

**SOCIETY EVENTS**

**C**OINCIDENT WITH the enjoyment in the various dances and parties which have been given this spring has been the admiration for the exquisite decorations which the woods around Marshfield have contributed. Perhaps no section of Oregon affords such lavish use of evergreens and flowers as does Coos county. The several varieties of huckleberry, with cedar, fir and hemlock have long been staples in the decorative art as well as the feathery black willow and brake fern. Very beautiful effects can be gained by the use of wild flowers. The great abundance of rhododendron, or mountain laurel, allows a profuse disposal of them and the pink masses of bloom show to great advantage among their own glossy green leaves which adorned the victors of old. Another pleasing color scheme can be gained by the use of the Scotch Broom which will soon make the hills northwest of town a blaze of golden glory. This thick growth was first started in the county by early settlers who planted a small bush of the imported shrub in the old cemetery, little knowing its spreading qualities and to what extent it would take root.

Fox-gloves, or as the druggist calls it "digitalis" are just coming in season. Their gay colors add a bright note to the green background of the hillsides and pastures and their graceful stems and nodding plumes make them particularly adaptable to bouquet forms of decoration. The wild lilac, or grease-wood is giving the hills up Coos river the purple shadows so much admired by the modern artist. Its feathery blooms are extremely delicate and its chief decorative use is the beauty it lends to its place of growth. Dogwood, wild-crab apple and mock orange are very decorative both for their foliage and blossoms, but their haunts are far from town and necessitate quite a journey to secure them.

Nearer town are the numerous varieties of smaller flowers which are the delight of the children in the early spring. Trillium daisies, both purple and yellow violets, or Johnny-jump-ups; and dandelions, dot the fields and mossy spots under the trees. Splendid bouquets of field flowers may be secured with but very little exertion as red and white clover buttercups, marguerites and all kinds of beautiful grasses grow in profusion on the marshes near town.

Among the rarer and more delicate wild flowers which do not permit transportation from their woody homes are Indianpipes and a very delicate orchid which grows on the cliffs near the Cape Arago lighthouse. There are quantities of small unnamed flowers which the lovers of nature watch for every year; but there must always be many "born to blush unseen" and to die in order to scatter their seed broadcast for the next year's harvest of beauty.

Marshfield has been dormant socially this spring. Perhaps the late arrival of warm weather, which has just put in its appearance this week has had something to do with it for the merry making spirit has not yet been abroad. But few launch parties have visited the favorite picnic spots as the cold winds and showers are not conducive to pleasant memories of days in the woods and at the beach. The exodus of cottagers and campers for Coos river and Ten Mile will take place the first

week in July. The beaches will not vie in popularity until the next month; but the last week of August will probably see a great many back in town as the district fair takes place then, and there is the promise of some very good races.

One of the social events of the coming week that is being looked forward to is the annual promenade of the Marshfield High School Alumni at the I. O. F. Hall Wednesday evening, June 10th. In addition to the seventy-six members in the Alumni Association, invitations have been issued to many friends and the event will be largely attended by the younger society people of Coos Bay. The hall will be artistically decorated with flowers, it being planned to use Rhododendrons extensively. The Coos Bay Orchestra has been secured and punch will be served. While all of the Alumni will be expected to assist, the Alumni association has named the following committees to aid the president, Miss Mamie Mahoney.

Reception—Mesdames E. Ewald, A. J. French, E. Mingus, and Mrs. Wm. Lawlor and Misses Agnes Hutchison, Evelyn Anderson, Alice McCormac, Genevieve Sengstacken, May Bennett and Kathleen Bennett. Floor committee—Members of reception committee and John Kronholm, Dan Keating, James Cowan, Tom Bennett, Jay Tower, Claude Nasburg, Russ Tower and Walter Butler.

Invitations are out for a dance to be given at the North Bend Pavilion tonight. Several parties of young people from Marshfield are planning to attend. The patronesses are: Mrs. L. J. Simpson, Mrs. Frederick McCollum, Mrs. Thomas Rennie, Mrs. Rowe G. Gale, Mrs. J. H. Keating. The invitations are very pretty, the color scheme being blue and yellow.

The A. N. W. Club met with Mrs. S. Lando on Thursday of this week. There was a large number in attendance and a very busy afternoon was spent in sewing and in making the arrangements for the second edition of the club cook book. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. A. J. French has returned from Coquille where she spent a few days, the guest of Mrs. Fred Slagle.

Mrs. Wilson Kauffman accompanied her brother Mr. Cyrus Happy to Spokane, leaving on the Alliance. She expects to be gone about a month, visiting friends and relatives in Washington.

Mrs. Walter Sinclair of Coquille, spent this week visiting friends and relatives in Marshfield.

Mrs. W. S. Chandler, a former resident is visiting in Marshfield, the guest of Mrs. Henry Sengstacken. Miss Helen Chandler is in Portland but with Mr. Ben Chandler is expected soon. The Chandlers will occupy their bungalow up Coos River early in July.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Blake will leave next week for Spokane where they will spend a few weeks.

A number of Coos Bay people are attending the Rose Festival at Portland and visiting friends there. Among them are Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Mills, Miss Eleanor Helm and Miss Helen Chandler.

Mrs. B. M. Richardson and Mrs. E. K. Jones reached Marshfield on Friday of this week. They have been spending some time in Portland and

Salem where they met Dr. Richardson, who has been attending some post-graduate courses in New York. The doctor expects to remove to Portland at an early date and will open an office there.

Mrs. W. S. McFarland returned from San Francisco on the last boat.

A number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Farris of North Bend, dropped in on them at their home Friday evening to wish them farewell prior to their departure for the east. The evening was pleasantly spent and the guests departed wishing the couple a pleasant journey eastward and hoping that they may return again soon to Coos Bay.

Misses Carrie Bodine and Maggie Murphy, who have been teaching at Bandon the past year are visiting friends in North Bend. After a short stay there, Miss Murphy will go to Ten Mile to teach school while Miss Bodine will proceed to her home at Allegany to spend her vacation.

Noris Jensen and Mesdames Cribbs and Mason entertained a small party of friends on a launch ride and picnic up South Coos river last Sunday in honor of Joaquin Miller, "the poet of the Sierras" who was spending a few days in Marshfield. The day was delightful for picnicking and the members of the party united in declaring it was one of the most enjoyable that they ever had the pleasure of participating in.

The Ladies Art Club was delightfully entertained on Friday afternoon by Mrs. H. M. Tuttle. The afternoon was spent in the usual industrious manner and at its close a delicious luncheon was served by the hostess. The next regular meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. B. C. Broadburr on Friday afternoon, June 12.

MRS. M. C. HORTON left today for Tacoma, Wash., where she will attend the commencement exercises of the High School, her daughter, Miss Lucy being one of the graduates. They will return to Marshfield in about two weeks.

Miss Mills to Return.—Miss Mills the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Mills, who has been studying music in New York, is expected home soon. Mr. and Mrs. Mills are now in Portland, hope that she will return so that they can meet her. Until the date of Miss Mills' return is known for certain, the date of the rendition of the Messiah cannot be positively announced as she is to sing one of the principal solo parts.

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