

HOME CIRCLE COLUMN.

A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as They Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

The habit of treating those who are nearest and dearest to us with discourtesy, is one that clouds the sunshine of too many homes. If you are young and looking for your prince, just test his home conduct. Do not be guided in your choice by what a young man is in the parlor; find out what he is in the mother's sitting room. Do not judge him by the way he can tip his hat, but by the way he treats the old, especially his parents. The home where mutual consideration rules is always a happy one, if it be the top flat of a cheap tenement or an adobe hut on the prairies. There should be a certain respect observed in the most intimate relationships. Wives have no more right to search their husband's pockets than they have to take the same liberty with an acquaintance. We have no more right to rob the baby's bank than to force the vault of the National bank. We may hurt the feelings of a society acquaintance and there is no great harm done, beyond an estrangement of two people who care but little for each other; but when we stab the fond mother's heart, that loved us with a love next in tenderness to heaven's, or wound the sensitive feelings of a brother or a sister, life is not long enough to extract the sting from memory. Love's opportunity will soon vanish forever and out through the sunset of life, the ones we love dearest and best have flown away like birds to a summer land and our words of endearment are thrust back like voices that beat against a wall of rock.

YOUNG MEN WANTED!

Every young man in Oregon City is wanted! Wanted from the street corners, from the loafer's rendezvous, from the idler's promenade: turn your steps into the highway of noble aim and earnest work. There are prizes enough for every successful worker, crowns enough for every honorable head that goes through the smoke of conflict to victory. There is within the young man an upspringing of lofty sentiment which contributes to his elevation, and though there are obstacles to be surmounted and difficulties to be vanquished, yet with truth for his watchword, and leaning on his own noble purposes and exertions, he may crown his brow with honors. He may never wear the warriors' crimson wreath, the poet's chaplet of bays, or the statesman's laurels, though no grand universal truth may at his bidding be confessed to the world, though it may never be his to bring to a successful issue a great political resolution—to be the founder of a republic whose name shall be "a distinguished star in the constellation of nations," yet, more, though his name may never be heard beyond the limits of his own neighborhood, yet in his mission none the less a high and holy one.

But why do so few young men of early promise, whose wise hopes, purposes, and resolves were radiant as the colors of the rainbow, fail to distinguish themselves? The answer is obvious. They are not willing to devote themselves to the toilsome culture which is the price of success. Whatever aptitude for particular pursuits nature may donate to her favorite children, she conducts none but the laborious and the studious to distinction. There! How the chirp of that lonely cricket brings to mind the dear old home,—yes, years and years and years ago, we are afraid to say how many—when the breezes crop in under the low hanging branches and the graceful elm swept the roof of the old home with a loving embrace, when the odor of phlox and tuberoses was wafted in from the garden. We remember the deep dark shadow under the rough old yoke, and the ruddy lights through the red curtained windows; the pleasant rooms, the books, the music, and—mother. Do you remember mother? It is your mother we mean. The mother who laughed over our baby antics, grew proud of our boyish triumphs, hid her sad heart beats when we left the home fold to win our way in the world, the mother whose hair grew gray in her care for us, whose heart grew humble by the multitude of her prayers for our behalf; whose face grew more tender as the years marked their progress upon her cheeks, whose steps faltered and whose hands trembled because her buoyancy had been given freely in our behalf. The mother who stayed in the old home while we were away. The mother bird in the nest after the fledging had flown. There came at last a letter to us in another hand, and dear old mother was at rest. Then we went home but the old time was gone forever. Ah, we know how trivial everything then seemed beside mother's love. We know how a kind word of old would have cheered her heart. We know how the business cares crowded out the home letters; and how mother watched and waited for the tardy missive. We know how her heart bled for an old time caress, and how she went to rest with a prayer on her lips for you. And now it is too late, and the crickets play their lonesome melody, while a white stone in "God's Acropolis" where mothers rest after their work is done. Remember mother, boys, before it is too late—we have yet time to show our appreciation of her love. See her hair, it is as white as snow, and it has been bleached by care of us. Watch her steps how they falter. Cherish her. Show her your love. Court her as you would a sweetheart, if you would make her happy. All too soon this mother will be gone, and then God grant the cricket song will bring us naught but kind memories.

The carpenter is abroad in the land and many new homes are going up. Not a few of them are to be occupied by young people, who have lately gone through the ordeal of a wedding march and marriage ceremony. As a matter of course there has been a great deal of talking "under the roses" about the location, the style of architecture, the quality and quantity of furniture to be purchased, and how they intend to live when they take possession of this modernized Eden. Ah, we wish we could impress it on their minds that it doesn't matter so much whether the house be built after the Gothic or pioneer style of architecture, whether the furniture is of fashionable make or home manufacture; whether the walls are hung with

costly tapestry or with family wardrobe; if love and virtue cement the family circle, it will be a home in the truest sense of the word. The body is but the dwelling place of the soul, so likewise the house is but the tenement of the home. We cannot all have perfect farms, and classic features, but we can have pure, beautiful spirits; we cannot all have elegant, richly furnished houses, but we can have sunny, pleasant homes.

Labor Convention.

The second annual convention of the State Federation of Labor met in this city Monday and continued until Wednesday night. The session was most successful from start to finish and was well attended by delegates from all over the state, all of whom took a good deal of interest in the cause of unionism. Nearly 200 delegates were in attendance and these represented about every branch of labor. The convention was held in Woodmen Hall.

The report of President C. H. Gram, for the past year, shows that the State Federation is in good shape and growing in strength. More organizing will be done during the present year than in the past twelve months, as more funds are now available for that purpose. President Gram, who was elected to succeed himself, will take up that work immediately and organize several unions not before affiliated with the federated trades. Among this number is the bartenders of Oregon City, who he expects to form into a union in the near future.

The reports of the committees of the state organization shows that the federation is in a prosperous condition and has every prospect for continued success. The convention was visited by many prominent labor men, among whom was D. C. Conway, of Chicago, general organizer for the International Retail Clerk's Protective Association, who delivered an address on the first day of the session. B. F. Orr, fraternal delegate from the Washington Federation, also spoke to the convention on the day of opening.

Many resolutions were introduced during the convention by the delegates. About 48 were read by the secretary and acted upon by the resolutions committee. Most of them were reported favorably and passed by the convention. A few, however, were relegated to the table. Among this latter number was one concerning George C. Brownell for breaking his promises to the union men of the state because of a failure to secure the passage of an eight hour law in the state Senate. This was bitterly argued on the floor of the convention, and was finally lost. It was declared by the delegates to be bad policy to introduce anything of a political nature into the federation, which was delayed to exist only for the best interests of the men engaged in the various crafts.

For the same reason a resolution pledging the support of the delegates to Hearst at all times was defeated, although a resolution passed commending him for his stand in opposition to the trusts.

Resolutions were adopted declaring against the employment of convict labor and leasing of such labor by the state to private corporations such as has been done in this state in the making of stoves, in favor of the propagation of salmon by the government; in favor of the use of the union label at all times and against all who do not use the label; against the use of Chinese and Japanese labor; favoring the steam laundry operated in Portland by union employees; recommending the use of those cigars bearing the green union label; favoring the Brewery Workers' Union and advocating the using of all efforts in the behalf of that organization, condemning the present sailor boarding house law and asking for its repeal by the next legislature; favoring those candidates for office in the organization who wore the union labels on their clothes, hats and shoes, and many other resolutions of similar effect.

The convention adjourned Wednesday evening, after receiving C. H. Gram, of Portland, president, and George Staver, also of Portland, secretary. The next convention will be held the first Monday in next May at Baker City.

Lodge Notes.

State Commander Sherwood of the K. O. T. M. will attend the meetings of the lodge to go every Thursday night for several weeks for the purpose of assisting in increasing the membership.

Gavel Lodge, No. 55, A. O. U. W. of Canby, will initiate a new member at its next meeting, May 7.

Harding Grange, Logan, will hold its next regular meeting May 7. They have one or two prospective members from the city who they hope will be on hand for initiation.

Meade Post G. A. R. held its regular meeting Monday night and one recruit was added to the roll. There are five applications on file which when acted upon and admitted will swell the membership to one hundred and fifty-five. After the meeting a joint committee of the W. R. C. and G. A. R. made some of the preliminary arrangements for observing Memorial day.

J. H. Howard, state organizer for the Improved Order of Redmen, returned Sunday night from a trip to Southern Oregon where he instituted four new tribes, one of them being at Grants Pass and another at Medford.

Clackamas Grange No. 298, will on the 6th day of June celebrate Children's Day at the Odd Fellows Hall and grounds with appropriate exercises. Damascene, Milwaukie, and Abernathy Granges will meet with them. A good dinner and a good time is anticipated.

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BEAVER CREEK.

Mrs. B. Michaels and children spent a few days with her parents last week, and returned to her home at Cimas, Wash. last Monday.

Mrs. Hettman, accompanied by her son Ed and wife of Clarke, left for eastern Oregon last week to visit her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Hettman.

Mr. Frank Schoenberg and Laurence Ruonich, of Oregon City, attended the ball game at Shubel last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Weidner, of Redland, were visiting with friends and relatives last Saturday.

Mr. William Shannon, who has been quite ill, is slowly improving.

Rev. Essig, of the Congregational church, will leave for Odessa, Washington next Monday to attend Conference. Mr. Willis and Fred Kamrath returned from Grass Valley last Friday where they had been attending their horses.

Mr. Emil Staub is going to work at Oregon City this summer.

Rev. Allen, of Springwater, held services at the Presbyterian church last Sunday.

Park Place.

John Straight has moved with his family to Garfield, Or., on the Clackamas, where he will manage the upper fish hatchery.

Miss Laura Parcell, one of our High school pupils, left school last week to accept a position as teacher of the Redland school, where she will conduct a spring term of school.

The Grangers held their first meeting in the new Grange hall last Saturday. An all day session was held and a good time reported.

Miss Wilson, one of our popular teachers, has been made very happy by visits from a number of Eastern friends lately.

School closes on the 6th, with all classes in good standing. It is a well-known fact that a high grade of work is done in Parkplace school, and it is to be hoped that all who will not have finished the course will return another year to continue their studies.

A drama will be presented Thursday night by a home talent troupe from Mt. Pleasant. The proceeds will go to the Mothers' Club to be used for the benefit of the school when needed.

The Mothers' Club held its last meeting of the year last Friday afternoon. Several papers were read and afterwards discussed by members of the club. After the usual business was disposed of the Club adjourned, to meet again at the call of the president.

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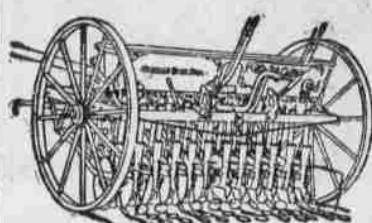
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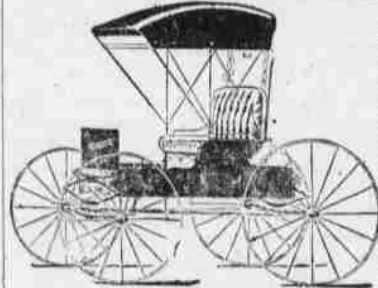
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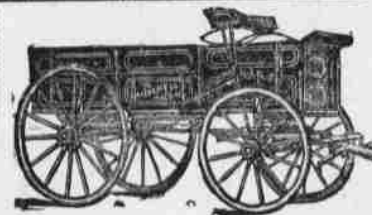
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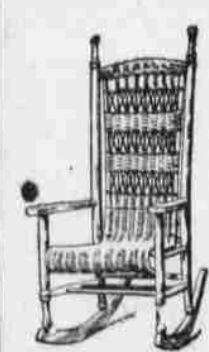


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