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POOR ST. VALENTINE.

NEVER HAS THERE BEEN a man more grossly misunderstood or wantonly outraged by anti-Christian posterity than the eagle-eyed, austere St. Valentine, whose name is absurdly imprinted upon a very red and carnal square of the Christian calendar.

Association of St. Valentine with anything which appertains to the softer passions is the most wickedly slanderous conceit of the centuries. He knew nothing about love—this man Valentine. His entire life was a stern reflection upon hymenial tenderness.

St. Valentine lived during those troublous years which marked the most heated period of the mighty conflict between pagan and Galilean. He was of the age when unmoral philosophers roared through the streets of the world shouting Saturnalium dogmas of the sort which Esau employed to shake Julian's faith:

Would you know liberty, Drain Bacchus' blood; Rock on the rhyme sea, Float with its flood.

He lived during those ensanguined years when the faithful were slaughtered because of their faith, by the seditious rebels who struggled against the dawning era of Christianity. St. Valentine himself was cut down and foully butchered by the order of a profligate emperor who was annoyed by the sturdy preacher's scornful utterances, and the stern decorum of the life he led.

St. Valentine's name was given to the famous day in February by the church as a concession to young and giddy mutineers who, long after Christianity had throttled paganism, persisted in keeping alive the ancient holiday which, for a single twenty-four hours of the year, permitted love to stalk about unrebuked.

It would seem that Cupid should choose for his particular festival a day commemorative of some joyful event. St. Valentine's day is the anniversary of the putting to death of an early bishop of the Roman church named Valentine, who suffered martyrdom for his faith on February 14, 270 A. D.

It is not altogether—perhaps not at all—the fact of St. Valentine's martyrdom that has caused the choosing of his death anniversary as

the day for exchanging tinted, scented missives between young men and maidens. There was an ancient belief that birds began mating on February 14. This belief antedated Christianity. St. Valentine's day, therefore, so far as it is observed by modern youth, is of pagan origin.

St. Valentine is past; Begin these wood birds but to couple now.

In his "Hesperides" the tender Herrick sang: Oft have I heard both youth and virgins say Birds choose their mates and couple, too, this day.

And thus St. Valentine, the steady-going, self-contained martyr, passes down the ages inconspicuously ridden by a myriad of rosy, naked cupids.

THE VALUE OF SILENCE.

THE PHILOSOPHER who decided that talk is cheap never made a greater mistake in his life. Words are too costly to be employed prodigally and without due circumspection.

We have an illustrious example at hand of the swift retribution which garrulousness brings upon itself. This latest victim of his own tongue is a no less personage than the emperor of Germany.

But, for the emperor, the worst is yet to come. It has been announced that he will shortly take up his residence at his pastoral home at Potsdam and end the winter in bucolic simplicity, instead of living in the gayer environment of Berlin.

The fact is, after recent unpleasant occurrences, William has not the face to ask the government for sufficient appropriations to support his family in the style to which it has been accustomed.

FARMER BOYS.

A GROUP OF BUSINESS men in New York gravely met a few days ago and drew up resolutions of advice for the consideration of country-bred youths who hope, sometime, to leave the farm to engage in metropolitan activities.

Of course, to talk in their paternal fashion to an ambitious youth of the country is merely to squander words. Young men who are convinced that they need only the opportunity to win wealth and fame in direct competition with city dwellers would give scant attention to such advice,

WHAT-SOCIETY-IS-DOING



CONTRIBUTIONS concerning social happenings, intended for publication in the society department of The Times, must be submitted to the editor not later than 6 o'clock p. m. Friday of each week.

THE FAITHFUL ONE.

In the storm and the strife, when lightnings of life Had blasted my deepest endeavor, She crept to my side when the last hope had died, And whispered: "I love you forever!"

WHAT EVERY WOMAN KNOWS.

ACCEPT THE dramatic critics' interpretation of Mr. Barrie, is that man is a poor thing and not his own best counsellor and guide. But also that he has to be allowed to think that he has things his way. M. Michelet has expressed a complimentary idea, for he said that "woman knows that the better she obeys the surer she is to rule."

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. F. M. Parsons was hostess to one of the most no matter how disinterested it might seem.

The fact is, the cities of the United States depend in a large extent upon the country-bred young men who are yearly recruited from pastoral districts. The life, the industry, the ambition, the hopefulness which the lads from the farm bring to the cities is essential in the growth and health of metropolitan society.

charming and delightful social affairs of the season. It was a luncheon and bridge party with seven tables and there were no vacant seats. Their pleasant apartments in the O'Connell building were made rarely beautiful by the exquisite decorations, the blinds being drawn and the soft glow of the candles converted the rooms into a sort of fairy grotto.

A unique novelty was inaugurated in having Little Miss Elizabeth Flanagan receive at the door. Her manner was charming and there was much complimentary comment on how beautifully she received.

After luncheon, the tables were cleared for a long and pleasant session at bridge in which Mrs. E. G. Perham won first prize and Mrs. John Sullivan second prize.

There were many elaborate and beautiful gowns worn that added much to the beauty of the scene. Among the handsome gowns worn were the following: Mrs. Parsons, white lingerie gown.

Mrs. E. E. Straw, blue crepe de chine, Empire style. Mrs. F. K. Gettins, tan crepe, Empire. Mrs. Rau, elaborate blue messaline silk gown.

Among those invited were the following: Mrs. E. Minot, Mrs. J. A. Matson, Mrs. E. G. Perham, Mrs. H. Lockhart, Mrs. W. T. Merchant, Mrs. F. K. Gettins, Mrs. E. W. Kammerer, Mrs. J. W. Ingram, Mrs. John Sullivan, Miss Alice McCormac, Miss Lucy Horton, Miss Mable Mills, Mrs. E. E. Straw, Mrs. E. S. Bargett, Mrs. R. T. Durrett, Mrs. F. G. Thayer, Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Wm. Lawlor, Mrs. J. W. Flanagan, Mrs. E. Mingus, Mrs. Chas. Nicholson, Mrs. Effie Farringer, Mrs. E. L. C. Farrin, Mrs. J. H. Milner, Mrs. W. F. Miller, Mrs. I. S. Kaufman, Mrs. J. T. McCormac, Mrs. M. D. Poyntz, Mrs. M. C. Horton, Mrs. D. M. Kretzer, Mrs. A. L. Houseworth, Mrs. Wm. Horsfall, Mrs. H. S. Tower, Mrs. H. H. McPherson, Mrs. E. K. Jones, Mrs. W. A. Toye, S. M. Arnold of North Bend, Mrs. W. F. Rau.

The sheath skirt was worn about 30 years ago, only at that time it was burdened behind with dozens of yards of crinoline and drapery, while in front it was almost too tight to admit of its wearer sitting down. At present it is simpler and decidedly more effective. Perhaps, like the shirt waist, it has come to stay.

And who can fortell that which is yet to come? At present the tendency is towards as few garments as possible (although it does not in any way diminish the cost of women's clothes. The lingerie waist has become a mere cobweb; skirts grow more abbreviated every day. There is said to be a new silk undershirt which will admit of being drawn through a finger ring. Hosiery the thinnest lace, and ladies shoes are pumps of such narrow margin as to scarce conceal their rosy toes.

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.

The Progress Club will meet with Mrs. J. W. Ingram Monday afternoon. L. D. Noah and Miss Nora Richardson, two well known Marshfield young people, were married Wednesday evening, Feb. 10, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. U. G. Keenan, on Balnes street, the Rev. G. S. Clevinger officiating.

Miss Grace Kruse will entertain a number of her High School friends at a Valentine party this evening at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. Albert Matson.

Miss Mary Metlin is celebrating her ninth birthday today and a number of her little friends have been invited to aid her in making the event a merry one this afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. (Continued on page 5.)

lodge, Carr, Cathcart, Bodine, J. Brown, Bolt, E. A. Harris, A. R. Sears, Allen, Hyde, Mills, LeMieux, Carter, Langworthy, H. A. Pratt, White, M. R. Smith, O. Woolley, Potter, S. A. Savage, Torrey and Humphry.

Mrs. John Enoch Oren has issued invitations for a bridge whist party at her home Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 16, complimentary to Mrs. Ward Mitchell Blake, who recently moved here with her husband from Minneapolis.

Mrs. H. S. Tower is entertaining at bridge whist this afternoon. Mrs. Tower has issued invitations for next Friday.

Mrs. E. K. Jones has issued invitations for bridge whist for Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 23.

Mrs. Moore of North Bend, entertained the Presbyterian Ladies Aid Society at her home on Wednesday afternoon. The time was pleasantly spent in needle work and conversation. Among those present were: Mrs. J. E. Burkhart, Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Richard Coker, Mrs. C. Kitting, Mrs. Chas. Farriss, Mrs. Henry I. Reese, Mrs. Kate Rood, Mrs. Maybee, Mrs. Louis Metzler, Mrs. Chas. Murr and Mrs. Robt. Simpson.

Although the attendance was not large as on former occasions owing to the inclement weather, the fourth of the series of five Assembly balls of the present season given last evening at Odd Fellows hall was a social success in every way and all who braved the elements enjoyed the evening to the fullest extent. The hall decorations were particularly attractive and showed great care in arrangement, the committee having that feature of the event in charge having exerted all efforts to bring about the best results. The decorations consisted of drapings and festoons of evergreen and delicately tinted tissue paper. To the left of the stage was a cleverly constructed arch of evergreens with a solid background of the same material, and under this arch delicious punch was served during the evening by Will Hutchinson.

The Beautiful America Club of North Bend, which has had to cancel the past two meetings owing to the inclement weather, will meet Tuesday afternoon at Taylor's hall to take up various matters.

Miss Maude Comfort, of Minneapolis, is the guest of Mrs. Wernich at North Bend.

The 500 Club was pleasantly entertained by Mrs. W. A. Toye at her home Wednesday afternoon. The honors were won by Mrs. W. S. Turpen and Mrs. W. F. Rau. Miss Anne Flanagan will entertain the club at its next meeting at the C. F. McCormac home in North Bend.

The Woman's Study club held their bi-monthly meeting on Friday afternoon, Feb. 5th, at the Bunker Hill school house. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. The subject of "Discipline" was continued from the previous meeting. After the discussion the ladies had a short session of physical culture exercises. The instructress being Mrs. Kelly. The next meeting will be held Feb. 26th at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Miss Alice McCormac was the hostess at a tea last Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Jessie Chase of Portland. Sewing and varied diversions made the afternoon a most enjoyable one. Among those present were: Mrs. E. Mingus, Mrs. J. E. Oren, O. J. Sullivan and Misses May Bennett, Lucy Horton, Nellie Tower, Stella O'Connell, Bernice Platt, Millie Johnson, Mable Mills, Mary Black, Mamie Mahoney and Jessie Chase.

The Ladies of the Methodist Episcopal Aid Society gave a "silver tea" Wednesday afternoon at the parsonage. After the business meeting, a general good time was enjoyed. Refreshments were served. Among those present were Miss M. Thompson and Mesdames Hendricks, Rut-

ledge, Carr, Cathcart, Bodine, J. Brown, Bolt, E. A. Harris, A. R. Sears, Allen, Hyde, Mills, LeMieux, Carter, Langworthy, H. A. Pratt, White, M. R. Smith, O. Woolley, Potter, S. A. Savage, Torrey and Humphry.

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