

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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INFLUENZA IS ABATING—With the milder reports available yesterday, Dr. George Parrish, city health officer, declared that indications still pointed to a steady abatement in the influenza epidemic in Portland. Dr. Parrish said that definite reports were not turned in on Sundays, but that, with what information was available, a steady decline in the number of cases was indicated. The city hospital reported not receiving a single new case yesterday. The hospital received only six new patients on Saturday. Dr. David N. Robert, of the state board of health, reported that no reports relative to the disease in other cities of the state had been received yesterday.

3 ANGLES SURROUND CASE OF DESCAMPS

Amnesia Theory Is Advanced by One Detective.

MURDER IDEA IN DOUBT

Possibility That Sudden Trip May Have Been Taken Still Considered by Police.

Efforts of city detectives, under the leadership of Lieutenant of Detectives John Goltz, to unravel the mysterious disappearance of Ernest Descamps, wealthy farmer and former proprietor of a north end establishment, still solve the question of the discovery of portions of a human body thought possibly to be those of Descamps in Sullivan's gulch and Kenton, still proved unsuccessful yesterday. With the death of Descamps doubtful, the problem presents some angles that the work of the officers is made extremely difficult.

Settled in their new home on Chapman street. The Kenton club will give one of its enjoyable dances on Wednesday, when Mrs. John A. Stem will be hostess. All members and their friends are invited.

Mrs. David M. Dunne and her daughter Miss Helen G. Dunne are at home again after spending five weeks in San Francisco, where they were guests of relatives.

Mrs. Edgar H. Anderson and son Junior are visiting in Kansas City.

Mrs. Margaret E. Tierney and daughter Miss Nelle M. Tierney and Mrs. J. A. Clark, who have been guests of the Masonic club in Astoria, have returned to their home on Hawthorne avenue.

Miss Mildred Johnson entertained with a 1 o'clock luncheon at her home in Laurelhurst Saturday, St. Valentine's day.

The guests were Misses Margaret Alexander, Joy Johnson, Katherine Riegs, Josephine Orput, Helen and Frances Gripper, Sophia Sheika, Margaret Campbell, Elizabeth Clark, Elizabeth Hilton, Elaine Bennett, Virginia Pearson, Estelle Modlin, Annette Byford, Penelope Gehr, Marguerite Duhart, Jessie Hartt and Josephine Ulrich.

Unusual interest is being displayed in the dancing and card party to be given by Camella Social club at Pythian temple Friday evening, February 27. This party is for the benefit of the Masonic club in Astoria, home. The committees in charge are endeavoring to make it one of the most successful parties given by the club.

Mrs. William V. Raser was hostess last Wednesday for a luncheon and social gathering at her home on Haven street. Covers were laid for six at a daintily appointed table. The affair was given in honor of Mrs. Thomas Campbell of Olympia, Wash., the house guest of Mrs. Frank W. Rosenthal, and Miss Marian Moore, finance of Samuel Cox of this city. Miss Moore's wedding will be an event of this month.

Those present were Mrs. Thomas Campbell, Miss Marian Moore, Mrs. J. Doyle, Mrs. and Mrs. Gregory Prosser, Mrs. Frank W. Rosenthal and the hostess.

Sunnyside Park-Teacher association will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:30. Mrs. G. J. Frankel will speak.

Mrs. J. F. Booth entertained at her home in Irvington Wednesday afternoon with a bridge luncheon. There were six tables. The honor guest was Mrs. W. Oliver of Chicago, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. James P. Clarkson of Irvington.

Mrs. and Mrs. Carl F. Sutton celebrated their first wedding anniversary Wednesday evening, February 4, at their home at 166 East Twenty-ninth street. Vocal selections were given by Mr. Moore and Mr. Milne, Miss Sutton and Miss McCaustland, and instrumental solos on the piano and violin by Carl and Truman Sutton. Afterward cards were played until luncheon was served.

Mrs. and Mrs. Sutton were recipients of many useful and beautiful presents.

The guests included Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McRobert of Chicago, Mr. J. McRobert and son of Hoff, Or., Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Montgomery of San Jose, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Milne, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Rice, Mrs. M. E. Norton, Mrs. J. Silverstone, Miss Myrtle Sutton, Miss Lucille McCaustland, Miss Hazel McRobert, Mrs. W. H. Messer, Mrs. R. Smythe, H. Moore, E. G. Chisholm, Ernest Sutton, Truman Sutton, Lawrence Fishburn and Everett Thomas.

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REAR HOUSE GIVES PARTY

The annual House "F" party at Reed college Saturday evening sustained the tradition which the men of the house have built around their festive, brightly original and decorations of a medieval castle atmosphere was the outstanding feature. The college assembly hall was draped with dark curtains and severe tapestries. Around the walls were designs of spears, battle axes and shields bearing the "swif" emblem of "F". Benches and chests for seats added to the medieval effect. Dimly lighted lanterns softened the formal tone of the decorations. Dancing continued from 8:30 to 1:30. Patrons and patronesses were Dr. and Mrs. Morgan, Dr. Torrey, Dr. and Mrs. Knowlton and Mr. and Mrs. McKinley.

INJURED GIRL, HOSPITALIZED

Edith Olson, the 4-year-old girl who was seriously injured when struck by a car of the Kenton Traction company Saturday, is reported to be much improved at the St. Vincent's hospital. She took some nourishment yesterday, and hospital attendants expressed the belief that she would recover. The little girl's right leg was crushed by the car, and it was found necessary to amputate it at the knee. She also received a bruised head.

JAPANESE IS ARRESTED

M. Miura, Japanese, who lives at the Hotel Milano, 2715 Everett street, was arrested by Detectives Gordon and Wright yesterday on a warrant charging him with committing a disorderly act. Charges were preferred by Dr. Robert B. Brandon of the Sells building. He is said to have been haunting the corridors of the Sells building with a revolver in his hand, and to have attempted upon a girl who works in the office of Dr. Brandon.

CHIEF JENKINS RESIGNS

Announcement was made at the police station yesterday that Chief of Police Jenkins, who has been suffering an attack of smallpox for several weeks, will be at his desk again today and once more assume charge of the work of the police. The chief was relieved from quarantine several days ago, but was too weak to take his work. During his absence Chief of Inspectors John Clark has been acting chief of police.

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

Efforts will be made to create employment for Oregon's adult blind through a campaign committee selected at a meeting last week in the mayor's office. An auditorium entertainment to be given by blind talent will help defray the cost of the campaign and demonstrate the ability of those needing help. Those who will head the committee's work are Dr. T. L. Perkins and Oscar W. Hoar.

PARKER HEARING TODAY

William Parker, 251 Hood street, will be given a hearing in the municipal court today on a charge of interfering with Dr. George Parrish, city health officer, in the discharge of his duties. When Dr. Parrish went to see Parker and give him treatment, the man threatened him and flourished a revolver, according to the declaration of the health officer. Parker was released on his own recognizance.

RECALL OF 11-YEAR-OLD BOY

Richard, an 11-year-old boy who ran away from his home in San Francisco, is being held at the detention home for his father, W. H. Richards. The boy was picked up at the Union station Saturday by Detectives Collins and Coleman on telegraphic advice from D. A. White, chief of police at San Francisco.

PIER TO ADDRESS KIWANIS

Commissioner Sylvester C. Pier will address the meeting of the Kiwanis club Tuesday noon at the Crystal room of the Benson hotel, his subject being "Abraham Lincoln." An attendance of 200 is expected. A box of Norway tea will be given to each person present by Closset & Devers Co. It has been announced.

PIONEER 92 YEARS OLD

MRS. SARAH MILLER'S BIRTHDAY IS HONORED

Survivor of Prominent Party of Early Residents Is Still Hale and hearty.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 14.—Mrs. Sarah E. Miller, widow of the late Captain Sebastian E. Miller, one of the pioneer steamboat men of the Willamette river, celebrated her 92nd birthday anniversary at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. J. Bolton, a pioneer resident of Canemah, on Friday.

SOCIETY

Mrs. and Mrs. Gorrill Swigert were hosts yesterday afternoon for a charming tea at their new home on Willamette Heights in honor of Miss Alice Dalbey, who leaves tomorrow for Boston.

Last Concert of Series Is Well Attended

Fred W. Goodrich is organist and Mrs. Leslie M. Scott vocalist at the Farewell Programme at Auditorium.

WITH Frederick W. Goodrich as organist and accompanist, Mrs. Leslie M. Scott as vocalist, and Miss Bernice Mathison as violinist, yesterday afternoon's organ recital in the public auditorium was attended by 501 persons and closed the present series of such events. This farewell recital until the fall season was much enjoyed and its varied and excellent musical values liberally applauded.

The audience had to sit in the balcony seats, as the dancing floor still is in position covering the main floor downstairs, to be ready for the series of municipal dances under the auspices of the city of Portland—a series of gay affairs that is scheduled to start probably the entire week.

The huge orchestral platform was moved to the center of the downstairs floor and from this platform Mrs. Scott and Miss Mathison played. Mrs. Scott has a lovely, sparkling soprano voice which she uses with cultured skill and fine vocal finish. She sang from memory five solos: "Salve Regina" (Diana), numbers in "A Cycle of Life" (Ronald), and for an extra number the pretty air "My Hero" from the opera "The Chocolate Soldier." She sang with agreeable declamation and so well that it is easily seen she has won marked proficiency in her vocal studies. She is a student of Gio Tyler Tagliari.

Miss Mathison has been presented in violin recital by Frank G. Eichenlaub and will play a variety of lovely and fine intonation as well as marked beauty of tone. Her two principal numbers were selections from Schubert's works and were skillfully played.

Mrs. Goodrich played with mastery ability and charming finish and resplendent ornamentation by Frank G. Eichenlaub, Verdi, Wagner, Johnston and others. The big glowing number was the selection from the opera "Aida" that lived again in new music beauty. It is possible that an extra organ recital may take place Easter Sunday.

Miss Frances Spaulding was a charming young hostess Saturday afternoon at the home of her school friends in a Valentine party at the residence of her grandmother, Mrs. Loyal B. Stears on King street.

Miss Spaulding was assisted by Mrs. Stears, Mrs. President O. Downs, Miss Pheline Bartlett and Miss Mary Helen Spaulding.

The marriage of Miss Elsie L. Brown and Harvey O'Brien will take place next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church.

A wedding of interest to many people in Portland took place in Los Angeles last week when Miss Ora Wilson Galusha of that city and Dr. Clarence Veider Luther of this city were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Bishop Galusha.

Dr. Luther will bring his bride here to live. They will be at home after March 15 at Silver Court apartments, at Twenty-second and Hancock streets.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. L. Wyle announce the birth of a son, born last week.

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