

MANY ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN IN CLUB LIFE ATTRACT ATTENTION

"Much Ado About Nothing" Is Presented by Shakespeare Study Club and Plans Laid for 300th Anniversary Celebration—Members of Peace Conference Propose Continuous Session of Neutral States.



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ONE of the most interesting events of the week in clubdom was the presentation of "Much Ado About Nothing," which was the offering of the Portland Shakespeare Study Club Monday night in St. David's Parish House. This was the first play given since the recent election of officers.

Miss Ellen Brong is the new chairman of the dramatic department. Mrs. Large, the new coach, has had great success and the production given this week received the highest praise. Mrs. E. P. Preble is the president, re-elected. Among the other prominent women of the club are: Mrs. George D. Young, Mrs. A. F. Fiegel, Mrs. Allen Todd, Mrs. P. L. Thompson, Mrs. Allen, Giesbach, Mrs. Alva Lee Stephens, Mrs. R. E. Jones and Mrs. E. Strupler.

The women of the club are already beginning to make their plans to cooperate with other Shakespearean students in celebrating the Shakespeare tercentennial next year. There is a Nation-wide movement which will prepare for pageants, festivals, plays and entertainments of various kinds.

At the Philadelphia convention of the Drama League of America a special committee was named to plan for suitable celebrations, Nation-wide and local, of the tercentennial of Shakespeare's death next year. Percival Chubb, of St. Louis, was made chairman of the committee.

To aid the chairman of the meetings in setting forth the cast to the conference, the following enumeration of the possible forms of celebration is made. Community Celebration—There may be either especially made occasions, or they may utilize opportunities provided by an annual festival or pageant already instituted in the community, such as home-weeks, fairs and playground festivals. They may range from the simplest type of folk dancing, particularly the Morris dancing and country dancing of Shakespeare's time, Elizabethan folk dances and games, mummings, revels, processions and pageants in Shakespearean costume.

Playground and neighborhood celebrations and school and college celebrations may be held. Elementary schools seldom concern themselves, even in this highest grade, with the plays of Shakespeare; therefore the celebration will rather assume the form of pageantry with dance and song and sometimes singing games for the smaller children. There is a wealth of Shakespearean music and dances which it is hoped may be listed in a bibliography which will be made available to school authorities before the close of the present school year.

High schools are in a position to work in plays, parts of plays or masques. The desirable thing is to effect a co-ordination of departmental work, involving the departments of English, music, physical training (for the dancing), art (for the costumes) and the crafts (for the properties).

In schools where class plays are given at graduation time and where there are dramatic clubs and musical clubs (masquing clubs not excepted), there should be no difficulty in making use next year of a Shakespearean material in giving a festival atmosphere to occasion by planning adjacencies to the play—prologue and epilogue and interludes—which will mark them off as commemorations.

For college and universities it is suggested that the commencement should assume the form of a Shakespeare celebration. The plays and those functions which lend themselves to picturesque treatment might all of them be reminders of Shakespeare and his age. The departments might collaborate and suggest what an organic culture of the inter-related arts might mean.

Here is the summary of the plan of the American delegates to The Hague conference. It was written by Miss Grace Wales, of the University of Wis-

consin, and contains the thought of continuous mediation:
"It is suggested that a conference of the neutral nations be called to sit at least as long as the war shall last for the purpose of continuous and independent mediation with or without armistice; and, if necessary, without the specific permission of the belligerents; such conference to consider and submit simultaneously to the warring powers a reasonable proposition based on principles most favorable to the establishment of a permanent peace and to continue to seek by the method of simultaneous proposals and by inviting suggestions from the belligerents some basis of settlement which may appeal to all as worthy of consideration."

This plan will be urged by the American women who attended the peace conference at The Hague. Miss Grace De Graff, who represented the Grade Teachers' League of the United States and was among the prominent women in the delegation, returned last Sunday and is being welcomed back by her many friends.

Now that the council is over and the clubs are preparing to close for the summer, some of the women are beginning to speak of the election which will take place at the state convention in Salem in October. Although Mrs. Sarah A. Evans said she would not run for the presidency again, there has been an insistent demand for her. Her splendid generalship of the recent council attracted the attention of the General Federation officers. Many of them have known her for years, but one realized what she had meant to clubdom in Oregon until then.

The council brought out the talents of all who had a part in the work. It developed federation spirit. Mrs. J. W. Tift, who has at times been mentioned for the state presidency, handled the hotel committee work with rare judgment. Unless something unforeseen appears on the horizon there will be no struggle for office when the state gathering takes place. Whoever consents to fill the presidency doubtless will do so with the indorsement of the clubs and with the conspicuous interest in the welfare of the work.

Members of the Oregon Congress of Mothers are making plans for a visiting widespread interest in the state convention of the Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Associations, which will be held at Corvallis, October 20 to 23. The executive board has sent out the following letter urging a large attendance:

"The executive board of the Oregon Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Associations wishes to call the attention of the friends of the state to the state convention, which meets in Corvallis October 20 to 23. This is the first time in the history of the Congress that the state convention has been held outside of Portland, and it is greatly desired to have a large and enthusiastic meeting at that time."

The circles of the state will hold few meetings during the summer, but it is important that the work begin promptly in the fall. Following the long vacation. The September meeting should be planned for in June, or at least during the summer. Do not forget that delegates to the state con-

vention in Corvallis should be elected at the September meeting—one delegate for each \$1 paid into the state treasury from the circles, 10 cents per capita, for state and National dues. These elected delegates and the president of each circle or their alternates, together with the officers of the state branch, constitute the voting body of the convention.

There will be an election of all the officers of the state branch at this convention. It is especially desired that strong candidates from each section of Oregon be presented by the districts themselves for vice-presidents of the organization. One vice-president from each of the following districts:

"One, Medford and Ashland; two, Roseburg; three, Eugene; four, Corvallis; five, Baker; six, Pendleton; seven, The Dalles and Hood River; eight, western coast."

These vice-presidents should carry on the extension work of the Oregon branch in their respective districts and

should be men or women who are interested in parent-teacher work and have time to devote to it. These vice-presidents, co-operating with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the County School Superintendents, the state field workers in industrial clubs and the Oregon Agricultural College and University of Oregon, should unify the parent-teacher work and bring the home and the school into more vital relationship than ever before in this state.

This convention meeting in Corvallis will afford an opportunity to visit the Oregon Agricultural College and learn of the fine work that is being done there for Oregon.

Enclosed with the letter has been sent printed matter, which, as far as possible, will form the subject matter for programmes for the ensuing year.

In the printed matter special attention is given to the work of the Parent Education Bureau work is given. The bureau was established April 21, 1915, with the idea of giving a permanent bureau for the information and education of parents. During the past year, May 1, 1914-May 1, 1915, 6640 women visited the bureau. Many of these were young wives and expectant mothers. Eugene tests are held each week. From November 1, 1914, to May 1, 1915, 2162 babies have been examined. These tests are tests not contests, no prizes being given. The object is purely educational, to show the mother not where her baby is perfect, but where it may need care for proper development. A series of practical talks and demonstrations have been conducted at headquarters each week.

The executive board has issued a pamphlet outlining the peace policy of the congress. This pamphlet deals with the world advance in peace and humane welfare, pointing to the work of the recent Women's Peace Party in Europe and The Hague conference of women, urging concerted efforts for industrial and international peace and the instruction of children in the basic principles on which peace in all its phases is founded. The pamphlet is an interesting appeal.

The Portland Shakespeare Study Club entertained friends Monday night at St. David's parish house with an artistic and clever presentation of "Much Ado About Nothing," under the splendid leadership of Eleanor Sanford-Large, drama coach, whose training and broad experience on the legitimate stage singularly fitted her to direct the play.

A delightful feature noticeable in the play Monday night was the spirit of team work and harmony evident throughout the action. From the most important to the apparently least significant characters, the splendid work of the entire cast showed the truly important significance of every character to the entire play.

No special mention is due any particular member of the cast in "Much Ado About Nothing" on Monday night, but great praise and sincere appreciation are due the cast as a whole, as was shown by the unstinted applause of the audience, insisting upon the appearance of every character upon the stage at the close of the play.

Much credit is due Mrs. Roy Peterson, dramatic chairman of the club, for the beautiful stage setting, as well as her untiring efforts in co-operating with all interested in bringing about the splendid result obtained.

Following is the programme:
Mrs. Pleasant Seashor, director.
Mrs. Roy J. Peterson, dramatic chairman.
Mrs. D. B. Mackie, Miss May Breslin, soloists.
Mrs. Russell R. Dorr, accompanist.

CAST OF CHARACTERS:
Don Pedro, Prince of Aragon..... Mrs. P. S. Thompson.
Don John, Natural brother to Don Pedro..... Mrs. Roy J. Peterson.
Claudio, a young Lord of Florence (Mrs. A. L. Todd)..... Mrs. A. L. Todd.
Benedick, a young Lord of Padua (Mrs. W. A. Carter)..... Mrs. W. A. Carter.
Antonio, Brother to Leonato..... Mrs. E. P. Preble.
Borachio, a young Lord of Padua..... Mrs. E. P. Preble.
Conrade (Miss Helen Jeffers), follower of Don Pedro..... Miss Helen Jeffers.
Dogberry (Miss Alana Brown) and Verges (Mrs. E. Jones), officers of police in Messina..... Miss Alana Brown and Mrs. E. Jones.
Friar Francis..... Mrs. E. P. Preble.
Hero, Daughter to Leonato..... Miss Clara Oaks.
Beatrice, Niece to Leonato..... Mrs. E. P. Preble.
Margaret (Mrs. Jeffers) and Ursula (Mrs. W. A. Carter), attendants on Hero..... Mrs. Jeffers and Mrs. W. A. Carter.
Watchman..... Miss Nina Joy.
Lords and ladies members of the Club.

The McMinnville Civic Improvement Club met Thursday afternoon and held its annual election. The following are officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. F. H. Buchanan; vice-president, Mrs. J. Sherman Wallace; recording secretary, Mrs. Leroy Lewis; financial secretary, Mrs. F. S. Wilson; treasurer, Mrs. L. L. Rogers; directors, Mrs. W. S. Houke and Mrs. E. S. Brown.

A marked expansion and success was noted in the various departments, the pure food, needle craft, home industry and visiting having been the most popular during the year.

An interesting meeting of the Alberta Women's Improvement Club took place Tuesday evening. The plan for a library was the principal motive of the affair. Reports were given by the following chairmen of the committees: Municipal, Mrs. Josephine R. Sharp; Market, Miss Alice Ackels; vacant lot and park, Mrs. J. E. Sharp; street, Mrs. J. W. Cahow; library, Mrs. Fred Decker; sanitation, Mrs. Elizabeth Grunstad; community welfare, Mrs. A. Hicks.

school, Mrs. Martha Malinster; social and outing, Mrs. Nellie Bosorth; membership, Mrs. Katherine Durst; dramatic art, Mrs. L. Zaharadnik; music, Miss Vera Kitchen. The club will meet again a week from next Tuesday.

The Women's Political Science Club will meet at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in room H, Central Library, for the annual meeting, at which time new officers will be elected. A full attendance is desired, as matters of importance are to come before the club.

The Woman's Political Science Club will meet Tuesday afternoon at the Central Library, to elect officers for next year. Another meeting next week will complete this season's work.

Tomorrow is Flag day and the Willamette Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will pass the day at the Oaks. An invitation has been extended to the Multnomah chapter, which has been accepted. The members are planning to bring their husbands and kiddies and have a general good time. Luncheon will be served at 6 o'clock, and after a pleasant social visit the members and guests will return home.

Tuesday is the day set for the annual picnic of the Portland Shakespeare Study Club. The members will meet at 10:30 at the corner of First and Alder streets, and take the Oregon City car to Capitol Park, where they will pass the day.

Mrs. Isaac Lee Patterson, state regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will entertain the women of Salem, who are to organize a chapter, with tea at her country home, Eola-on-the-Hills, June 14, Flag day. Invitations have also been extended to eligible members of the organization in Dallas, McMinnville, Jefferson and Silverton.

Mrs. F. Joplin will entertain the Daughters of the Confederacy at her home, 673 Clackamas street, Thursday afternoon.

The Woodstock Psychology Circle 16 will entertain the members of the Inner Circle of the Portland Psychology Club with a "set-acquainted tea" at the home of Mrs. E. H. Ingham, 1381 Harold avenue, tomorrow afternoon. All members are invited. Take WW car.

Tonight at 8 o'clock in the Tyrolean room of the Hotel Benson, Mrs. Florence Crawford will give a study of that delightful little book depicting childlike love and faith, "For the Love of Mary Ellen." Mrs. Elizabeth Bond will sing, accompanied by Miss Viola Tolbert. Last Sunday evening Mrs. Crawford spoke upon Elbert Hubbard and his "Message to Garcia."

Among the important club events of the past week was the trip to Oregon City yesterday by the State Women's Press Club, as the guests of Mrs. Eva Emery Dye. After an afternoon passed visiting places of historic interest the club returned to Mrs. Dye's residence, where a social time and luncheon was enjoyed.

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Orpheus Temple No. 18, of the Pythian Sisters, will entertain with a 500 party Thursday night at the Knights of Pythias Hall. Everybody is invited.

Psychology Club circle No. 21 will meet in the philosophical hall of the Morgan building, Thursday at 8 o'clock. "The Power of Thought, or What Thought Is," will be the topic of discussion, led by Dr. L. H. Diamond. The meeting is free and open to the public.

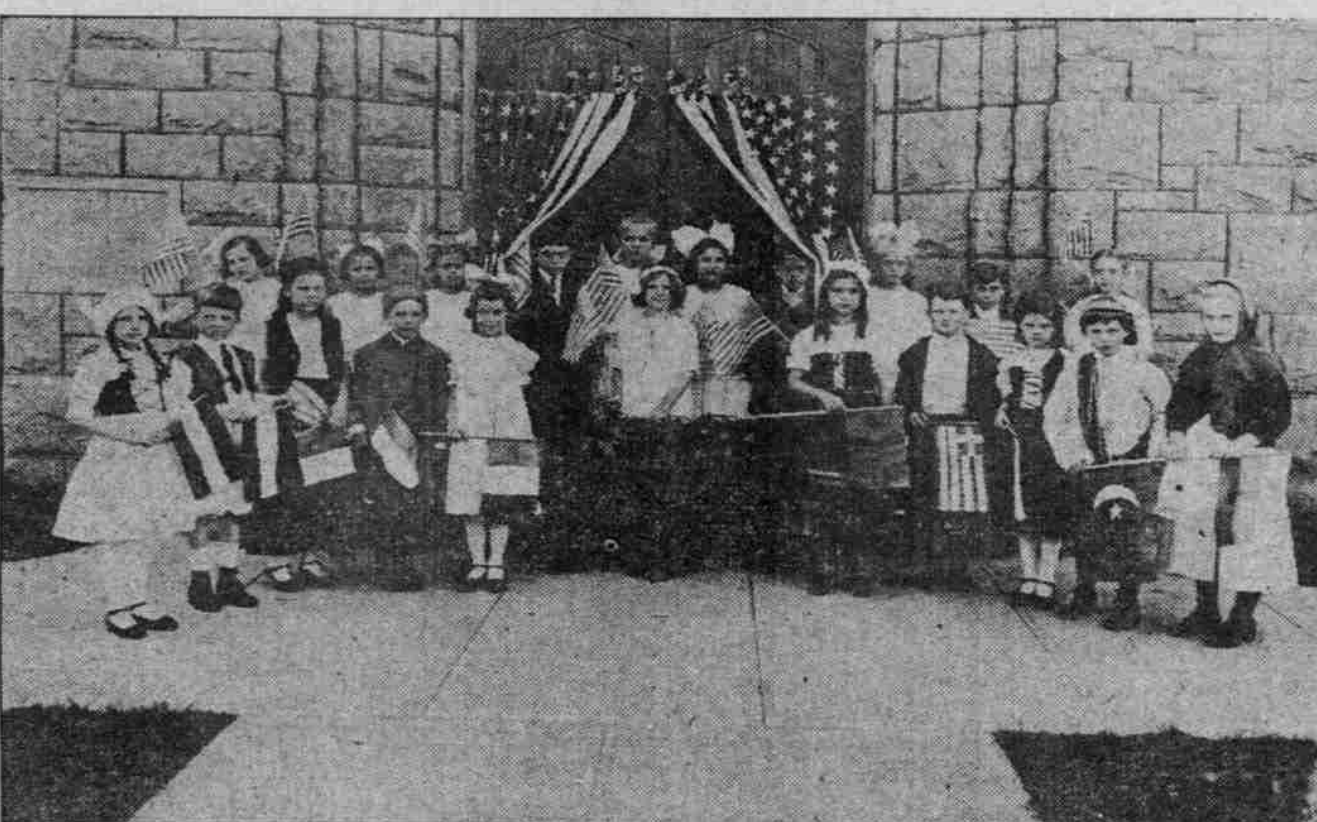
The woman's department of the Rose City Park Club, of which Mrs. O. G. Houghson is president, is closing its year with an elaborate luncheon, Friday. The ballroom of the hotel will be used for the occasion. Elaborate decorations and an artistic musical programme will be features of the affair.

Mrs. Percy W. Lewis will direct the programme, and reservations may be made with Mrs. Philo E. Jones, Mrs. E. H. Carlson and Mrs. W. L. Johnston. All members and women who are interested are invited.

Athena Delphian Drama Club will have its final meeting of the season at the home of Mrs. Alva Lee Stephens, 690 W. 12th street. All members are urged to be present as there will be an important business meeting before the entertainment. The club will resume its activities next September.

During the past week there has been a full club circle; that is, there have been decidedly few meetings, but one has only to consider the fact that the Portland clubwoman is by nature a patriotic, enthusiastic being involved in all the important affairs of the city to realize that in reality clubdom was as busy as usual.

HOME MISSIONARY EXERCISES ARE FEATURE OF CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAMME AT SUNNY-SIDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.



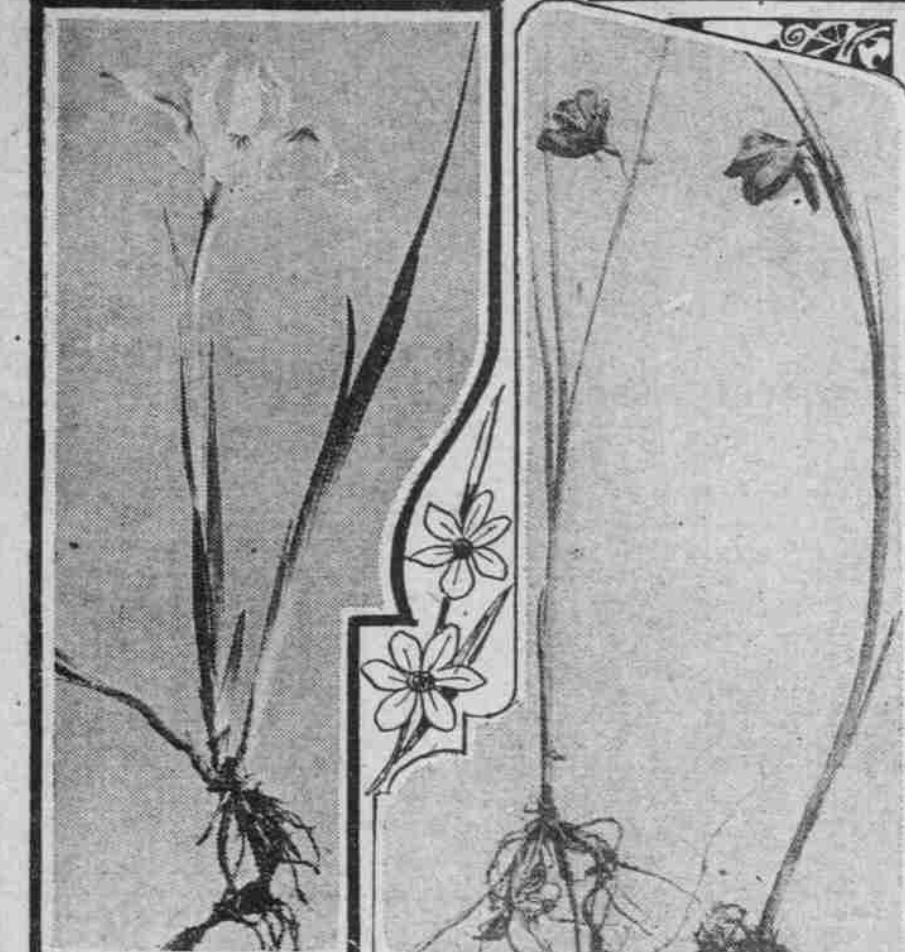
Sunday School Children Dressed to Show Different Nationalities Reached by Home Missionary Workers. Those in Front Row Represent European Nationalities in the Rear the American Children.

The home missionary work of the Sunny-Side Congregational Church was fittingly exemplified at the children's day programme of the Sunday school on Sunday, June 6. The children dressed in the national costumes of the various old-world nations reached by the workers of the Home Missionary Society. The "make-up" of the children was faithful to the native dress of the country they were supposed to represent. Each carried his respective flag, bearing the request that he be admitted to the liberties and privileges of the United States.

In other exercises the missionary work was told of in a way understood by the older as well as the younger folk. There were an equal number of children attired in the conventional American dress, and these were supposed to represent the beckoning hand of held which the church forces are extending to the immigrants to this country.

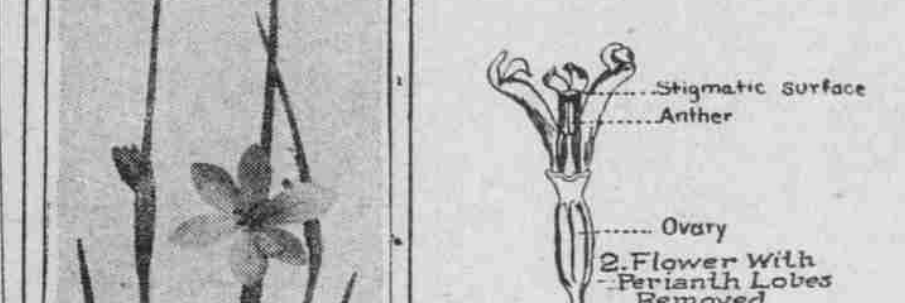
FLAGS ARE HUMBLE YET FLOWER LOVED BY ALL

Flour de Lis Is Modest in Dress and Demeanor, Lifting Its Head Above All Climes in Magnificence of Color.



1. Iris or Flag.

4. Blue-eyed Grass or Sisyrinchium.



2. Flower With Perianth Lobes Removed.

3. Section of flower.

Stigmatic Surface.

Style.

Anther.

Sepal.

Ovary.

Blue-eyed Grass or Sisyrinchium.

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UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, June 12.—(Special.)—On the hills around Portland and widely scattered throughout the state is found a flower, white or yellow or cream of blue. It is the flag, or fleur de lis, or stigmatis-lily, and it is world-wide in its distribution. Here a humble plant of modest dress and demeanor, there lifting its proud head, magnificent in form or color, it is loved by people of all conditions and in all regions. Our fathers, by careful cultivation and selection, have been made truly beautiful, but it is the native plant of the Oregon fields with which we are now concerned.

The leaves of the iris are long and narrow and have parallel veining. The leaves lap over each other in the manner of a man on horseback, hence in scientific language called equitant.

The flower coverings or floral envelopes consist of three petal-like portions marked with converging lines or a pathway of color, probably a guide to the hurrying insect in search of nectar and continued below as a green covering over the egg case or ovary. Alternating with these three others considerably narrower.

Next in order come the three stamens, opening so as to shed the powdery pollen inward.

In the center is a single exceedingly short style arising from the ovary and soon divides into three leaf-like portions, each with a long, slender tube, the notch is the pollen receptive surface or stigma. (See Figs. 2 and 3.) It will be remembered that the pollen must be placed in contact with the receptive

stigma to produce fertilization of the egg. It is interesting to study out nature's plan to bring about cross and to prevent self pollination, and in the flag this can be readily made out by anyone who will give a little time to the plant itself.

When an insect enters the flower in search for its honey it is entitled to no free drink, but must pay its way. As it crowds toward the bottom of the flower the sides of the stigma pocket scrapes off from the insect's back some of the pollen brought in from previously visited flowers.

In the regular way a tube grows down to the eggs of the ovary and applies itself to an egg, hereditary characters pass from the pollen to mingle with those of the egg and fertilization is complete. A seed will ripen as a result.

The ripened seed pods are interesting objects a little later. They burst into three parts and the seeds are scattered. The orris root of commerce is the underground stem of three kinds of iris found in Italy. A little farther on the iris is used in tooth powders and for perfume.

The blue-eyed grass, or sisyrinchium, is found throughout Oregon early in the season and lasts for some time. The leaves are grass-like and the flower colors range from blue through light to deep purple. Some species are tall and comparatively large flowered; others are short and have smaller blossoms. In some localities they are known to the children as grass widows or nigger babies. The blue-eyed grasses are members of the iris family.

been placed at \$1 a year, which will be placed in a general fund and used only for defraying the expense of the meetings. The date of the first meeting has been fixed for Saturday, July 17, and it will be held at Selah Springs, a short distance west of Silverton.

Those who have been selected as officers of the association are: President, Henry Downing, of Sublimity; Secretary, H. H. Allen, of Selah; directors, T. D. Allen, Marlon Palmer and M. Small, of Silverton, and J. D. Simmons, of Monitor.

BERRY GROWERS HAPPY
Record Prices, Prospects of Bigger Crop and Prize Capture Please.
HOOD RIVER, June 12.—(Special.)—With the Oregon horticultural exhibit captor of the gold medal award at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition and strawberries selling at \$2.25 per crate, record prices for the fruit, local orchardists are again optimistic over market and crop conditions. While strawberries will be shipped from the Upper Valley until July, the crest of the producing season has passed. It is now estimated that the local crop will reach about 166 carloads, approximately that of last year. Many new berry fields are now being planned this fall, and the production will be greatly increased next year.

STATE SOCIETY FORMED

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF PIONEERS ORGANIZED AT SILVERTON.

First Annual Meeting to Be Held July 17 at Selah Springs—Dues to Be Kept to \$1 Yearly.

SILVERTON, Or. June 12.—(Special.)—An Association of the Sons and Daughters of the Pioneers of Oregon was formed in this city Tuesday the purpose of which is to perpetuate the memory of those who made it possible for the early settlers of the state to build up homes in this valley. This is the first move of the kind ever made, and the encouragement the promoters are receiving is indicative of success.

There is no way of determining what the membership will be. There are hundreds of eligibles in this vicinity, and as the association is statewide in scope, it is expected that it will be the strongest organization in Oregon within a short time.

It is the purpose of the management to hold annual meetings, all of which will be in the nature of picnics, for which ample entertainment will be provided. The membership fee has