

Society

By Catherine Spall

With rush week over and the new pledges ready to settle down, college life has begun and with it society will once more resume its gayety. A large affair of the past week was the reception given by Mrs. George Fitch in honor of Miss Louise Fitch at the Osborn, on Wednesday, the eve of Miss Fitch's departure for Washington, D. C., where she will handle the membership campaign of the American Association of University Women, which the association voted last spring to put on. She will also assume her duties as editor of "The Journal of the American Association of University Women." She expects to be gone a year.

In the receiving line were Miss Louise Fitch, Mrs. George Fitch, and Mr. E. E. Fitch, father of Miss Fitch, Women who assisted Mrs. Fitch were Mesdames E. E. DeCou, Eric Allen, John Bovard, J. Bishop Tingel, F. L. Chambers, Morgan Watson, E. C. Rob-Karl Onthank, Colin Dymont, Carlton bins, James Gilbert, B. W. DeBusk, Spencer, W. E. G. Thatcher, Marion McClain, and Misses Grace Edgington, Mary Perkins, Julia Burgess, Mary Watson, Madeline McManus, and Lillian Tingle. Sorority girls from Delta Delta Delta and Kappa Alpha Theta assisted about the rooms. Four hundred invitations were issued to faculty and townspeople.

One of the most delightful affairs of the academic year is the President's annual reception to members of the faculty of the University. This year Dr. and Mrs. P. L. Campbell are making this reception an occasion to receive for Mr. and Mrs. Edgar E. DeCou on Friday evening, October 13, in the Alumni hall of the Woman's building. The affair will be anticipated by both old and new members of the faculty.

Dean Elizabeth Fox will be "at home" to students, faculty, and campus guests, in the Dean of Women's suite in the Woman's building, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Hours are from 4:00 to 5:30. Much interest was manifested in these "at homes" last year and students will be glad to hear of their continuance.

An annual affair since Dean Fox's arrival at the University, is the Dean of Women's League reception to women students which will be held this year Saturday afternoon, October 21, in the Alumni hall of the Woman's building.

The first annual reception was held at the President's residence in the fall of 1916, which was Dean Fox's first year on the campus. The next year it was held at Mary Spiller hall with the resident girls assisting her. In 1918 Hendrick's hall was the scene of the gathering with the girls of the hall also assisting. With the completion of the Woman's building, it was held there last year jointly by the Dean of Women and by Women's League.

Receiving with Dean Fox this year will be Mrs. P. L. Campbell and officers of Women's League. Hours will be from 3:30 to 5:30.

Mrs. E. C. Robbins will receive for the wives of the new members of the business administration staff on Thursday afternoon.

Many of the fraternities and sororities have had alumni visitors during rush week among whom were Mrs. R. Giltner, Mrs. M. Margeson, and Mrs. H. B. Maurice who were guests of Chi Omega sorority.

Mrs. Wilbur Carl of Portland was a guest of Alpha Chi Omega for a few days last week.

Phi Delta Theta visitors included Bill Steers, John Gamba, Mac Maurice, Irving Smith and Martin Parelius. At the Sigma Chi house were Cres Maddock, "Jiggs" Leslie, Bob Casgriss, and S. R. Harril. Martin Howard and Eugene Kelly visited the Beta Theta Pi house for the week end.

Mrs. T. S. Wells and Miss Ethel Sanborn, a member of the faculty were dinner guests Friday evening at the Alpha Xi Delta house. Miss Ethel Wakefield also of the faculty, was a dinner guest Sunday evening.

Kay Leep was a guest during the past week at the Chi Psi house of which he is a member.

Phi Beta Phi guests during rush week included Mrs. Earl Leslie, Miss Audrey Roberts, and Miss Elsie Lawrence.

An interesting engagement announced during the summer was that of Miss Beatrice Morrow and Stanley Eisman both of Portland. The young people are well known on the campus. Miss Morrow is a member of Delta Gamma sorority. Mr. Eisman was the editor of Lemon Punch last year and is a Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Many prominent men and women connected with the University and students who recently were on the campus were married during the summer. Among these were Dean Elizabeth Fox to Professor E. E. DeCou, Aurora Potter to Rex Underwood, Mildred Laurerdale to Floyd Maxwell, Helen DeBuy to Lawrence Manerud, Lillian Manrud to Francis Beller and Carol Montague to George Beggs. Many Oregon graduates of former classes were married during the summer also.

Open house—that time of the year when everyone meets everyone else was the annual entertainment on the campus Saturday night from seven to twelve o'clock. A line of march had been previously formulated to wish each fraternity and group of men conformed.

In each sorority house and hall of residence a receiving line was formed and as the men entered introductions were made. According to campus custom hereafter no formal introductions are considered necessary among students.

The Y. W. C. A. girls' mix was a pleasant gathering on Friday evening in the Woman's League rooms of the Woman's building. Various girls took charge of the lively games, preceding which a grand march was held. A program was given consisting of vocal solos by Eloise McPherson and Kathleen Kem, a violin solo by James O'Reilly, a comical quartet, and a group of interesting readings by Mrs. Eric Allen. Later in the evening refreshments were served. Nearly a hundred girls were in attendance.

FLAPPERS SEEN NOT AMONGST PERUVIANS

Hair Is Bobbed, But Skirts Drag on Ground

There are no flappers in Peru. If modesty is to be measured by the number and length of the skirts, the women of this far country are the very personification of the word, for they wear 'em down to the ground, and as many as ten or twelve at a time, according to Donald Smythe, geologist and graduate of the University of Oregon, who has recently returned from the mining districts of Peru. The outside skirt is washed every month, whether dirty or not, he went on to say, and then it is placed on the inside. By a simple computation, your reporter figures that one skirt, making one rotation would last a year, before being dipped into the suds, or rather the creek as it is done in the land of the Peruvians, again.

The Peruvian Bob

In the matter of hair we again find a reversal of the prevailing fashion—if the clipping short of the locks is the popular mode—for the Peruvian belles take precaution each year to cut the end of the hair, on a certain festive occasion known as San Juan day, in the belief that if this is done, their hair will not grow.

The Cholos—for such is the name of the Peruvian Indians—are directly descended from the Incas. From these forbearers, they receive their hardy constitutions. It is not uncommon, said Mr. Smythe, for one of the natives to run two or even three days at a time without food or rest. One explanation of these phenomenal exploits, however, is that they stimulate themselves with a drug contained in cocoa leaves, which they chew in great quantities. These leaves are the same from which cocaine is distilled, and therefore the effect from chewing the leaves is much the same as using hop in the more familiar forms known to us. Mr. Smythe told of a white man, who suffering with a tooth ache, was exhorted by the Indians to try chewing a bit of the cocoa leaf. He did, and not only was his tooth-ache cured, but both jaws were paralyzed for some time.

Second Coming of Lord

The excessive use of this drug, continued Mr. Smythe, explains the average low mentality of the Cholos, for abstainers are as uncommon as bright minds among them. As an example of their ignorance and gullibility, Mr. Smythe recalled an instance when a long bearded man calling himself Jesus Christ appeared among these people some two years ago. He so convinced the natives of the genuineness of his celestial connections that he was able to exploit them to the extent of hundreds of dollars by selling autographed pictures of himself. In addition to this, the sacrilegious impostor predicted the end of the world, and had the populace for miles around praying instead of working until the predicted fatal day had passed.

These people are very superstitious,

went on Mr. Smythe. As in most semi-civilized countries the women do the major part of the work, but their presence in the mines is not tolerated, because of the belief that a woman in a mind shaft would be sure to cause a catastrophe. Therefore the men do all the work under ground, although women are employed on the surface pushing cars, breaking ore and carrying heavy burdens on their backs.

The Spanish Bull

Bull fighting is a favorite source of amusement. On market day the people come from miles around with their various wares to the capitol, and on this occasion, pleasure in the form of bull fighting is mixed with business. Here again we see another side of their superstitious and ignorant nature, for if a man is killed in the bull ring, the natives are elated, for this is a sign that the next year will bring good crops. On one occasion that Mr. Smythe attended one man was killed and another was fatally injured. The people prayed for the immediate death of the injured one, and when he did finally breathe his last, and the report was sent out, the people went wild with enthusiasm, saying that the next year's crops would be more bounteous than ever.

Railroads are one means of transportation in Peru but they are few and inferior, stated Mr. Smythe. The fastest trains make twenty miles an hour, but even this slow performance is most unusual. There is a law which makes it necessary for every train to stop a full ten minutes at each station in order that passengers may have full time to get off and on without fear of accident. Safety first, second and last. For the most part transportation is carried on by means of pack animals, chiefly the llama.

One Way Street

As pack animals were formerly the only known method of transportation, the streets of the villages and the cities are very narrow. So narrow, indeed, that though the street cars traverse the extreme left side of the street, one has to hug the right wall to keep from being run over when a car passes. A street does not keep the same name throughout its length in the cities of Peru, but changes its name every few blocks, usually taking a name which bears some historical significance. One section of a street in Lima, the capital of Peru, is called "The street of seven dead men." The name is derived from the fact that seven robbers were killed at one time in that immediate neighborhood.

Climate Not Equable

The climate, said Mr. Smythe, is as distinctive as the country itself. Although Peru is on the equator, snow falls frequently at nights in both summer and winter, due to the high altitude of the country. However the sun bears down with its direct rays in the day time, and snow melts almost immediately. The air is so thin in the high mountainous mining districts that gas engines run with difficulty owing to the lack of sufficient oxygen to readily ignite the gas in the cylinders.

On the whole, Mr. Smythe ended, Peru is not a country one would choose to live in for long. The country has unlimited mineral resources, and wealth lies deep in the ground, waiting to be taken out. But even the ambitious natives, are anxious to emigrate to other lands.

LECTURE ROOMS TO BE USED

Because of congestion in the library at the University of Oregon, students in the school of business administration will study this year in seminar and lecture rooms of the school of commerce building. Library books on reserve for these students will be taken from the library and placed in the commerce building.

COURSE CHANGE ANNOUNCED

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