of you. On their feet all day, running hither and thither, harassed by the whim and often by the rebuke of all classes of men and women in all stages of nervous tension. A more fatiguing occupation is unknown. Think of it, please, and lend your reasonable assistance by forming habits that will add just as little as possible to the general strain.

It is at these rush seasons when the incentive is greatest to break the law governing hours of employment. And this is natural. Merchants strive to please their patrons and to accommodate the public in every way. Surely the public, also, has some responsibility. If the law is violated, those charged with its enforcement must act or be justly censured.

From every conceivable viewpoint the appeal for early shopping is of vital merit, and I urge upon one and all the importance of co-operation both in their personal acts, and in helping by verbal appeal, to secure the most general observance of so worthy a principle.

O. P. HOFF,
State Labor Commissioner.
Salem, Or., Dec. 5, 1913.

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VICTORIA MITCHELL SPEAKS

Principal Speaker at Y. W. C. A. Meeting Yesterday—Grad of '06.

Miss Victoria Mitchell, who was graduated from the University in 1906, was the principal speaker yesterday at the regular meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Miss Mitchell returned from Burma last spring, where she has been doing active work in the missionary fields. She talked of the need for missionaries in heathen countries and of the value of their work. Her talk was made realistic by many amusing incidents of native life and also by a display of native costumes.

Mrs. Fletcher pointed out on the map the stations of the Oregon missionaries who are working in foreign countries.

The cost of Harvard's football team this year amounted to \$35,000. The team that played against Princeton and Yale cost the University \$1000 per man.

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