

Society

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The leading social events of the week were the two parties given by Mrs. F. L. Meyers, at her home, 702 Spring and First, on Thursday and Friday afternoons of this week. The beautiful home was artistically decorated with pink and white flowers. Beautiful thasda daisies and roses were used a great profusion to the furtherance of the artistic color scheme.

On Thursday the first day of the two-day affair, Mrs. Meyers entertained about 75 guests at cards. Mrs. T. N. Murphy won the first prize and Mrs. Swaney received the consolation prize. Dainty refreshments were served.

Friday afternoon about forty guests were entertained at sewing. During the afternoon the guests were asked to identify leaves of familiar trees and Mrs. J. W. Knowles received the prize for guessing the highest correct number. At the close of the afternoon refreshments were served. The same idea of decorations and nature of refreshments prevailed at each section of the party.

The ladies of the Altar society will give a lawn festival next Thursday evening at Fourth and Pennsylvania. A special feature will be the entertainment for children in the afternoon. Games and amusements that will please the young ones, will be in full swing from 3 till 6 with Mrs. Julius Roesch and a capable corps of assistants. Of interest to the men will be the sofa pillows bearing emblems of local fraternal organizations. An orchestra will furnish music during the evening and a large number of mirth-provoking features are in store for patrons. An apron sale—for men only—with a well known auctioneer on the block and a deep sea fish pond will be in operation all evening.

Arrangements to hold a dancing party at the park pavilion next Thursday evening are under way by the park commission. Barring bad weather, the affair will be made a big society feature for that evening, with no invitations issued but all invited. The admission will be \$1.00 and for the occasion the floor will be thoroughly waxed and prepared with great care. It is possible that a band concert will be held between 8 and 9, however, further particulars about this event that society has been looking forward to for some time, will be made later.

The Eastern Star Social club will be entertained on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Geo. Palmer, by Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Fred Schilke.

The Sans Souci club has adjourned for the summer months.

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were present and told of the working principles upon which the selling agency is based—its mutual co-operative and exhaustive plans. Prof. Jackson of O. A. C. was present to discuss the fire blight situation, and among those in attendance were members of the county court to whom the expected appeal for funds to fight the pest will be made.

The Imbler union and Fruit Growers' union of La Grande, two of the biggest in the valley, joined the selling agency, and without final action having been taken, Union sent word by proxy of her willingness to join, and Cove may do the same. Geo. L. Cleaver was made chairman and C. D. Huffman secretary of the meeting.

While both purposes of the meeting were important, more interest centered today in the address on fire blight by Prof. Jackson.

Prof. H. S. Jackson, plant pathologist for O. A. C., who has been spending the greater part of this week in inspecting the orchards of the Grande Ronde valley looking into the fire blight situation, was one of the principal speakers before the gathering of fruit men.

W. K. Newell, president of the state board of horticulture, came to the valley with Prof. Jackson and spent Tuesday here. Both Mr. Newell and Prof. Jackson have gone on record as convinced that there is absolutely no doubt that the disease is the true fire blight and that the situation is a serious one and demands immediate action if the fruit growers of the valley expect to maintain their orchards profitably and to hold the present reputation of the valley as a fruit district.

Prof. Jackson has no official connection with the state board of horticulture or with state inspection work but is interested in the proper control of all plant diseases in all parts of the state and came here in the interest of the agricultural college extension department to explain the nature and seriousness of the disease and to work up public sentiment so that the growers will request the county court to authorize the expenditure of a sum of money sufficient to handle the inspection in a thorough and adequate way.

In his address he pointed out, and repeatedly told the orchardmen individually that fire blight attacks any member of the apple family but is most serious on pears, apples and quinces. The disease is caused by bacteria or germs which enter the tree through the blossoms or any wounds and through the tips of the growing branches. Spraying is of no value. Tree surgery is the only method of controlling it. The germ laden twigs and bark must be removed and trimmed.

In order to handle the situation in the Grand Ronde valley, properly, the most important thing is to do the work thoroughly and do it in the right way. He suggested that the county import a number of men who have had practical experience in cutting out the disease to spend a couple of months in going out among the orchards and explaining by actual demonstration the proper method of cutting out the disease and to show how the obscure cases may be detected. At the same time certain local men could accompany these instructors who could gradually become experts and would then be appointed deputy fruit inspectors to carry on the work in the fall, winter and spring.

It should be understood, however,

that the fruit inspectors cannot be expected to do all the cutting out. That must be done by the grower. He must be instructed how to do it properly. The fruit inspector can check on the work after it is done and also look after those who, through neglect or lack of appreciation of the situation, will not do the work. The present state horticultural law is sufficient to handle such cases. After due notice has been served the inspector can either go in and cut out such trees entirely or have men to cut out the blight and charge it to the property. Such methods should never need to be used however. Public sentiment should be so aroused that every one will take pride in seeing that the work is done properly without being forced.

The department of plant pathology of the Oregon Agricultural college of which Prof. Jackson is the head, will be glad to do anything in its power to aid in this matter.

LABOR UNIONS TOOLS

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mitted positively refusing to release Mulhall to the house probers. Must Hold Mulhall. Overman's letter to Chairman Gar-

rett reviewed the circumstances of the house subpoenaing Mulhall last night and added: "It would be obvious to you that we are obliged to hold the witness until our examination is completed at which time we will be glad to release him, subject to subpoena by you, and I will make available upon your order any and all papers which are now or which may come into our possession connected with the matter."

Mulhall Identifies Letter.

Mulhall identified a letter from Marshall Cushing, secretary of the Manufacturers' association, written in 1904 and the accompanying check for \$200. Cushing warned Mulhall to "Be careful in cashing" the check. The witness said the money was used in "close congressional districts."

Aldrich and Foraker Knew.

Mulhall stated positively that former Senators Aldrich and Foraker, both of whom he had worked for, knew at all times he was employed by the manufacturers although he had a Workmen's Protective association card.

In 1903, Mulhall said: "I left the union to which I belonged and took with me my paid-up union card. I didn't try to hide it from the heads that I was with the Manufacturers' association and was under the impression that officers of the American Federation of Labor knew I was working for the Manufacturers' association."

Mulhall Received \$40 a Week.

In September, 1904, Cushing wrote Mulhall that hereafter he would receive every Friday, a check while he retained his connection with the Workmen's Protective association, an organization he had formed to work for the republican ticket. Cushing sent him \$100 weekly beside \$40 for expenses, Mulhall testified. At that time, Mulhall said, the manufacturers were fighting Senator McComas of Maryland and Cushing employed C. M. Downs the senator's private secretary to furnish the Manufacturers' association with copies of McComas private correspondence.

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