

WHAT SOCIETY IS DOING



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TWO KINDS.

With care my brow is overcast,
How shall I choose my beau?
For William is so very fast
And Joseph's awful slow.

So which to pick I do not know,
The subject is so vast,
I do despise a man who's slow,
I hate them when they're fast.

Bill's conduct makes me stand
Aghast,
But then he has some go,
If Joseph were a little fast
He wouldn't be so slow.

Well, as it is, I think that Joe,
Although he has no past,
If I should wish, would not be slow
To hold me pretty fast.

Bill's flag now flutters at half-mast,
His hopes are dead, I know,
It's just because he is so fast
He's getting on so slow.

My hand on Joseph I'll bestow,
My mind's made up at last,
It doesn't do to be too slow
When time is flying fast.

A LADY DISCUSSING THE PROBLEM of domestic labor says in the Atlantic that these troubles exist mainly in print. She finds home-making a pleasure and through her own interest in the work all goes smoothly. She says: "I believe that housework is a worthy craft, and that the majority of women, those who are not fitted for a career, enjoy it, or would, if it were considered fashionable. I believe that housekeeping is a stimulative profession. I believe that home-making is an art.

"I believe that housewives do not have the monopoly of the drudgery of life. My definition of drudgery is compulsory work that one does not know how to do well. 'What one can do is always pleasant to do,' says no less an authority than Robert Louis Stevenson. Nor is the varied routine of the work of a house more monotonous than heating one bar of iron after another day after day, or adding up one column of figures after another. To my mind, who have tried both, the reading and editing of manuscripts grows monotonous and wearisome sooner than the doing of all my 'own work' without a maid.

"Possibly women are less able to bear monotony than men, but if they are it is time they kept it to themselves. Women will do work far more monotonous and fatiguing, and even housework itself, to beauty face or form—at least women in print will." Here the writer refers us to the "beauty columns" in papers and pages for women, and goes on: "In the conduct of my household I have dealings with the Chinaman, the Italian, the Greek, the African, the sons and daughters of Ireland and Germany. All the problems of race and creed are at my back door, and am willing to follow where they lead."

The writer concludes by asking if she contrives to make home a place of peace and pleasantness for the older members, especially those who have longest borne the burden and heat of the day, and a place where the young ones are started rightly toward a life of independence and happiness; if she contrives to share her home with all the relatives and friends who have a claim upon her hospitality, if she neglects "the real work of the world?" Surely no worker in more general or public lines of world betterment who has felt the comfort and cheer of a household so administered can for a moment deny the art and ideal of the home-maker.

Rumor has it that a well-known

Marshfield young man will take unto himself a bride in a northern city in June. As no formal announcement has been made and only a few intimate friends have been taken into the secret, it must remain secret for the time being at least.

Home talent plays have been the center of interest for many of the young folks on the Bay for the past few weeks and will continue to be for at least another week or ten days longer. Marshfield young folks presented "M.H.S. Pinafore" Thursday and Friday evenings at the Masonic Opera House in a very creditable manner, the histrionic as well as the vocal ability of many of them being a revelation to many in the audiences. In North Bend, the high school students presented "Nevada" at Eckhoff hall Thursday night and scored a distinct success. The latter was under the direction of Superintendent Raab and the ability of the members of the cast coupled with the victories of the North Bend High School girls football team and the North Bend High School debating team have excited an interest among the patrons of the school that is seldom found in any community, although few institutions have done so much to deserve it. Besides these, it is announced that the North Bend Amateur Dramatic Society will present "The Man from Mexico" in North Bend on the evening of May 25 and in Marshfield on the evening of May 27 for the benefit of Mercy hospital. The success of the two performances this week promises to win it even larger audiences than "The Man from Mexico" might otherwise have been able to secure.

The Marshfield High School Alumni Society will meet again Monday night to perfect arrangements for the annual alumni ball which will be tendered the Monday evening following the High School commencement exercises, probably. The Alumni met last Monday night and elected Sam Marsden president for the ensuing year; Miss Helen Landreth, vice-president; Miss Marjorie Cowan, secretary and Walter Butler, treasurer. Owing to the change in the High School course in Marshfield, there will be but one graduate, Miss Marjorie Cowan, who returned to school and completed the new course.

A large party of boys and girls was entertained at the Seaman residence last Saturday evening in honor of Wesley Seaman's birthday.

Mrs. E. Mingus spent Tuesday the guest of Mrs. O. J. Seeley in Coquille.

Mrs. Walter Sinclair of Coquille, spent a few days in Marshfield this week, the guest of Mrs. J. T. Hall.

In North Bend, the preparations for the annual commencement exercises are the center of attention for the senior class and the Alumni. The commencement exercises will be held at the school on the evening of May 28, President P. L. Campbell of Oregon State University at Eugene delivering the commencement address. The graduates will be Mildred Rood, Marion Reynolds and Ralph Coke. The Alumni are planning a banquet and reception for the graduates.

Mrs. Albert Merchant is in town from the Merchant ranch at Bullard's.

Next Friday, May 21, the Coos County High School field meet at the Marshfield fair grounds promises to attract a large audience of the friends and patrons of the schools that will be represented in the various contests. North Bend was unable to enter this time, but large delegations are expected from Bandon, Coquille and probably Myrtle Point. Of course, Marshfield

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will furnish the greatest number owing to the event being here. This is the first county meet but if it is patronized as it should be, it will be probably made an annual event.

Mrs. A. L. Houseworth and Mrs. Dorsey Kreitzer have issued invitations for whist Wednesday afternoon, May 19, at the Kreitzer home in South Marshfield.

Mrs. Magee and Miss May Magee of Empire, will leave today for Portland where they will spend a few weeks with relatives.

Mrs. C. W. Tower and Miss Nellie Tower who have been spending the past month in Portland are expected home next week.

Mrs. M. D. Poyntz left this week via San Francisco for an extended visit with relatives in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Richard Coke and Miss Maude Coke of North Bend, are spending a few weeks at their summer home "Kamp Kill Kare" on Coos River.

Miss Madge Barry of Empire, is expected home soon from California where she has been attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Milner have purchased property overlooking the bay near the old stove mill. They expect to build a residence there soon.

The Biographic Club met Thursday with Miss Alice Butler. Two papers were read, one on Vannah, the artist and one on Johann Strauss, the musician by Mrs. McKewen.

The Woman's Study Club met at the Bunker Hill School House on Friday afternoon, May 7th. A very enjoyable feature of the program was an informal talk by the Rev. G. S. Clevinger, pastor of the First Baptist church. The next meeting will be held Friday, May 21.

Miss Sadie Hogan, who has spent the past year at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. H. Powers, in Marshfield, left this week for her old home in Minneapolis. Her departure is greatly regretted by the many friends she made during her stay here who hope it will not be long before they have the opportunity of welcoming her back.

Wednesday was program night for the Chaminade Club, the subject of the program being the "Oratorio"

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