

A Visit to Fair Mount Grange Near Albany

A pleasant surprise and a very enjoyable evening was spent at Albany Saturday night by Independence parties. The party drove to Albany and was enter-

tained at the show until a late hour and started back to Independence as they thought, but one member of the party being a member of Fair Mount Grange, one mile west of Albany, knew better. He deliberately killed his engine in front of the Grange hall and proceeded to enter the dining room of the hall and t-

his delight found that the merry party of Grangers was just partaking of a bountiful repast, consisting of many kinds of cake which were all good, different kinds of sandwiches, and the best coffee you ever drank—the kind of coffee, you know, your mother used to make. The writer found himself immediately surrounded by his old friends who insisted long and earnestly that he and his friends should join them, which they reluctantly did, of course, leaving out the reluctant part. There in the spacious dining hall of the Grange the writer and his friends partook of the good eats, and filled their souls with good will toward mankind, while the writer renewed his acquaintance with all his old friends and incidentally introduced the Independence parties, forging other links of friendship between Independence and her sister city, Albany. The party was then conducted to the beautiful and well appointed dance hall where they were entertained by the merry makers for about two hours. The music was furnished by Mr. Henry Scholes, one of the greatest merry makers and all around good fellows in all of Benton county, who was ably assisted by Geo. Small, Mr. Ellis and Miss Benedict. After the dance was over the party was further entertained by one of the sweetest voiced girls that they ever had the pleasure of listening to, Miss Ellis of Albany. The party was impressed with the seeming good-fellowship of all members of the Grange. It seemed like one big family of brothers and sisters all trying to see who could outdo the other in being a good fellow. Thank you, folks, we are coming again. O. L. FOSTER.

Theatre Goers Attend "Way Down East"

A number of Independence people attended "Way Down East" at the Grand in Salem and were delighted. It was elaborately staged and contained the vital appeal that has always made the old play a favorite. Lillian Gish, with strong support, gave a performance that was in every way near to the legitimate. The orchestra was truly sympathetic and was well worth the price of admission.

Work on Normal Dormitory Is Rapid

Construction work on the new dormitory of the state normal school at Monmouth is rapidly being pushed to completion. Workmen are now plastering and the detailed work of finishing will soon be in progress. New furniture and necessary equipment has been purchased and will be ready to be placed in the building as soon as it is completed.

Guests at Dickinson Home

Mrs. C. L. Chandler of Seattle Wash. and Mrs. Wm. T. Lewis of Detroit, Mich., are guests at the home of their father, I. W. Dickinson. It is the ladies' first visit here for a long time and they are making every minute count.

"AMERICANS SHOULD BE PROUD OF WORK BY NEAR EAST RELIEF"

Says American High Commissioner. Congress Is Told of Great Accomplishment

Washington.—The annual report of the activities of the Near East Relief organization, filed with Congress by Charles V. Vickrey, General Secretary, constitutes the modest history of one of the greatest pieces of philanthropic work ever undertaken and carried through by American men and women, according to well informed persons in the capital. Ad-



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miral Mark L. Bristol, United States High Commissioner to Turkey, for example, declares:

"I have been closely associated with the work of the Near East Relief committee for about 22 months. On the whole the work of this relief committee has been such that Americans should be proud of this great humane effort. The Near East Relief here in Constantinople is run more like a business organization than any relief organization with which I have ever come into contact."

Charles V. Vickrey's summary of the activities of the Near East Relief shows the disbursement of over \$60,000,000.00 in cash and supplies, contributed by the American people to the salvaging of the Christian populations of the Near East. 711 American and Canadian men and women relief workers have been engaged in this huge task on little more than a volunteer basis. 63 hospitals, with 6,522 beds, and 123 clinics; 11 rescue homes, where young girls rescued from lives of shame in Turkish harems are taught to forget their sufferings, and to begin life anew, self-supporting and independent, are maintained.

110,000 Little Children

The most remarkable feature of the work of the Near East Relief is, however, the salvation of tens of thousands of children who have lost parents and relatives during the past six years. For these little ones American generosity has provided, through the Near East Relief, 239 homes—one in Alexandropol, Armenia, housing 18,000 children—where, last year, 54,000 children were housed, clothed, fed and taught, while an additional 56,033, outside the Near East Relief orphanages, were saved from starvation and death by food and clothing sent them from the United States.

Mr. Vickrey's report states that approximately 2,700,490 Armenians are still living in the Near East, out of a pre-war population of over 4,000,000 and estimates that had it not been for the aid given by the American people through the Near East Relief, fully half of those now living would have perished. Food was furnished to 561,979 homeless refugees during a large part of 1920, while 300,000 garments, comprising 1,500,000 pounds of clothing sent out from the United States were distributed to barefoot and rag-clad wanderers, all the way from the Mediterranean to the Caucasus mountains.

Work Must Continue

Commenting on these figures Mr. Vickrey stated that "this distinctive humanitarian relief work, as an expression of brotherhood, should help to mark the beginning of a new era of peace and inter-racial good will in the Near East." "The tremendous task undertaken by the American people in saving the children of the Near East is one which cannot be left unfinished. We have an investment of over \$60,000,000 in human life, that America has saved. If we falter or pause now, that investment is imperiled, or may even be lost altogether. Most of the children we have saved from death are still too little to take care of themselves, and conditions throughout the Near East are still too uncertain to let them shift for themselves. It is morally sure that for at least five years, and until these little ones that we have snatched from a terrible fate are able to support themselves and enjoy an even chance of life as useful citizens, the American people who have rescued them must see them through.

"It is the purpose of the Near East Relief to do just this, and we appeal to the generosity of the American people to see this noble work is carried out in the spirit of mutual helpfulness and Christian charity which is so essentially characteristic of the American ideal." Contributions to the work of the Near East Relief may be sent to Cleveland H. Dodge, Treasurer, 1 Madison Ave., New York City.

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AN OBSOLETE ART.

There are difficulties in the revival of the waltz, now going forward in Paris. Most persons have forgotten how to dance it. No matter what the beat of the music, they slip into the modern dances, regardless of rhythm. The result is awkwardness.

All this only goes to show how, under the malevolent influence of the eccentric modern steps, grace of carriage has become almost a lost art. Perhaps the elders may find it difficult to relearn. But there will be hope for the next generation if it be brought up on the waltz.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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