

MENTAL CULTURE CLUB AIDS IN RED CROSS SALE

The Mt. Scott Mental Culture club held its regular meeting in Arleta library hall Thursday, December 4. The last of a series of papers on Walt Whitman was given by Mrs. Blanche Thurston. Special music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. J. McMillen Muir, one of the most attractive numbers being a Scotch love song.

The ladies of the club assisted the Red Cross Friday of last week in selling their Christmas seals at Meier & Frank's, the Owl Drug Store, Woodward-Clarke's and Lipman & Wolfe's. The ladies who gave their services were Mesdames Frederick Armstrong, F. R. LeRoy, M. A. Locher, T. C. Lockwood, F. N. Dobbs, Harold Wagstaff, Jean F. McLoney, J. J. Handsaker, A. C. Holcomb, W. M. Abel and George E. Stoner.

Endless Regulation.

There are many lines of business to enter which now one must take out a license, or at least give reports to the government of his business statistics. A newspaper publisher said the other day that it took one of his clerks half her time to make out government reports. In his irritation he probably exaggerated, but many business men would make a similar report.

The field of governmental activity constantly enlarges. Many of these extensions are absolutely necessary. When most people drove horses, little or no road regulating was called for, now most of the states maintain large departments of people to license automobiles and their operators and control this traffic. The assessing and collecting of the federal income tax is another function requiring costly machinery.

These are only two of many new fields of government activity. The cost to the public is great and includes not only the force of government departments, but the time it takes business concerns to make out their reports and deal with the government.

Some people think that eventually no one will be allowed to enter business or even take a job without being licensed. They foresee an army of inspectors, mostly politicians in need of a job, who will swarm over the country investigating everybody.

This is an extreme view of course, and while the public feels that many practices of modern life do need control yet the government and states should go a little slow in this direction. The cost of regulating and the benefits accruing should be closely figured out before entering into new fields of inspection, that may not be at all necessary or beneficial to the people as a whole.

Mr. Shank Buys Klebe Ranch

Sumner D. Shank has purchased the Klebe ranch on the Gilbert road and will take possession about the first of the year. Mr. Shank grew tomatoes on a large scale in the Willamette Valley prior to coming here, his crop yielding seven and one half tons. He is planning on starting a bee farm at his new home. He claims they will pay from 100 to 200 per cent on the investment.

The average family consists of four and a fraction persons. Father is the fraction.

Why West Is Interested.

The large amounts of money spent in putting together the plants of western metal producers in recent years amounts to approximately a billion dollars.

The bulk of this money came from eastern investors and the west received the greatest benefit from the expenditure and steady payrolls maintained.

This is the reason why the west is interested in maintaining conditions which will make it possible for such industries to develop and get needed capital.

The west is peculiarly dependent on foreign orders and outside capital investments to maintain its prosperity.

We have unlimited resources but it takes money to develop them and purchasers to buy, as our own local requirements are small.

This is why we should all hump ourselves to establish and maintain sound measures in matters relating to legislation labor questions and taxation.

Delayed ratification of peace negotiations is severely injuring western industries at this time.

The Farce Continued.

Press dispatches again announce that "Consideration of waterpower legislation before the senate will be taken up following disposition of railroad legislation. The proposition is the same which has met with opposition of conservationists for many years past. Terms of the bill would open up the entire west to development of its vast wasting waterpowers."

The public has little faith in such statements as the same promise has been made for years and never yet has a leader been found in congress with sufficient understanding of the case and courage enough to show the hypocrisy and self interest of the so-called "conservationist" wag which has been able to fool the public and delay development of wasting waters, when the world is crying for fuel, heat, light and power.

Delayed development due to political rag chewing has been a crime against the nation and when the man who brakes the combination and succeeds in opening for development the vast areas in the west.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER FOR VIVIAN TOPHAM

Mrs. P. A. Kennedy recently entertained the Five Point club at her home, 5005 82nd street, in honor of Miss Vivian Topham, whose engagement to Harry Trask was announced, the marriage to take place Christmas day. The occasion was a miscellaneous shower for Miss Topham.

The rooms were beautifully decorated with pink roses and Oregon grape and with festoons of pink and green crepe paper. A delicious luncheon was served and the afternoon spent in social conversation.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McGrew, Mrs. C. P. McGrew, Mrs. F. O. McGrew and two children, Mr. and Mrs. McCord, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sweet, Mrs. W. W. Sanders, Mrs. Emma Hankin, Mrs. William York, Mrs. Walter Kaneau, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Elmer Droste and little daughter, Mrs. Clyde Sager, Mrs. Connell, Mrs. Dena Hess, Mrs. Eddie Saulstrom, Mrs. May Howe, the Misses Frances and Vivian, Topham, Mrs. Lydia Campbell, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Mosier, P. A. Kennedy and the hostess.

Collective Bargaining



O. E. S. OFFICERS ENTERTAINED BY MRS. HESS.

One of the most pleasant social events that has happened in Lents occurred last Wednesday evening when Mrs. O. A. Hess, worthy matron of Mt. Scott O. E. S., entertained her officers at her home 5406 92nd street, at a six o'clock dinner.

The tables were tastefully decorated with red carnations and covers were laid for twenty-two. A most enjoyable four course dinner was served. Just as the dinner was being ended a photographer appeared and a flash light picture of the party was taken. Just before the tables were removed, Mr. F. O. McGrew in a most fitting manner, on behalf of the officers of Mt. Scott chapter, presented Mrs. Hess with a beautiful Parisian ivory mirror.

This month closes the administration of Mrs. Hess as worthy matron of the Mt. Scott chapter, and under her direction Mt. Scott chapter has had one of its most prosperous years in its history. Her devotion to the work of the order and her congeniality toward the entire membership has resulted in her being held in high esteem by all. The guests departed at an early hour feeling that they had enjoyed one of the most pleasant evenings ever experienced in the history of the Mt. Scott chapter.

All the officers were present with the exception of Mrs. Hurd. The following were among those present; Mr. and Mrs. F. O. McGrew, Mr. and Mrs. Hankin, Mesdames Maud Darnall, Nellie Katzky, Estelle Katzky, Janet Gessel, Myrtle Sager, Edith Droste, Mamie Snyder, Nellie McGrew, Nellie Stout, Jessie Sanders, Vida Weddle, Echo McCord, Alice Stevens and Mayme Hogue.

MARY E. FAWCETT TO ADDRESS KELLOGG P.-T.A.

The regular meeting of the Kellogg Parent-Teacher association will be held next Tuesday, December 16, at 2:30 p. m. in the Kellogg assembly room. The principal speaker of the afternoon will be Mrs. Mary E. Fawcett, dean of women at O. A. C. Mrs. Lina Jasper will be the vocalist of the afternoon. Mrs. Bruce Polwarth will preside.

BLIZZARD RAGED MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

On account of the blizzard raging Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday the Herald's local news department is greatly curtailed this week. Telephone service was poor owing to the inability of the operators to get to their work Wednesday, making this means of collecting news out of the question, while Miss W. Aimee Hollingworth, local news writer for the Herald was also unable to reach the office.

Business of all kinds was virtually at a standstill in Lents all day Wednesday owing to cold weather and deep snow drifts. Many business men found their stores barricaded behind drifts three to six feet high Wednesday morning, while 92nd street and Foster road were closed to traffic by snow drifts in many places higher than a man's head. All day a Dodge touring car stood in the intersection of 92nd street and Foster road, having stalled in a snow drift there some time Tuesday night.

A lone street car plied between Lents and Anabel station those who were compelled to go to the city being obliged to walk from Anabel to some indefinite point supposed to be 12th and Hawthorne. Hundreds however, made no effort to reach the city.

The Short Handled Shovel.

Sing me no song of the short handle shovel, the ding-busted thing has nigh broken my back. I've shoveled the sidewalk, the roof and the henhouse; the milkman, the mailman and the coalman track. I've cleaned off the steps and the porch and the rose bushes; dug out the garage, the woodshed and then—I'm a sun-of-a-gun if the didn't drift full again. I've shoveled the coal, the briquets and sawdust through the slit of a blank furnace door. Sure I love Oregon and the snow caps, etc, but blamed if I want any more. So sing me no song of the short-handle shovel, for I'm sick of the thing in more ways than one. I've seen enough winter to last me till next year, and I'd give my last sock for a look at the sun.

Old Wrinkle-eye.

Where there's a will there's a lawyer.

LADIES OF G. A. R. ELECT OFFICERS.

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Ladies of the G. A. R. last Saturday evening and the following officers were elected for the year 1920: Mrs. Docia Tussey, President; Mrs. Florence Hamlin, Senior Vice President; Mrs. Emma Bush, Junior Vice President; Mrs. Alice Woodworth, Treasurer; Mrs. Mary Lawrence, Chaplain; Mrs. Lulu Schermerhorn, Conductress; Mrs. Olive Forte, Guard. The installation of the new officers will take place January 3, at which time the appointive officers will be installed.

Basic Economics

The schools are the medium which we should use to spread among the American people correct notions of capital, labor, banking and thrift. The elementary school is none too early in which to begin instruction along such lines. We are all agreed that thrift should be taught in schools, but to teach mere saving or accumulation without showing what the objects of thrift are, is teaching miserliness. In connection with the teaching of thrift there should also be taught the function of banks. Pupils should be made to see that mere saving does no good unless that which is saved is used to create more wealth. To that end they should be shown that there is a great difference between money which is merely stored up in a little iron bank at home and that which is taken to a real bank and is put out into the industrial world to earn an interest in return. In some of our large schools there are school savings banks established. These exist not only in elementary but in high schools, but in very few cases are any attempts made to teach the pupils the functions of a bank and where the interest comes from.

The bazaar which was to have been held in the M. E. church Wednesday has been postponed indefinitely on account of the weather.

In the beginning woman wore her engagement ring in her nose, where right now man is wearing his.

MRS. A. S. PEARCE LAID TO REST DECEMBER 9

Mrs. Anna I. Pearce, of 6209 89th street S. E., died Saturday morning, December 6, at Good Samaritan hospital. Pneumonia was the immediate cause of her death, though up to a few days before her illness was not thought to be serious.

Mrs. Pearce was born at Danville, Ind., in October, 1857. She was married to A. S. Pearce at Indianapolis, Ind., December 17, 1874. Four children were born to this union, each of whom died in early childhood many years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearce lived in Indianapolis until 1904, when they started west. They resided in Colorado three years, California one and a half years, and British Columbia three years. They have lived in Lents for the past four years.

Mrs. Pearce was a member of the Lents Methodist Episcopal church and of the Women's Benefit Association of Maccabees at Arleta.

She leaves no relatives here except her husband, but two sisters reside in Galveston, Texas; one sister in St. Louis, Mo., and two brothers in Indiana.

The funeral services were held at Kenworthy's chapel Monday morning, December 8. Rev. F. R. Sibley of the Lents M. E. church officiating, assisted by Rev. E. A. Smith of the Lents Baptist church.

Killing Industries.

The question is being commonly asked. "What excuse is there for the excess profit tax remaining on the statute books? The public seems to demand its early repeal along with other special taxes against certain lines of industry.

Commenting on the situation the Wall Street Journal says:

"The theory of the excess profits could be drawn into the national treasury and a high production of essential goods maintained. The originators of this monstrosity forgot the story of the philosopher, who, wishing to get over a rail fence, thrust his fingers into his bootstraps and pulled with all his might. He didn't get over the fence, but pulled out his bootstraps.

"That is about the way the excess profits tax has worked. It has helped to create and bolster up an abnormal price level for all commodities. It is no less than a highway robber, robbing the people, and robbing the government.

"There must be unusual taxes for some years yet until the cost of the war is paid. But there are better forms of taxation than this one that helps to stifle industry, increases the cost of living, makes the purchasing power of the dollar less, breeds discontent and encourages strikes.

"To say that income taxes will be less this coming year is not sufficient. The public welfare demands that this form of taxation, together with other porfiteers, be abolished."

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their kind deeds, expressions of sympathy and beautiful flowers on the occasion of the death and burial of my beloved wife.

A. S. PEARCE.

Mr. Clifford Wilson, 5604 48th street in confined to his bed by sickness. Mr. Wilson has not been well for the past year and has now had to give up completely.