

# The Social Side of Coos Bay



GOOD EVENING.

When the skies refuse to lighten  
Life seems an empty bubble;  
That's the time your grip should tighten—  
Clouds will pass and so will trouble.

— Selected.

**Drawing the Laugh Line.**

I can raise a sickly giggle at a story of a souse;  
When a woman drops a bundle I can smile;  
I can conjure up a cackle at a woman and a mouse;  
Or at jokelets of the mother-in-law style.  
My risibles are tickled at the rural type or jest,  
For I love to smile a bit at country folks.  
At the jokes on Mr. Taft I've invariably laughed—  
But I will not laugh at "Merry Widow" jokes.

If a man fall from a ladder I just have to hold my sides;  
Over jokes on Mr. Bryan I can gloat;  
I love the merry jokelets on the cooking of the brides;  
And the summer boarder wheezes get my goat.  
On the stolen silk umbrella I just laugh and laugh;  
I'm convulsed at merry quips and witty pokes.  
For most anything at all I am quite content to fall—  
But I will not laugh at "Merry Widow" jokes.

COOS BAY has not escaped the epidemic has not raged here with "Merry Widow" craze altho the virulence which marks its reign in the East. There, the "Merry Widow" hat occupies the center of the stage, the church, the home, and the street. It is on the heads of women and in the heads of men. From the Eastern papers it is learned that a "Merry Widow" hat interfered with a woman's leaving a Pullman car in Pittsburg for five minutes on Sunday thereby delaying a Pennsylvania railroad express train for that length of time. Her hat was too wide for the narrow hallway near the door and for a while she could not be pushed out or pulled back. The problem was solved only when she took the hat off.

On the other hand, a fire broke out in a St. Louis church on Sunday last, and if the "Merry Widow" hats in the front rows had not concealed the blaze from the people in the back rows there would have been a panic.

These two cases, which have been reported by veracious correspondents, go to show that we should not be too hasty in coming to a conclusion regarding the "Merry Widow" hat. It may be a nuisance, to be sure, under certain circumstances, and then, again it may prove, under other circumstances; to be one of the most useful of recent inventions. That is to say we may be called upon to read something like this:

A "Merry Widow" hat came near causing a run on one of the greatest banks in — yesterday. Just as the wearer, a charming young woman, was rounding the bank corner a crowd of men who were coming the other way stopped intending, no doubt, to retreat in order to give her the right of way. The sudden stopping in front, however, only served, as it always does in a large city, to increase the pressure behind, and in a short time the crowd extended across the street and for a block each way. Then somebody started the rumor that the bank was in trouble, and if the fire department had not been called out to quench the excitement there is no telling what might have happened. As soon as the young lady in the "Merry Widow" hat had escaped the crush she went to a shop window to see if the hat was on straight, and finding that it was, she tripped away as if nothing unusual had happened.

Or like this:

Today as Daisy Miller, one of the prettiest girls in this town, was coming down our principal street in a "Merry Widow" hat two angry men emerged from a saloon, the foremost shouting for help, the other flourish-

ing a revolver. The latter had just taken aim at the former and another moment would have been fatal when Miss Miller stepped between the two. Before the pursued could walk around the hat the pursued had escaped to a place of safety. The former says now that he is thankful the "Merry Widow" hat came in his way, because it gave him a chance to cool off, while the latter is full of gratitude that it interfered just in time to save him from an untimely death.

Such incidents as these may not reconcile us to the "Merry Widow" hat, but they should teach us not to be in too great haste to condemn it.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Simpson of North Bend, pleasantly entertained a small party of friends at a codfish supper at their home in North Bend Tuesday evening. Among those present were Dr. and Mrs. Gale, Mr. and Mrs. Wernich and Mr. and Mrs. Keating.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. McCollum entertained a few friends at a small dinner party at their beautiful new home in North Bend last Sunday evening. Among those present were Miss Anne Flanagan, Mr. and Mrs. Wernich, Mr. Arnold, Dr. and Mrs. Gale and Charles Keene.

Marshfield and North Bend people who maintain summer homes up Coos river or on some of the various inlets are already planning to occupy them. Usually, the exodus to the summer homes does not begin until the latter part of June or the first of July, but this year many will move into their bungalows earlier. Unless plans are changed, most of the people who are not detained in the city by having to keep their children in school, will move much earlier. Many new bungalows are in course of construction.

The announcement that the United States naval fleet now on a tour of the world will sail close in to Coos Bay, has caused many to begin planning to at least to get a sight of the Levathans. It has been proposed that a party be organized and a large sea going vessel chartered to take a party of Marshfield and North Bend people out. If the day is clear, it will be easy to see the fleet from Cape Arago and the new summer home of L. J. Simpson at Sunset Bay. If the weather is favorable, a trip to see the fleet will be made a social event on Coos Bay and will probably convert the day into a real holiday.

Mrs. Otto Schetter this afternoon is entertaining the Bridge Whist club at her home.

The A. N. W. Club held a very enjoyable session at the home of Mrs. F. M. Friedberg Thursday afternoon. "Cleanup day" which the club started was discussed; the advisability of continuing the movement until the aim, even to the minutest details, had been accomplished was also considered. Other matters pertaining to forward civic improvement were also taken up but they will not be launched for a short time. The club is ready to instal the proposed fountain as soon as the site can be determined upon and this will probably be done immediately after the arrival of Mr. Grimes. The next session of the club will be held next Thursday afternoon with Mrs. J. T. Hall.

One of the pleasant social events among the young church people the past week was the session of the Luther League of the English Lutheran church at the home of the Misses Myren Friday evening. Music and games, followed by refreshments made the evening a most enjoyable one for the thirty or more guests present.

A number of Marshfield residents are expecting guests for the coming season, which gives early promise of

being lively and interesting in a social way. Plans are already in process of formation for numerous al fresco affairs as soon as the genial glow of the summer sun lures to the cozy retreats that are so numerous in the vicinity of Coos Bay.

Mrs. A. O. Rogers of South Coos River, is spending a few days with her parents on Larsen Slough.

A jolly crowd of boys including Fred, McCormac, Charlton Lee, Duncan Douglas, Alton Johnson, George Johnson, Tom Paterson, and Ralph Kruse spent the past week at La Siesta, the McCormac bungalow on South Coos River.

Walter Lyon, a popular member of the A. N. W. Club, and Captain of its broom brigade leaves in a day or two for a brief visit in Roseburg. Walter has been the recipient of numerous compliments for the masterly manner in which he conducted the recent "clean up campaign."

A copy of the Daily Alaskan of Skagway, Alaska, reached Marshfield this week, containing the following item in its social news columns concerning Mrs. C. A. Schibrede of this city, who is visiting her daughter there. It will be read with interest by many Marshfield friends:

"Mrs. M. H. McLellan gave an afternoon tea on Wednesday in honor of Mrs. Schibrede, formerly a resident of this city, and who has been for some time visiting Mrs. Reed at Fort Wm. H. Seward, and Mrs. Reed herself. The guests numbered thirty and a very delightful afternoon was enjoyed. A "ty" contest was a feature, at which Mrs. Hahn won the first prize, a china tea-pot, and Mrs. E. Blanchard the consolation. The guests' prizes were, Mrs. Schibrede, a cup and saucer, and Mrs. Reed, a plate. Delightful refreshments were served. Following were the guests: Mesdames Schibrede, Lefevre, Dr. Reed, Orchard, Culbertson, E. Blanchard, Weber, Pugh, Hahn, Britt, Kirmse, Stinebaugh, Williams, Jones, Goode, Zinkan, Shaw, Goding, Draper, Rosenberg, Howard, G. G. Miller, Geo. Blanchard."

The Ladies Art Club enjoyed a delightful afternoon's session with Mrs. W. J. Rohrer yesterday, the time being spent in the usual industrious fashion with needle work. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. J. W. Snover, Friday afternoon, May 15th.

**REV. AND MRS. BROWN WILL LEAVE TOMORROW**

Presbyterian Pastor Will Attend General Assembly at Kansas City and Visit Old Home.

The Rev. H. H. Brown of the Presbyterian church and wife will leave on the M. F. Plant tomorrow on an extended eastern trip. First, they will go to Kansas City where Mr. Brown, as the commissioner from the Presbytery of Southern Oregon, will attend the Presbyterian General assembly, the national gathering of the denomination, which will be in session May 21 to 31 inclusive. From there, they will go to Mr. Brown's old home at Shortsville, N. Y., where they will spend some time. They also expect to visit at other eastern points while away.

Partial arrangements have been made for filling the local Presbyterian pulpit during Mr. Brown's absence. May 17th, the Rev. W. A. Smith of Plat B, will officiate; May 24th, the Rev. C. E. Botts will officiate; May 31st, the Presbyterian minister at North Bend will occupy the Marshfield pulpit. The others will be announced later.

If you are not going to Bandon tomorrow, go to Smith's Cafe for a nice chicken dinner.

**AT THE CHURCHES**

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH.**  
Rev. B. F. Bengtson, Pastor.  
The Lutheran church Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.; service, 10:30 a. m.; Young Peoples Society, 7 p. m.; service, 8 p. m.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.**  
Christian Science—Services will be held in the Masonic Temple Sunday at 11 a. m. Subject: "Adam and Fallen Man." A cordial invitation is extended to all.

**ENGLISH LUTHERAN.**  
Wm. F. HOLL, Pastor.  
The first English Lutheran church services will be as follows: Morning services, 11 a. m.; Sunday school 12 o'clock; Luther League, 6:45; evening services, 8 o'clock.

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH.**  
W. HORSFALL, Rector.  
Episcopal services on Sunday will be as follows: Emanuel Church in this city at 11 a. m., and at 7:30 p. m.  
At St. Luke's Church in Empire City, at 2:30 p. m.—Rev. W. Horsfall.

**CATHOLIC CHURCH.**  
Rev. Father DONNELLY.  
Mass will be celebrated at North Bend at 8 o'clock tomorrow by the Rev. Father Donnelly. Services will be conducted in Marshfield at 10:30 o'clock. The Rev. Father Curley is at Wedderburn and will conduct services there tomorrow.

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL.**  
W. R. F. BROWNE, Pastor.  
10 a. m., Sabbath school, E. L. Church, superintendent; 11 a. m., sermon, subject: "Tenderness of God"; 3 p. m., Junior League, Nettie Woolley, superintendent; 7 p. m., Epworth League; 8 p. m., sermon, subject: "The Strength of Being Clean." A cordial invitation is extended to all those who are not in duty bound elsewhere to come to these services.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
Rev. D. W. THURSTON.  
10 a. m., Sunday school, no services in the church; 5 p. m., Junior Union, Iven Gulovson, leader; 7 p. m., Baptist Young People's Union, Alice Rikfeld, leader; 8 p. m., the pulpit will be occupied by Rev. F. W. Jones of Philomath. Temperance sermon. Special music will be rendered by the combined choirs of the Presbyterian and Baptist churches.

Tuesday evening, May 12th, 8 p. m., Young People's Prayer meeting.  
Thursday evening, May 14th, 8 p. m., Prayer service. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.**  
H. H. BROWN, Pastor.  
The First Presbyterian church announcements for Sunday May 10th: 10 a. m., the Sunday School, J. D. McNeil, superintendent; 11 a. m., Special Service in observance of Labor Sunday.  
There will be several short addresses by men who are eminently qualified to speak on various phases of the general theme, The Labor Man and his Religion. Special music will be rendered by the Baptist choir, C. J. Mills, director.  
7 p. m., Christian Endeavor service, Topic, "Being a Christian—At Our Work." Mr. M. C. Horton, leader.  
The regular evening service will make way for the special meeting which will be held at the Baptist church at 8 p. m.

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