

## WHAT SOCIETY IS DOING



PERSONAL notices of visitors in the city, or of Coos Bay people who visit in other cities, together with notices of social affairs, are gladly received in the social department. Telephone 1331. Notices of club meetings will be published and secretaries are kindly requested to furnish same.

## EASY TO DRIFT.

EASY to drift to the open sea. The tides are eager and swift and strong. And whistling and free are the rushing winds.

But, oh, to get back is hard and long. EASY as told in Arabian tale To free from his jar the evil sprite, Till he rises like smoke to stupendous size, But, oh, nevermore can we prison him tight.

EASY as told in an English tale, To fashion a Frankenstein body and soul, And breathe in his bosom a breath of life, But, oh, we create what we cannot control.

EASY to drift to the sea of doubt, Easy to hurt what we cannot heal, Easy to rouse what we cannot soothe, Easy to speak what we do not feel, Easy to show what we ought to conceal, Easy to think that fancy is fate, And, oh, the wisdom that comes too late! —Oliver Huckel.

INTEREST IN AFFAIRS musical in Marshfield was manifested by the appreciative audiences at the production of Handel's "Messiah" by local talent at the Odd Fellow's Hall, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of this week. Music has always had many devotees, especially among the women in Marshfield and North Bend, but few have reached the height of finished playing shown by Mrs. William Horstall, Jr., in her rendering of Mendelssohn's Concerto in G Minor.

Mrs. John Merchant, Mrs. Horstall and Miss Eickworth have been favorites with Coos Bay audiences for several years and their work whether solo, duet or trio is always enthusiastically received.

During the past year Prof. Elmer A. Todd and Prof. Boll have opened studios in Marshfield and the interest in good music, both instrumental and vocal, has increased signally since their coming. Another teacher who has done splendid work in Marshfield is Mrs. Farringer who is now studying in New York, preparatory to reopening her studio in the fall. Mrs. Worrell of North Bend, is also an accomplished musician.

The Chaminade Club has for some time been the nucleus of interest in vocal music. Its sixteen members hold weekly sessions during the winter and give an annual concert in the spring. It was sincerely regretted that the club was discontinued during the past winter; but the members are already planning for a profitable term of study next season. Mrs. E. G. Flanagan, Miss Evelyn Anderson, Mrs. J. T. Hall, Miss Millie Johnson and Mrs. Charles Stauff are all Chaminade Club members and have been doing good work in vocal study. Mrs. C. W. Tower is probably the best known vocalist in Marshfield and is a very popular soloist on many occasions. Miss Anne Flanagan of North Bend, has a very beautiful high soprano voice which shows the careful cultivation it has received. Miss Maude Painter has a rich mezzo-soprano voice and has eagerly been sought as a soloist since her arrival in Marshfield. Mrs. J. W. Ingram is another singer who excels in sacred music particularly. Miss Mabel Mills who returned last week from a year's study in New York made her bow to the Marshfield public in the Messiah Thursday night. She has a very rich contralto voice and she will prove a welcome addition to musical circles on the Bay. She will probably open a studio in the near future.

Mrs. Geraldine Morris who formerly taught vocal music and superintended the Roman Catholic choir, has returned to Marshfield after an absence of several years and resumed her musical work, but is spending the summer in Coquille.

Mr. C. J. Mills has organized a large choir for the Baptist church and the good music they offer attracts many church-goers every Sunday.

The best known singers among the men of Marshfield and North Bend are Dr. Toye, L. S. Simpson, F. A. Sacchi and Charles Stauff. Dr. Toye also plays the clarinet and at one time was leader of the Marshfield

band, J. H. Keating of North Bend, is the joint composer of many popular songs well-known to all—"Just as the Sun Went Down,"—"Just One Girl,"—"When the Days are Sunny, Honey." Mr. Hayes Howard is a very fine cornetist and his solo work is remarkably good. Mr. Charles Kaiser of North Bend is a very popular soloist. He plays the euphonium. There are not many students of stringed instruments on the Bay; the best known are Chester and Leslie Isaacson who recently moved here from Minneapolis. These boys with their mandolins have proven a drawing card wherever they have played. The improvement in orchestral music on the Bay during the last year is very noticeable. Several new orchestras have been formed and the music both in selection and rendition is better than ever before. The Marshfield band under the direction of Mr. George Ayre is a progressive organization and fills a long felt want in the music of the town.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Ingram entertained at bridge last evening at their apartments in the Rogers Building for Dr. and Mrs. Boyd, M. Richardson who will leave soon for their new home in Portland. Miss Stella O'Connell won the ladies prize and Mr. Wilson Kaufman the gentlemen's prize. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nicholsen, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Matson, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Tower, Miss Horton, Miss O'Connell, Will Ford, Wilson Kaufman, Dr. and Mrs. Richardson and Dr. and Mrs. Ingram.

Mrs. Kaiser entertained the A. N. W. Club at her home in North Bend Thursday afternoon. Most of the Marshfield members of the club were in attendance and a very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed. Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. McKnight in Marshfield next Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Jack Minto and Miss Maybelle Condon of Tacoma arrived on the last Breakwater from Portland. They will spend the summer on Coos Bay, the guests of Mrs. Minto's sister, Mrs. Eugene O'Connell.

The Sisters of Bethany will hold an afternoon tea and musicale at the home of Mrs. Arthur McKeown on Friday next. The proceeds will be devoted to the Episcopal church.

Many Coos Bay friends will be interested in the following wedding announcement which appeared in the society columns of the Sunday Oregonian. Miss McClure is a sister of Mrs. E. B. Seabrooke and has visited on the Bay a number of times and made many friends on these occasions. The Oregonian says:

"Tuesday evening, June 9, Miss Jewel McClure, daughter of Mrs. Margaret E. McClure, of Portland Heights, was married to Dr. William Frederick Fiebig, of this city. The marriage took place at 8 o'clock in the Unitarian church, Rev. W. J. Elliot officiating. Effective decorations of white roses and field daisies combined with sweet brier foliage filled the chancel and festooned the organ loft. Ralph Hoyt, the organist, was accompanied by Miss Cornelia Barker, violiniste. The bride was given away by her brother, Fred McClure. She was gowned in cream silk voile made over taffeta and cut in semi-empire mode, with bodice and neck trimmings of duchess lace. Her veil was caught with orange blossoms and she carried a bouquet of sweet peas and maiden hair fern. The maid of honor, Miss Jean McClure, sister of the bride, wore a charming and unique imported gown of white chiffon, embroidered in a cherry blossom pattern and made with cording of pale green velvet. She carried pink carnations. Mrs. William Channing Lovejoy of Seattle, sister of Dr. Fiebig, also attended the bride. She was gowned in a pink frock and carried carnations in the same shade. Bert Dennison was best

man and Messrs. Henry Berger, C. J. Schnabel, Nye and Hallinan were the ushers.

Following the ceremony, Dr. and Mrs. Fiebig held a reception for the families and the bridal party at the Chapman-street residence, which will be their home upon their return from their wedding journey. Three sisters of the bride, her mother and five brothers, including Frank McClure, of Boise, Idaho, were present. Dr. and Mrs. Fiebig have gone to the Sound cities and to Victoria for a short trip."

Society on Coos Bay evinced all the interest of a metropolis in the first nights production of "The Messiah" on Wednesday evening. Altho appearing two nights every one seemed desirous of being a "first nighter." It was a tribute to the ladies of the Progress club who were patronesses of the production that there was scarcely a vacant seat in the house. The ladies had transformed the interior into a bower of green with a colorful line of flowers along the foot lights. The boxes or loges were cleverly arranged on either side and were all beautifully decorated. These held box parties especially organized for the evening. Among the occupants of the boxes were:

Right side, box No. 1—Mr. and Mrs. H. Sengstacken, Mrs. C. A. Sehlbrede, Miss Sengstacken, Miss May Bennett and Miss Doris Sengstacken. Box No. 2—Mrs. J. T. McCormac, who had as guests Mrs. F. A. Hazard, Mrs. P. M. Wilbur, Mrs. A. J. French, Miss Mary Minot and Fred. McCormac.

Box No. 3—Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Powers, Miss Hogan and the Misses Powers. Left side, box No. 1—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Flanagan who had as guests Mr. and Mrs. F. McCollum of North Bend, Mrs. Keane and Miss Keane of San Francisco.

Box No. 2—Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Mills, Mr. Harold Mills, Miss Alice McCormac, Mr. M. C. Maloney.

Box No. 3—Mr. and Mrs. Will Merchant, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Merchant, Charles Merchant, Jr., Mrs. John Pruess.

Box No. 4—With Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Matson were Dr. and Mrs. Mings, Miss Grace Kruse, Miss Frances Willians.

Balcony box—Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Tower, Dr. and Mrs. Ingram, Miss Nora Tower, Miss Florence Aiken.

The Times was unable to secure a complete list of the box occupants of the second evening.

The future of Miss Helen Taft, the only daughter of the candidate for the presidency, is giving her mother some concern. "My daughter will graduate from the Baldwin school at Byrn Mawr," said Mrs. Taft, "and she has taken all the examinations looking to admittance into the college next autumn and I think she will pass all the tests successfully."

"Now I cannot say definitely that I approve a college course for a girl. It puts her entire life out of balance. For instance, all of my daughter's friends will complete their education this June or next and will make their bow into society in the winter of 1909. If my daughter takes the full college course her natural companions will probably be married or dispersed when the time arrives for her to come out.

"Of course, having a good time and going in for the social whirl is not everything, but few mothers like to see their girls give up such a delightful time as the first years after finishing school means.

"A girl must choose between wisdom and pleasure. She cannot have both, and after all, for the natural vocation of women, the academic training is sufficient. Unless one desires to adopt literature or teaching as a profession the grind of the college education looks unnecessary.

"Not that I do not think that every kind of knowledge is valuable, though why a girl must give so much study to Greek and Latin to the

neglect of modern languages which are so much more necessary, is something I do not comprehend.

"A woman who has studied earnestly makes a more useful member of society than one whose accomplishments are superficial, but the middle course of a good academic course and special studies afterward meet all the requirements for the vast majority of the future wives and mothers."

Mrs. J. E. Oren and son Donald are expected to return from Minneapolis in about a month.

The Sisters of Bethany will hold a business meeting at 2 p. m., Tuesday, June 23, with Mrs. Arthur McKeown.

Mrs. Keating of North Bend, is enjoying a visit from her mother, Mrs. E. A. Troutman, and her brother Teddy Troutman of Denver, Colo. They expect to spend the greater part of the summer on Coos Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Magnes arrived today from San Francisco and will spend the summer on Coos Bay. Their many friends will give them a glad welcome for their summer sojourn.

The Ladies Art Club was delightfully entertained Friday afternoon by Mrs. W. B. Curtis. There was a large attendance and all did ample justice to the delicious lunch served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. James Cowan next Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Rennie of North Bend, are entertaining a few friends at an over Sunday camping party at Sunset Bay. Among those who went with Mr. and Mrs. Rennie are Mrs. Keane, Mrs. Proctor, James Keane and Miss Reta Keane. Mr. and Mrs. McCollum and Miss Flanagan expect to join them tomorrow.

## FIX TERMS OF NEW FRANCHISE

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was inserted at the request of Councilman Sacchi. Mr. Sacchi wanted to provide that the income tax be paid after the city had attained a population of 25,000, but Mr. Durett objected, claiming that there was a possibility that the growth would bring this number in a few years and the tax would be a hardship on his company, coming soon after the big expense of installing the company.

Councilman Nasburg insisted on the provision that the wires be put under ground in the business section after the city attains a population of 15,000. Mr. Durett and Mr. Douglas first objected to this, claiming that the consolidation of the towns on Coos Bay might bring this number within a short time. However, it was agreed that this should not be required in less than three years even though the population reaches the 15,000 mark within that time.

Pacific States' Offer. Mayor Straw's telegram to the Pacific States Company's president at San Francisco and the reply were read. Mr. Straw in his message insisted on knowing what the Pacific States Company intended to do and the fixing of a definite time when they would install a modern exchange here. President Robinson in his reply said that the company had already authorized some improvements here and would make them as soon as possible. He also said that his company would sell the local exchange to local people and give them a long term contract for toll line service if that was desired. This telegram was attacked by Mr. Douglas who said that nothing was promised more than the expenditure of \$2,000 which Mr. Robertson had previously announced and which would amount to practically nothing.

Manager Robertson pleaded with the council to withhold the new franchise, reiterating his claim that it would mean merely a duplicate telephone system and a double expense to local business men. He said his company's franchise expired in seven years and that at least he would like to be in a position to have it renewed on a basis equal to the one which they proposed to grant now for twenty-five years. He said that his company had been furnishing a fire-alarm service for years for nothing and that it was better than the automatic one which Mr. Durett promised.

Mr. Douglas claimed that this was not the case in regard to the fire-alarm system—that the system which the new company proposes to give practically free was equal to or better than the one which the city council had recently considered installing at an expense of between \$2,000 and \$4,000.

Mr. Durett said that his proposed system in Marshfield and North Bend would cost between \$50,000 and \$60,000 to install and that it would require six people to operate the automatic system. He reiterated his intention to establish the one exchange for Marshfield and North Bend, probably locating it in North Marshfield.

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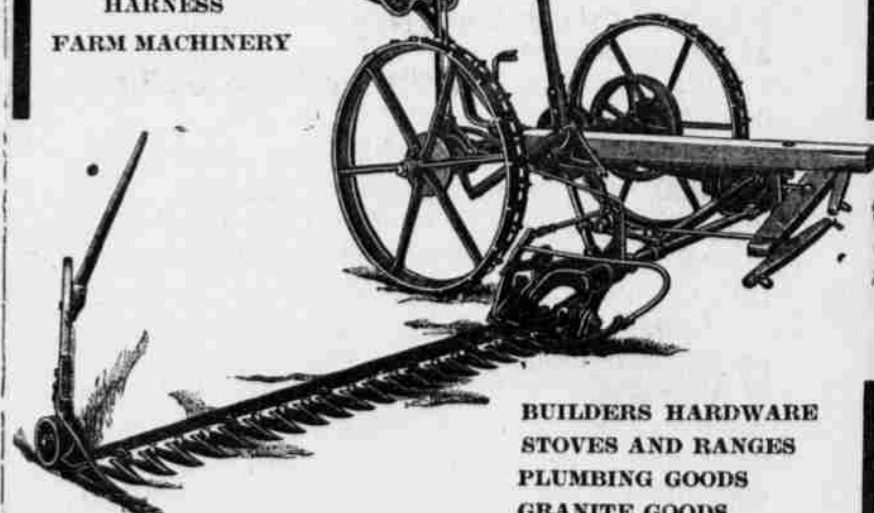
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