

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.

IN CAMP.

Did you ever watch the campfire When the wood has fallen low And the ashes 'gin to whiten Round the embers' crimson glow. With the night sounds all about you Making silence doubly sweet, And a full moon high above you That the spell may be complete? Did you ever sit there thinking Mid your pipe's gray, pungent breath, While the fire's last feeble flicker Met a magic, glowworm death? Tell me, were you ever nearer To the land of heart's desire Than when you sat there smoking With your feet up to the fire? —Hector Donald.

THE COST OF LIVING.

LOVE is the cost of living. Pay it and go your way.

LOVE is the cost of the bloomy place of rest at the end of day.

LOVE is the cost of living. Beggar and thief and king.

LOVE is the cost of living. The green girl hills are thine.

LOVE is the cost of living. The low, sweet vale with the bird and bloom, the bough and the tangled vine.

LOVE is the cost of living. The murmur of many waters, the cool of the calm, grave wood.

LOVE is the cost of living. The wide domain of the simple fields, with their noble and quiet good.

LOVE is the cost of living, and only love's service can buy.

LOVE is the cost of living. The day by day of the tender way that leads to a starry sky.

LOVE is the cost of living. That leads to the toll at morning and home to the sweet, sweet night.

LOVE is the cost of living. With dream and rest on a faithful breast till the rose dawn blooms in light.

LOVE is the cost of living. —Unidentified.

"IT IS SWEET" to do nothing.

This is the sentiment that pervaded Coos Bay society the past week. While it has not been entirely "do nothing," a few, but very few events loomed up like an oasis in the desert, it has been quiet.

Small house parties at summer homes or camping excursions have put Dame Society almost utterly to rout.

The summer season has caused the usual exodus from the city. Mother and the children (the fortunate ones) have gone with all the equipments for a good time. Father and the boys go out at the end of the week, coming back for work Sunday night or Monday morning. The cool place by Ten Mile, the beach or Coos River, where mother is, looms up before the labors many times between Monday and Saturday, and father grumbles at the restaurant or pick-up meal. The boys, too, find the hours long, and though it is not always mother's face that looks back at them, yet it is to the lake, river-side or beach that their thoughts travel faster than the speed of light.

But while these unbroken circles gather for, at least, part of the season's outing, there are many whose dear ones are too far away to join them in the long walks, the boating and bathing, or the fun around the evening campfire. And to this, good company, a little tennis, boats and bathing, and the most ambitious worker will acknowledge that there is a time when "it is sweet to do nothing."

But this is drifting away from the social realm and were it not for the danger of getting too far away it might not be amiss that it is a wonder that golf has not been taken up as a fad on Coos Bay. There are many to whom fishing and hunting holds forth no allurements and while some difficulty might be encountered in laying out a course, there are sufficient hazards to make skill and proficiency in driving worth while.

However, to go back to the beginning, with "Mother" and the "girls" away, who expects much in a social way? After all, who is it that makes society? It isn't the occasional bunches of good fellows who gather together here or there now and then. It's the gatherings in the afternoon or evening when the deep voice denoting male persuasion is seldom heard but where the owner of same is an attentive listener at the time being or shortly afterwards. What do they all amount to except the realization of the discussion afterwards, the expression of observations where even the thrill of the present impression is dimmed by the expectancy of the future expression.

But after all, the summer season is rather short, even on Coos Bay which has no hot, almost unceasing

able season that marks almost every locality on the face of civilization. Society doesn't get a long rest, just a brief respite after which she reigns with even greater supremacy than before. The little house parties or vacation guests see to it that she is not lost sight of altogether despite the declaration of "Mother" and the "girls" that they are getting away from everything. Who will grudge it to them? 'Tis but a moment until it starts afresh with Dame Fashion adding to the demands of Dame Society for a season gay and more exacting than before.

Mrs. Henry Sengstacken entertained informally Thursday afternoon in honor of her girlhood and college "chum," Miss Porter of Los Angeles, who is spending the summer with her and her sister, Mrs. Pollexfen of San Francisco, who is spending a few weeks on the Bay. The home was tastily decorated. Tassel wood and huckleberry being used with an artistic effect. During the afternoon, Mrs. J. W. Ingram contributed to the pleasure with a few local selections. These were supplemented by some pleasing gramophone pieces. Delicious refreshments were served. A score or more ladies enjoyed Mrs. Sengstacken's hospitality. The afternoon was one of the first of several to be given for the guests of honor during their stay on Coos Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Simpson of North Bend, have been hostesses to a number of informal little parties at their beautiful new summer home, "Shore Acres" at Sunset Bay during the week.

Mrs. R. G. Gale of North Bend, who underwent an operation during the week is getting along very nicely, which will be gratifying news to her numerous friends who feared they might be compelled to miss her vivacity from social doings for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Blake, who have been spending the past month at Mr. Blake's old home in Spokane, have written that they will return to Coos Bay about August 4th.

Mrs. J. T. McCormac and son, Fred, and Mrs. Fannie Hazard who have been spending the past ten days in Portland and vicinity and also attending the Degree of Honor convention are expected home today or the first of next week.

Miss Elizabeth Kaufman and her guest, Miss Bowler of Boston, have gone to Ten Mile where they will enjoy a short outing on Miss Mamie Mahoney's ranch. Miss Mahoney is also entertaining several other guests there for a few weeks.

Miss Florence Heaven of Vancouver, is in the city visiting at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Snover. A launch party complimentary to Miss Heaven will be given tomorrow.

According to gossip, the nuptials of a well-known young Coos Bay man and an Iowa young woman who has been at Ten Mile for the past year, will shortly be announced. The first murmurs came as a decided surprise but friends have accepted it as true even though there has been no direct confirmation of it.

Mrs. P. Reichert left on the Plant to visit relatives in San Francisco and Southern California.

Mrs. A. L. Houseworth and Mrs. L. R. Robertson and children are spending a few weeks at Ten Mile.

The Baptist Sunday School excursion to Charleston Bay, yesterday, proved to be a most enjoyable event to the large number present. The picnicers arrived at their destination between 10 and 11 o'clock in the morning and although there was quite a heavy fog at times, there was a noticeable absence of the north-west wind which is so common at this season of the year. After all the members of the party had partaken of a sumptuous dinner in a shady nook along the shore of the

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Bay, a portion of the crowd journeyed through the sands across to the lighthouse and Sunset Bay, and upon their return reported having had a very pleasant trip. The remainder of the crowd spent a few hours strolling along the beach and climbing over the huge rocks, until about the middle of the afternoon when they were prepared for the occasion, laid aside their heavier wearing apparel and donned their bathing suits for a couple hours splash in the invigorating breakers along the bay; then, after completing these laborious enjoyments, returned to the lunch baskets which were soon made to look slim by the ravenous appetites which can only be obtained by breathing the salty atmosphere of the Pacific. After a period of rest and pleasant conversation, all were splendidly entertained for a time by some of the younger members of the party—and especially by recitation given by little Miss Anna Downs. About 5 o'clock, they began the journey homeward where they arrived an hour and a half later. All expressed themselves more than delighted with the pleasant trip.

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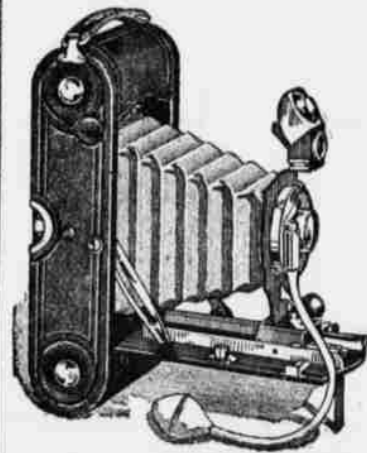
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