HOLIDAY REUNIONS GIVE WAY TO CURRENT AFFAIRS IN SCHOOLS

City's Students Are Busy Again With Books and Diversions After Vacation Festivities—Class Plays Will Soon Be Presented.

Washington Football Boys Will Be Banqueted.

Committee of Domestic Science Class Plan to Entertain Players. Senior "Prom" Announced.

BY ANNA L. McPHERSON.

THE senior domestic science class of Washington is planning a banquet for the boys of the football team. Dorothy Roddis is chairman of the banquet and has appointed the following committees: Invitations, Dorothy Taylor, Helen Ritter, Florence Fitzgerald; place cards, Florence Fitzgerald, Leora Spaugh and Ruth Edwards; decorations, Regina Keil, Elizabeth Stewart and Marjorie Pearson; programmes, Florence Wahl and Luela Shoemaker; menu, Eunice Cowgill, Flossie Norvel, Thelma Peterson, Ethel Swartz; music, Anna McPherson; serving, Marjorie Pearson, Regina Keil, Elizabeth Stewart and Dorothy Roddis. Clever invitations in maroon and gold have been sent to the members of the faculty, the coach and team. The banquet will be held January 15 in the cooking-room at 5:30 P. M. After the dinner is served, a dance will be held in the gymnasium.

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Bids are now out for the January '20 class senior "prom" to be given January 16 in the gymnasium at 8:15 P. M. The committee in charge is composed of Marcus Youngs, Anne Roberts, Cecil McKercher, Walter Robbins, James Beard, Anna McPherson, Regina Keil, Frances Manary, Robert McKennitt, Thelma Peterson, Norris Sewell, Jeanette White, Albert Crawford and Ed Durham. Excellent music will be provided. Admission by invitation is required, so members of the various schools are requested to secure bids from any member of the committee. The patrons and patronesses are: Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Herdman, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Grout, Miss Ruth Grant, Miss Vera Darling, Miss Ethel Wakeman, Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Masters, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Goss, Mr. and Mrs. Omar Bittner, Matthew Linnehan, Miss Cora Shaver, Mrs. Margaret Levinson, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Youngson, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Byford and Mr. and Mrs. George Isackson.

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Wednesday, January 7, the first assembly after vacation was held. Mr. Herdman made the following announcements: A meeting of the third-term girls at 8:30 Thursday, and of the second-term girls at the same hour; also a meeting of the sixth-term students Wednesday afternoon to plan a get-acquainted party. After the announcements Mr. Ingram led the school in singing. He then asked the band boys to meet in the community house Thursday. The celeste chorus will begin practicing Monday for the graduation exercises.

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The group pictures for the class issue of the Lens were taken on Tuesday. The staff has been hard at work and nearly all material was in by Wednesday. The Lens will be out about January 20. A number of clever ideas are being used. The class staff is as follows: Editor-in-chief, Anna McPherson; associate editor, Al Crawford; business manager, Bob Slinger; assistant business manager, Bob McKennett; horoscope, James Beard and Frances Hurst; verse, Harriet Ogden and Esther Troxel; essays, Grace Pick and Lawrence Hartmus; society, Marjorie Pearson and Frances Manary; school notes, Florence Gustafson; exchanges, Eline Anderson and Wendall Kent; "Under the Lens," Lloyd Ritchie and Frances Young; library notes, Elizabeth Stewart and Arthur Gulley; athletics, Ralph Bueno and Irvin Reinke; cartoons, Clarence Poy; class prophecy, Frances Manary and Gilbert Ritchie; class history, Hugh Hayden and Bob McKennett; portrait verse, Regina Keil and Ed Durham; "Bursts of Bunk," Lorretta Isackson and Marion Quackenbush.

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On Tuesday, December 23, the June '20 class entertained the January '20 class at a theater party at the Alcazar theater. After the theater, the guests were taken to the L cafeteria, where refreshments were served. Douglas Farrell, president of the June class, gave a short talk, wishing us success in the future and stating their regret at the members of the class leaving. Marcus Youngs, president of the January '20, responded to the talk and thanked the June class for their delightful entertainment. About 150 attended.

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The cast of "Pomander Walk," the January '20 class play, will entertain the coach, Mr. Curtiss, and members of the faculty who helped make the play a success, on Friday with a theater party at the Hazelwood. The committee in charge of the affair is James Beard, Cecil McKercher, Hugh Hayden and Grace Pick.

Students at Jefferson Undergo Vaccination.

Smallpox Invades School When Instructor Is Taken Ill—Class "Prom" Set for January 29.

BY LIONEL M. CLARK.

DURING the holidays many of the Jefferson students entertained with dances and parties. Two delightful parties were held at the Irvington club by Jeffersonians, on by Adele and Joanna Jones, and the other by Mamie Stroutt, Virginia Umbdenstock, Charles Carr and Leonard Irwin. Several parties were also held in private homes.

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On Tuesday, four of the organization pictures for the class "spectrum" were taken over again. The first attempts proved either too dark or too blurred for publication. Those whose pictures were taken over were the usher corps, Pi Delts, Naomphi and "J" club.

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Invitations for the January '20 class "prom" have been given out to members of the June and January classes. The invitations are of purple and gold, sealed with gilt wax. The "prom" will be held on January 29 in the school gymnasium.

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On Tuesday afternoon a notice was sent around to all the classes, stating that all students in Mr. Quigly's classes must be vaccinated for smallpox before Monday. Mr. Quigly was stricken with the disease some time last week.

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The regular weekly assembly was held on Monday. Mr. Jenkins opened the assembly by extending New Year's greetings to the student body. Mr. Ritchie led the singing. The assembly closed before the entire period was up so the students returned to their registration rooms until the end of the period.

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A special assembly was held on Wednesday for all students of Mr. Quigly's classes. Doctors sent over to the school by the school board were on hand to vaccinate the students against smallpox.

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The High-Y society of the school will give a dance at the Multnomah hotel on January 17. The patrons and patronesses will be: Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Alber, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Goss, Mr. and Mrs. K. V. Lively, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bittner, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Glesy, Mr. and Mrs. B. Y. Curry, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Chase and Mr. Hopkins Jenkins. The dance will be informal.

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Preparations for the final interclass debate are now going on rapidly and it is hoped that the debate will be held before the term is over. The preliminary debates will be held within the next two weeks and the two winners will debate in the auditorium on the subject: "Resolved, That Capital Punishment Should Be Re-established in the State of Oregon."

OFFICERS WHO CONDUCT AFFAIRS OF JAMES JOHN STUDENT ASSOCIATION COUNCIL.

Reading from left to right—Lee Hoskins, athletic commissioner; Myrna Lane, music commissioner; Oliver Jessup, council president; Amanda Steele, literary commissioner; John Ohm, public welfare commissioner; Esther Piele, finance commissioner.

James John Alumni Hold Holiday Reunion.

Members of June, '19, Class Enjoy Progressive Party—Rehearsals of Senior Play Are Held.

BY CHARLOTTE JONES.

DESPITE the fact that there was no school for the two weeks of the holidays, James John students and teachers were not altogether idle. Miss Straub spent her vacation in Seattle, while Mr. George enjoyed a two-day fishing trip to Estacada. Most of the teachers attended the Oregon State Teachers' association meeting, Mr. Getz acting as chairman of the modern languages department. Many of the students employed their time profitably by working in various ways and places.

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During vacation, too, there was a reunion of the June, '19, class. This took place at the home of Miss Clinton, the class advisor. It was in the nature of a progressive party, with tables ranging from kindergarten to post-graduate college courses. At each table something different was done. For example, the post-graduates had to furnish a house. There were 24 class members and their friends present, while distant members were represented by letter.

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Practice for the senior play, "She Stoops to Conquer," went steadily on during the holidays. The cast practiced at the homes of Edmund Kugel, Gwladys Keeney and Gladys Coon. The cast is as follows: Miss Hardcastle, Gladys Coon; Mrs. Hardcastle, Gwladys Keeney; Miss Neville, Edith Hartwell; maid, Esther Piele; Sir Charles Marlow, Rudolf Anderson; young Marlow, Stanley O'Connor; Hardcastle, Harlow Hiatt; Hastings, Edmund Kugel; Tony Lumpkin, Paul Chatterton; Diggory, Lowell Dotson, and landlord, Clarence Toole. The play is to be presented January 17 in the high school auditorium.

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Mr. Fletcher formally entertained the eighth-term class at his home on Saturday evening, January 10.

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The Peninsula National bank has furnished each member of the domestic science classes with the "Household Account Book," which it is putting out this year instead of calendars. Special stress will be put on the work of keeping accounts.

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An exhibit from the United States department of labor, under the auspices of the Library Association of Portland, appeared this week in the halls of James John. The posters deal with women in industrial service and are a plea for better working conditions for the working woman.

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The English-8 classes were asked to aid in the completion of the "Tumalum" by writing a story or essay upon one of their experiences during the Christmas holidays. Although some of the pupils declared that absolutely nothing had happened, the finished products, for the most part, were interesting and worth while.

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The student-body party on the evening of January 9 was an event of school-wide interest. It was the last big social event of the season and the turnout was everything that could be desired. The chief events on the programme were the reproduction of "Cleopatra" by the Latin club executive board, a very jazzy jazz band and the welcoming of the New Year by Father Time. In the latter sketch Joe Ward was a most adorable 1920, while Jack Vinson was a venerable "Time." Games were provided for "old and young" and were thoroughly enjoyed. At the close of the evening refreshments, consisting of wafers and punch, were served. It was owing to the generosity of the Latin club that the party was given on that night, because the club gave up its last meeting to the student body.

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The girls' glee club presented the operetta, "Love Pirates of Hawaii," at the Little theater on the afternoon of January 10.

Lighted Star Honors Heroes.

Indianapolis News.

An electrically-lighted service star on top of an evergreen tree which has been planted in honor of its heroes is the method which Batavia, Ill., has adopted to keep before its people the services of these men. The evergreen at Batavia also is to serve as a community Christmas tree, and some other communities throughout the United States are setting out a tree which can be used every Christmas or on other occasions instead of getting a new tree every time one is needed.

Senior Class Will Present Plays Friday.

Girls' Polytechnic Students Ready to Give Double Bill—City School Officials Are Dined.

BY LELAH CHILDERS.

ALL preparations have been made for the senior class play, which is to be held in the assembly on Friday, January 16. There will be two plays and an old Irish dance by the junior girls. The first play will be Lady Gregory's "Spreading the News," with the following characters: Mrs. Tarpey, Ragna Anenson; Jack Smith, Mildred Mitchell; Mrs. Fallon, Bertha Albuschie; James Ryan, Mary Hutchinson; policeman, Minnie Kowalski; Mrs. Tully, Mollie Wassenmiller; Tim Casey, Ella Erickson; Shawn Earley, Lena Covach; magistrate, Francis Smith. The second play will be "Three Pills in a Bottle," for which the cast is: Toney Sims, Louise Van Fleet; Widow Sims, Lydia Hoffman; old gentleman, Ilene Reber; old gentleman's soul, Florence Marks; scrub woman, Gertrude Lavery; scrum woman's soul, Juanita Holden.

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Several teachers of the school left the city for their Christmas vacation. Mrs. Thomas, instructor of the housekeepers' sewing class, went to California to visit her son and daughter. Miss Gertrude Holmes, history teacher, also went to California. Mrs. E. Page, third-term sewing teacher, visited her cousin in Seattle. Miss Laura Riley spent her vacation in Sunnyside, Wash., with her brother and his family.

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A luncheon was served in the small dining-room for the members of the school board, superintendent and assistants and their wives on Thursday. After the luncheon the guests visited the different departments of the school. Miss Arnold was hostess and the luncheon was cooked by the seniors and by members of the third-term domestic science class. The menu was: Crab cocktail, wafers, baked ham, cider sauce, stuffed baked potatoes, string beans, hot rolls, jelly, peach pickles, lettuce, 1000-Island dressing, celery sticks and cheese, chess ties, coffee, candy.

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A continuation of simple luncheons and dinners given by the second-term domestic science girls are being served in English style.

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One of the problems of the third-term class is the designing and making of fancy street bags. The designs were worked on with beads and silk and metallic threads on velvet and satins. They were on exhibit in the assembly hall last Thursday.

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A bread-baking contest took place on Thursday, in which all second-term domestic science classes were engaged. Prizes were offered for the best loaves and those which were most attractive and appetizing in appearance were placed on exhibition in the assembly hall.

Commerce High Is Obtaining New Portable.

Expansion of School Demands Larger Permanent Structure Soon—Boys Take Up Basketball.

BY DAVID SINGER.

AFTER the Christmas holidays school was resumed at Commerce high in the regular manner. No assemblies were held and the week was passed by the students in buckling down to hard work as the final examinations are soon to be held. Very few students will have to take the examinations because their markings were high this term.

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The second issue of the Ledger put in its appearance just before school closed for the Christmas holidays and was one of the best ever issued. It was a personal number and contained practically the name of every student in school. Mr. Dering is now advertising manager.

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Basketball is in full swing at Commerce now and the team is ready for the best of them. They are practicing at the B'nai B'rith gymnasium and between three and four teams are out every night. Some of the boys trying for the team are: Martin Paulback, George Peterson, Ted Gurian, William Keppinger, Mix Grider Henry Altemus, Moriss Keeling, David Singer, Henry Bastian, Hardy Killum and Ellers. Commerce will have its first game on January 12 with Lincoln.

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At last the school board is awakening to the fact that the present building is not sufficient for the school's needs and a new portable is now being erected in front of the main building. This will be used as a classroom. If Commerce keeps on growing the same way that it has a large new brick building will soon be needed. At one time school officials promised the students a new building in 1928. But Mr. Elton hopes he will have one long before then.

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Miss Rankin's commercial law classes are giving mock trials and the training is proving very beneficial to the students. The first trial was held last week and was an immense success. Mr. Swartz and Miss Evans were the attorneys.

Franklin Acclaims Victory of Miss Garrison.

School Takes Pride in Teacher's Oratorical Achievement—Annual Musical Concert Arranged.

BY ANNA KARAGOZIAN.

FRANKLIN high is glorying in the success attained by Miss Margaret Helen Garrison in the recent national prohibition oratorical contest held in Des Moines, Ia. Miss Garrison is head of the public speaking department and also instructs in English. She had proven victor in many former oratorical contests.

Miss Garrison was entitled to enter the contest as she was given first place in the Pacific coast division two years ago. She will resume her work tomorrow.

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An event anticipated by many who are interested in the music department is the annual concert to be given next Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium. R. B. Walsh of the faculty is director.

This is perhaps one of the biggest affairs of the season of its nature. The programme will consist of selections by the boys' and girls' glee clubs, mixed chorus and orchestra. There will be a surprise for every one as Mr. Walsh will present a Junior student in vocal solos. The soloist is a new discovery. Quite elaborate preparations have been made and the concert will show the work accomplished the past term.

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Some very valuable books and magazines have been added to the school library. Among the magazines are El Commercio, a Spanish paper, New Electrical Experimenter, Natural History, and New Republic. The new books are, "Russian Comedy of Errors," by Kennon; "Story of a Pioneer," by Shaw; "How to Live," by Fiske; "Hoosier Schoolmaster," by Eggleston; Kipling's "Kim," and others. Several new college exchanges are also being received.

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Mrs. G. G. Root, president of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association, was a visitor on Wednesday. Other visitors were Archie Pitman of O. A. C., and Carl Prior, vice-president of the June '18 class.

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Dean E. E. Wilson gave an interesting talk on the "Home Beautiful" at a meeting of the Home Economics club Wednesday. She urged the girls to read the many books found in the libraries on the subject.

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On Thursday the girls in the domestic science classes demonstrated their ability as cooks when they gave a baked bean and brown bread sale during the noon hour. Those purchasing the "practical foods" were so pleased that other such sales will be given. This idea was created by the Home Economics club girls and was the first sale of this type of food. The proceeds will go to the club fund.

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The Franklin basketball tossers won the game played last Tuesday with the Y. M. C. A. team in the Franklin gymnasium. The score was 47 to 19. "Babe" Thomas, Charles King and Howard Hobson starred for the Quakers.

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At a meeting of the June '20 class Ernest Gilliard appointed the following students to decorate the school gymnasium for the senior prom of the graduating class: Geraldine King, chairman; Helen Glover, Jeanette Baer, Evalyn Hogue, Marguerite Amato, Anna Springer, Thaxter Daniels and Teddy Ober.

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Ellen Gardner, of Miss Hansen's domestic science class, served a luncheon on Thursday to the following guests: Mrs. H. Knaus, Miss Beatrice Davis, Miss Ruth Downer, Miss Haselton and Miss Kaneen Hanson.

Largest Statue in World.

What is to be the largest statue in the world is being built by an army of Japanese workmen on the Isle of the Cow's Head, in the inland sea, which has been called the Mediterranean of Japan. The Isle of the Cow's Head is private property, and this adornment is a work of private enterprise.

The figure will be that of St. Nichiren, who founded the sect of Buddhism that bears his name. In the wooden model the saint lies asleep, facing whoever sees him, his head pillowed on a block and his left arm extended along his side. The trees and scenery of the Isle of the Cow's Head will provide an excellent setting for the enormous statue that is to be cut out of the solid rock from this model. Following the line of the natural rock, it will be a reclining figure 240 feet long, and therefore much more impressive than the Buddah at Pegu, Burma, which measures 182 feet from head to foot.

Happy Social Functions Are Held at Lincoln.

Dances of Cardinal "L" Club and Philos Prove Charming Events—Boys' Quartet Wins Favor.

BY GEORGIA JACOBS.

THIS week at Lincoln has been filled with the usual club meetings and organization affairs, and, in addition, has boasted two of the most successful social functions of the school term. Of these two, perhaps the first to be mentioned should be the dance given by the Cardinal "L" club on Friday night. For some time the members of this club have centered their time, efforts and enthusiasm upon making this dance one which would always be spoken of as the best, biggest "peppiest" dance of the entire season. Nor was their time wasted or their efforts spent in vain, for their dance turned out to be all and more than they had hoped for.

The school gymnasium, where the dance was given, was attractively decorated for the affair with greenery intermingled with Lincoln's gay cardinal and white and with huge cardinal "Ls."

The music was the finest obtainable and the punch, served in a cleverly arranged booth, was delicious. The committees in charge were: Expenses, Dave Wright, Marion Monroe, Bernard Mannheimer, Irvin Cole; advertising, Ted Barton, Morris Rogoway, Byron Wolverton and Warren Oliver.

The other dance was the "Philo Phrolic," given by Philos on Wednesday afternoon in the gymnasium. The affair was a great success and will even more firmly establish for the Philos the name of always being able to handle social affairs in a absolutely the correct and most successful manner. It was a jitney dance and refreshments were also sold by a committee of Philo girls under Catherine Ross.

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The High Y's regular Friday movie show was given on Friday afternoon and evening. The feature shown was "Lost." An educational feature and a cartoon comedy were also shown.

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A committee composed of Roy Goodman, Charlotte Kramer and David Piper are preparing for the big semi-annual Aeolian programme. The programme will be given for the school on Thursday, January 15.

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At an assembly given just before the Christmas vacation, the members of the football team were awarded the letters which they won during the season just closed. A. P. Patten of the faculty presided and this term's captain, Jake Enkells, and the captain-elect, "Montie" Monroe, each gave short speeches. The letters were awarded by T. T. Davies. Those who received them were Marion Monroe, Jake Enkells, Irvin Cole, Warren Oliver, Ted Steffens, Dave Wright, Morris Rogoway, William Beck, Billy Turner, Fred Harrison, Eugene Duncan, Byron Wolverton, Edwin Kratt, Jerry Aikin, Scott Sichel, Bernard Mannheimer, Mannie Adler.

At Tuesday morning's assembly Lincoln quartet, composed of Bernard Mannheimer, Timothy Fung, Charles Liggett and Charles Wright, favored the school with a couple of selections. The quartet is fast becoming one of Lincoln's famed organizations.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Schwartztrauber are being congratulated upon the arrival of a new daughter. Mr Schwartztrauber is the head of the history department at Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Reynolds are also receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a new member in their household.

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The Tri L's spent an enjoyable evening at the Y. W. C. A. hall on January 2, when they attended a New Year's party. The fact that half of the girls dressed as boys was the source of much fun and laughter.

INDUSTRIAL GOVERNMENT MAKES STEADY PROGRESS

Numerous Illustrations Show Failure of Militarism as Applied to Conduct of Affairs of State.

BY WILLIAM C. BENBOW.

(This is one of a series of articles on the fundamentals of government by Mr. Benbow, which are appearing in The Oregonian.)

IN MANY cases, the conversion to the Christian civilization of the militant or pagan nations of the world only effected a partial change in the natures of their people and they were still to a large extent pagan. But, nevertheless, through all the vicissitudes of the last 1900 years the industrial system has grown and developed, showing that there is something in its foundation principles that is fundamentally strong.

One of the legal fruits of the growth and development of the industrial system is the constitution of the United States. This is the greatest agreement in history. But it is nothing more nor less than the perfected fruit of the agreements for their own government of those little township societies in New England. In 1776 a people, broad in their ideas, agreed among themselves and first stated to the world, the principles upon which a nation should exist as an industrial people. This is called the Declaration of Independence. Afterwards they took such principles and formed them into a constitution. All done by agreement.

At the same time their very government, which was the highest type of industrial society, carried into its life a slave system, one of the incidents of militarism which it afterwards took great sacrifices by the people to eradicate. In the old world, where the military societies which previously existed had been only modified by the industrial principle, such a constitution was impossible.

Recent Test Made.

It is one of the wonders of history that only 12 men, or rather 11 men, the apostles, could declare a new proposition, go out with it and conquer the world and introduce a new system of thought and government. That contest has been going on from that time until now. The world recently has been engaged in a further test of whether the governmental forms of society shall be industrial or militant, Christian or pagan. There can be but one answer to such a question. It has been unfailingly answered in the affirmative in the past. If 12 men could start the system, millions of men ought to be able, and they were able, to sustain it. It is only in case the people themselves fall away from the principles and doctrines which gave the industrial system life, that the militant or socialistic system can succeed.

The struggle that was and is now going on in Europe is not a contest between complete militant societies or governments, strictly speaking, and industrial governments; but, nevertheless, the militant system is a dominating influence on one side, while the industrial system is the dominating influence on the other side. The principles of militarism and socialism are in direct conflict with the principles of industrialism. No government can stand for any great length of time which is partially militant and partially industrial; because, as has been said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

Second Conquest Necessary.

The militant system of society requires, and, to be successful, must have, the right to occupy the lands of the countries conquered; and must kill, destroy or make slaves of the inhabitants. Such is the history of all militant societies and such results are necessary in order that such societies may be successful. What is the economic value of overcoming a nation and conquering it unless the conquerors can take possession of the land and parcel it out to their soldiers and people and either destroy or make slaves of the former inhabitants? If a militant society does not take possession of the land and parcel it out to its soldiers and people and destroy or enslave the former inhabitants, then the country conquered will soon recuperate, its inhabitants will re-enforce themselves and the conquering country will have to subdue them a second time.

This is well illustrated by the very fact that Germany conquered France in 1870 and had her at Germany's complete mercy. If, at that time, Germany had killed, expelled or enslaved the French inhabitants, France would have become a part of the German empire. Of course, other nations of the world would not have permitted Germany to have brought about such results; and later on it was proved that they would not permit it. The reason is that the other nations of the world are more or less industrial and would not and did not permit a militant government to succeed. This very fact shows the inevitable decadence of the military system.

If Germany should have been successful and have made an attempt to completely subjugate the nations conquered and enslave their people and parcel out the land to her soldiers and citizens according to military principles, industrial nations not at war would have been compelled to intervene. That such results were likely brought the whole United States, an industrial nation, into the war. This is clear proof that the militant system in its full meaning cannot succeed.

A system of militarism whereby one nation enters upon a war with another and simply destroys a few buildings or fortifications and sinks a few ships and levies an indemnity will not succeed. Because the expense of such a war cannot be paid for, let alone any advantage obtained. A war which does not result in capturing sufficient returns from the nation subjugated to pay the expenses thereof is an unprofitable proceeding. Besides, it does not give an outlet to one of the main causes of the war, viz.; free land to the surplus population of the conquering country.

It is folly for a nation to load itself with debt for the purpose of carrying on a fruitless war. Unless such nation be able to obtain more territory within which to plant its people and obtain property and the labor of the people subjugated sufficient to pay the expenses of the war, there is no economic justification for it. Hence, the wars of earlier times were much more justified, from an economic standpoint, than recent wars. The earlier militant societies entered upon a war for the purpose of obtaining more territory. The result was that the conquering society obtained a benefit, but the half militant and half industrial society, where the territory conquered is not taken possession of and the inhabitants are not enslaved nor destroyed, gains no economic benefit because it does not obtain room for its surplus population.

No war is ever justified except to preserve or extend human liberty. But, from a purely selfish or commercial standpoint, it cannot be justified unless greater benefits are obtained to the conquering nation than it loses. The benefits must be greater than its losses. A thief who breaks open a safe and then leaves the money therein is surely a very unsuccessful thief. A nation which subdues another nation and does not take the land of the nation conquered is equally unsuccessful from an economic standpoint.

Heavy Taxes Adjunct.

It is thus seen that militarism to be successful must follow militant principles. It must kill its enemies, enslave the weaker members of the conquered nalton, and take their property and land. Murder, rapine and slavery are necessary concomitants of the militant system. Heavy armaments and crushing taxes are its adjuncts. Uncontrolled centralized power in a supreme head is its life blood. For the foregoing reasons it will be seen that militarism is a more or less decadent form of society.

Another kind of society by status, viz., a communistic or socialistic government, will be discussed in a later article.

Newsprint Increase Predicted.

OTTAWA, Ont.—The daily production of newsprint in Canada is 2775 tons, or a total of 800,000 per year. Expansions now under way will increase the output by an average of 300 tons per day or 90,000 tons per year. It is expected that in January, 1920, Canada will be producing well over 90,000 tons.

OPERA SUCCESSES PROMISED NEW YORKERS NOW COMING

Season Thus Far Has Been One of Triumphs—American as Artist and as Composer Has Made Distinct Advance in Gotham.

BY EMILIE FRANCES BAUER.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—(Special.)—It is difficult to believe that the season is almost half completed, yet with January 1 thoughts turn to the spring events and indeed to the season of 1920-21. Some of the greatest promises of this season have already been fulfilled and few have been canceled or postponed.

We were promised sensational successes by Edward Johnson, Benno Moiseiwitsch, Gabrielle Besanzoni, the return of Josef Lhevinne and of Emmy Destinn, all of which carried exactly according to the claims made in their behalf. Johnson far exceeded what was anticipated of him; so in a certain sense did Moiseiwitsch.

The American as artist and as composer has shown great strides during the first half of this season, although in number there have been perhaps fewer orchestral works heard this season than last. In quality, however, the two played by Walter Damrosch and Pierre Monteux, presenting Charles T. Griffes, were of an order calculated to raise the entire school of American composition to a plane where serious consideration must replace a patronizing toleration.

Mabel Garrison's success at the Metropolitan took on a new phase with the responsibility laid upon the young American singer of being the leading colorature of the Metropolitan. That she carried her honors well and that her successes should be regarded as encouragement for her American colleagues need not be doubted by anyone who has witnessed her performances.

Canadian Also Scores.

Another success of outstanding importance was that achieved by Jeanne Gordon, and while not of the United States, being a Canadian by birth, Miss Gordon puts herself in line with the greatest roles within her voice. Her Azucena was heralded everywhere as an achievement of rare distinction, and when she will be heard in something where her personal beauty will be added to her singing qualities the Metropolitan will have one of its rarest "finds."

The season brought back, according to promise, the old favorite Bonci, with voice not only unimpaired but more beautiful than ever, as his successes with the Chicago Opera company will attest. Notwithstanding every sort of doubt, Tetrazzini returned to the delight of hundreds of admirers as enthusiastic over her today as during those years when she was first flashed across the Hammerstein firmament of stars. Mme. Tetrazzini is now touring on the Pacific coast, and as may well be realized, that section of the country has lost none of its affection for the great diva, who is as full of life and energy as ever.

With Mme. Tetrazzini is May Wadler, who has won a distinguished place among the violinists of this country. Warren Proctor, the American tenor, is also in the company and coines in for his share of success with the public and with Mme. Tetrazzini herself, who seems ever interested in his success.

Matzenauer Coming Back.

The new year will bring Mme. Matzenauer back to the Metropolitan, to the joy of many to whom this great artist represents the last word in the nobility of art, in beauty of voice and in every phase that makes for a great and all-inclusive art. With her will come an English production of "Parsifal," but even outside of this fact the fact that she is back at the old post will be enough. The loveliness of her Delilah and Amneris, the haunting qualities she displays as the mother in "Le Prophete," have all become veritable needs to the patrons of the great Broadway house, and while they have been interested in other impersonations of some of these roles, the power and magnetism of Margaret Matzenauer place her in a class entirely by herself.

She will return to the Metropolitan after a veritable tour of triumph with several of the greatest orchestras in the country, not the least of which are recorded from her appearances in New York with the Philharmonic orchestra and with the Philadelphia orchestra in its home city and on tour. She has proved to be a concert artist with qualities that will make it difficult to resist the allurements the concert stage offers and as a recital artist she has gained a firmer foothold this season than she has ever enjoyed before.

INTEREST IN FARES VITAL

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fully spent in good construction. The development of auto traffic is the principal reason these plans did not work out the way the company expected. Stagnation in street car traffic during this period affected not only the Portland railway but hundreds of other concerns in the country. Portland happened, however, to be very much overdeveloped in suburban street car lines and the company has suffered correspondingly. There is the thing in a nut shell.

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Now under these conditions, who is to blame for this over development? The company, or the public? There can be only one answer. The company must be the responsible party, although circumstances beyond its control have deprived it of the reward it had a right to expect. Had the traffic on the street cars increased as fast as population, Portland could still have maintained a 5-cent fare and enjoyed a surplus of revenue over operating cost as large as Seattle's.

Under conditions such as this, is it right the public should be compelled to bear the burden of a mistake for which it was not responsible?

The stagnation in traffic has been aggravated by war prices so that it now costs the company 48 to 50 per cent more to do business than formerly. The income is stationary, while expense is half as much again. Expense consists very largely of items that should not now be applied. The upkeep of the city streets, bridge tolls and special franchise charges should not be put on the shoulders of the users of the cars; they mostly should be taken care of by taxation.

Seattle and Cleveland do not burden their systems or their traveling public by these imposts, why should Portland? If we free our street cars of this incubus we will go a long way to relieve the situation. Then, let us next decide to what extent the investment of the company should be placed in the deferred class, by reason of partial obsolescence, so far as paying interest is concerned. Let us also scrutinize the daily cost of operation and upkeep, and particularly the car service, and try and make some savings in this direction. When these things are done we will have done all we can to reduce expense, and it will then be time to try to increase revenue, if these fail to make both ends meet.

It would be almost suicidal to begin by imposing a rate on the public that will be a further breach in the covenant between the company and the public; that will cause the cars to run at times almost empty; and will be regarded as an attempt to make the public the scapegoat for the company's mistake.

The city government is the only hope of the public in this matter. It is the only body, organized, and able to act offensively as well as defensively, in the public interest. We look to it to see that we are effectively represented before the commission that will decide the rate question. Particularly do we look to Mayor Baker. In no way can a public official befriend the poorer people of Portland in a more important matter than this. Effective action can only be through an exhaustive study of all related facts of a business and engineering nature. An eleventh hour presentation of the case of the public will be of little avail, because the interests of capital and labor opposed to the public, will be very powerful.

Dickens Relics Sell High.

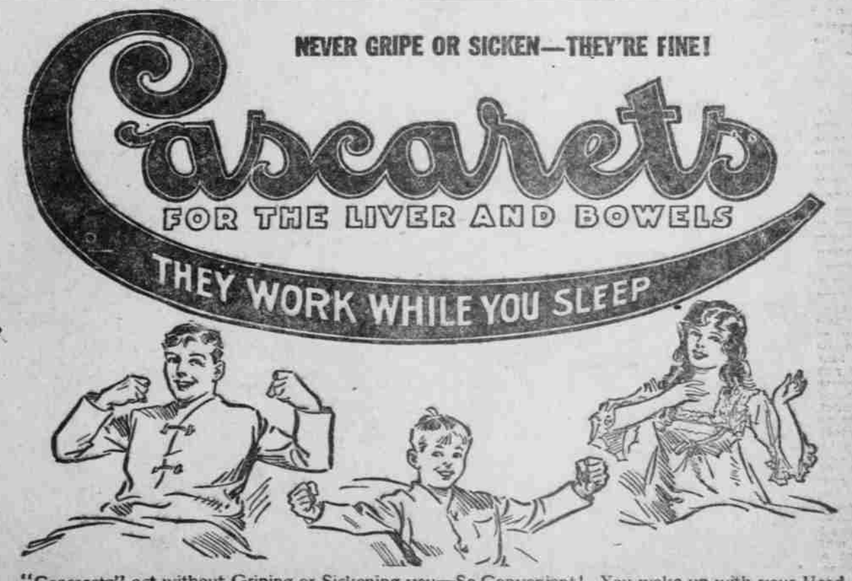
Westminster (London) Gazette.

I notice that "Grip," the raven immortalized by Dickens in "Barnaby Rudge," is to be sold at auction. It is more than 30 years since it was previously sold under the hammer, and in that period Dickens relics have appreciated in value, so that the bird may bring more than the $600 for which the late Alderman Nottage obtained it.

It is astonishing to anyone who is not a Dickensian to note the prices paid for mementoes of the novelist. Here are a few:

An old sundial and column, formed of one of the balusters of old Rochester bridge, and used by Dickens in his garden, once brought $250. "Boz's" writing slope, the intrinsic value of which was perhaps $1.25, brought $500 at a sale, and at another auction the table, chair and looking glass used by him while editing "All the Year Round," brought $425.

No less than $475 was once paid for the petty cash book which he kept when he was a boy of 16 in a lawyer's office.



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