

WHAT SOCIETY IS DOING



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The God of the Open Air.

Thou who hast set thy dwelling fair
With flowers beneath, above with starry lights,
And set thy altars everywhere—
On mountain heights,
In Woodland valleys dim with many a dream,
In valleys bright with springs,
And in the curving capes of every stream—
Thou who hast taken to thyself the wings
Of morning, to abide
Upon secret places of the sea
And on fair islands, where the tide
Visit the beauty of untrodden shores,
Waiting for worshippers to come to thee
In they great out of doors!
To thee I turn, to these I make my prayer.

God of the open air!
From the prison of anxious thoughts
That greed has builded,
From the fetters that envy has wrought
And pride has gilded,
From the noise of the crowded ways
And the fierce confusion,
From the folly that wastes its days
In a world of illusion
(Ah, but the life is lost that frets
And languishes there)
I would escape and be free
In the joy of the open air!
So let me keep
These treasures of the humble heart
In true possession, owing them by love;
And when at last I can no longer move
Among them freely, but must part
From the green fields and from the water clear.

Let me not creep
Into some darkened room and hide
From all that makes the world so bright
And dear,
But throw the windows wide
To welcome in the light;
And while I clasp a well beloved hand
Let me once more have sight
Of the deep sky and the far smiling land—
Then gently fall on sleep,
And breathe my body back to nature's care,
My spirit out to thee.

God of the open air!
—Henry Van Dyke.

PROF. HAECKEL, with that customary skeptical attitude of the German philologists toward the feminist movement, says: "The women are still fond of paint and feathers and wearing jewelry and of scenting themselves as they were 3000 years ago. Time and civilization have had no effect on them. Their weapons of then are their weapons of today. They are beautiful, but no more so than they ever were and it grieves me to think that they lay such stress on clothes and other outward adornments. But it always has been so and always will be so." The professor's last sentence cheers us. We are glad that they always will be so; that is, that they will continue to look as pretty as they can, which we do not take to mean that they will always wear such grotesque hats and—unpleasant looking gowns as they so often do now.

We live in fervid hope that some day woman with her accumulating intellectuality will throw off the slavery of fashion and attire herself (each one) to the raiment that becomes her.

We even hope this for men, but with less confidence.

We welcome not the day when woman kind will lay less "stress on clothes," but when she will lay more stress, and will refuse to be built into a guy or a monstrosity because Paris milliners and dressmakers so decree.

It will be a gloomy, dull, dead era

when women cease to regard where-with they are arrayed, but it will be a glorious awakening, a regeneration, an apotheosis, when they appear like the flowers of the field each blossoming forth in such splendor as her gifts of face and figure make fit, and no garb shall exceed the limitations of its wearer—when little women need not wear washtub hats and the royal brow of a Diana be surmounted by one no larger than a pancake; when the tube gown shall be affected only by the tube woman, and the petite matron of the Dutch shepherdess type may dress like one, instead of in a robe with a sweeping train that keeps coming into the room for half an hour after the wearer has entered.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Cook, Thursday gave a very pleasant surprise party in honor of their eldest daughter's eleventh birthday. The afternoon was spent in playing various games, one of which was the exciting game of "Sherlock Holmes." The highest score was won by Zella Swinford. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by her sister, Miss Alice Shields, after which interesting stories were told by some of the older ones. Many pretty presents were received. The young guests on leaving wished the happy, little, hostess many happy returns of the day. Among those present were Deva Wheeler, Anna Downs, Irene Cook, Luella Cook, Edith Pendergrass, Mary Levar, Zella Swinford, Ida Cook, Alice Shields, John Cook, Joe Milner, Bill Milner and Harold Rust.

In club circles, the chief item of interest on the Bay the past week was the announcement that Mrs. Wm. Horsfall Jr., had been appointed state director for Oregon of the National Federation of Music Clubs. The selection was made at the national convention in Grand Rapids and it came as a surprise to Mrs. Horsfall herself. It was in recognition of her efficient work as director of the Chaminade Club whose success has attained it a state wide reputation.

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Horsfall left this week for San Francisco where Mrs. Horsfall will enter Lane hospital to undergo an operation in hopes of securing a cure for an ailment that has troubled her considerably for the past year. She will probably be absent several weeks but Dr. Horsfall will return in a couple of weeks, probably.

Mrs. W. R. Haines will give a tea at her home Monday afternoon in honor of Miss Busse and Miss Ryan of Chicago who are her guests.

Miss Elizabeth Kaufman arrived home this week from Brooklyn where she took a year's training in domestic science preparatory to taking charge of that department in the Marshfield public schools the coming year. En route home she visited in Chicago, at Montana points, Spokane, Seattle and other places of interest.

Mrs. A. T. Haines, Mrs. Wm. Grimes and Mrs. J. L. Patrick of Oklahoma spent a few days at Ten Mile this week.

Mrs. W. S. Chandler was hostess at Whist Wednesday afternoon, her guests being largely from the summer colony on South Coos River. The Chandler bungalow was prettily decorated for the occasion and cards were followed by refreshments. The afternoon's play resulted in Mrs. Tower winning the first prize and Miss Laura Kruse of North Bend, receiving the consolation prize. Among Mrs. Chandler's guests were the following:

Mrs. C. W. Tower, Miss Nellie Tower, Mrs. Morton Tower, Mrs. Eugene O'Connell, Mrs. J. T. McCor-

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mac, Miss Genevieve Sengstacken, Mrs. E. K. Jones, Misses May and Kathleen Bennett, Miss Mamie Mahoney, Miss Anne Flanagan, Mrs. W. C. Bradley, Miss Helen Bradley, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. F. M. Wilbur, Mrs. Otto Schetter, Mrs. Arthur McKeown, Miss Laura Kruse and Mrs. Pollexfen.

Mrs. Bradley will entertain again this afternoon, her guests being largely from Marshfield.

The hearts of the Empire folk were made glad on the afternoon of August 6 by the presence of a goodly number of the North Bend Christian Endeavor Society who under the chaperonage of Mesdames McCann and Metzler suprintended by the Rev. Lininger of the Presbyterian church of North Bend, formed quite a picnic party, camping almost within the confines of Empire on the edge of its once beautiful driving park. Games and a general good time was the order of the afternoon. A great feature of the event being a most beautiful spread under the evergreens at which all fared sumptuously. By invitation there was present a contingent of the good people of Empire, notably Mesdames Morse, C. E. Getty, G. W. Getty and Webster; Misses Morse and Sponenberg and Messrs. Jones, G. W. Getty and Webster. The grand finale of the event being a roaring camp fire around which were related stories befitting the occasion. Our useful embryo pedagogue, Ralph Coke, being for the occasion dubbed "the Goat," which he did not consider derogatory to his dignity, and thereon hangs a tale.

It was one of the most enjoyable picnics given by North Bend people this summer. The trip was made by boat, auto, carry-all and on foot. Last evening, Robt. McCann and wife chartered a prairie schooner and gave them a passport for a hay ride. They all spread their lunch together by a bonfire which was followed by an informal program. Among those present were Rev. J. C. Lininger, Mrs. L. Metzler, Mrs. C. H. Farriss, Mrs. K. Kitting, Mrs. Ida Mitchell, Josephine Griffin, Ethel Metzler, Allee Carlson, Ruth Matthews, Neoma Smith, Mabel McNay, Helen Mende, Edith Allger, Amelia and Johanna Volz, Lillian McCann, Wm. Wood, Ralph Coke, Marion Reynolds, J. Gray, Ivan and Glen Metzler, Bud Emory, Harry Allger, Oscar and John Carlson, Clyde Smith, Archie Taylor and Robt. McCann and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Vandecar of Salem, are visiting Mrs. Vandecar's sister, Mrs. J. A. Matson.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Friedberg Charlton Lee and Ralph Kruse left Wednesday for the Friedberg bungalow on South Coos River.

Mrs. Nellie Owen will spend Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Dungan, at "The Crow's Nest," South Coos River.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Oren, and Mrs. Oren's sister, Miss May McDonald, left Tuesday on the Alliance for Portland. From there they will go to Seattle to visit the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition and will then go to Minneapolis where the Orens expect to reside. Mrs. Oren will be greatly missed in Coos Bay social circles where she was a particular favorite. Miss McDonald also made many friends during her visit in Marshfield this summer.

Mrs. Otto Schetter entertained one evening this week at their summer camp at Cutlip's Grove on South Coos River in honor of the twentieth birthday of her sister, Miss

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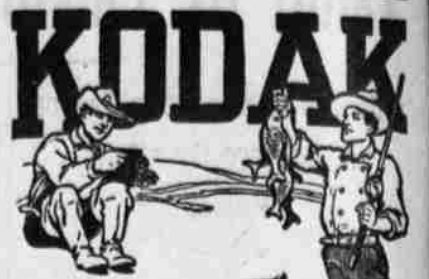
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