SOCIETY AND WOMAN'S WORLD

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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 1341. Notices of club meetings will be published and secretaries are kindly requested to furnish same.

Styles

We look
Back on the
Ancient days with
Much of wonder
And amaze the vagaries of ladies fair excite
Our mirth and our despair. A
Comic sight it must have been
When grandma wore a crinoline.
Perhaps
the future too
will think
The present
Styles are
On the blink
And they
Will grin
And joy
Will
Spurt
When
They
Shall
See
The
Hob
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WO WOMEN were discussing the other day the perennial subject of the rights of men and women.

"I recall being taken to hear Theodore Tilton lecture on the rights of women when I was a very little girl," said the elder. "Mr. Tilton, as you remember, was an ardent suffragist and I can see him now as he pounded the table with his fist and exclaimed dramatically:

" 'Ever since Adam and Eve woman has been the slave of man!'

"The contrast between that assertion and condition in the home I had left to hear it was so startling that I burst out laughing. And ever afterward when I wanted to get anything out of woman, all I had to do was to pound the table with my small fist and shout:

" 'Ever since Adam and Eve woman has been the slave of man!' "

Perhaps the suffrage orators of our own day may not err so greatly on the side of overstatement, which it is almost unnessary to remark has never made a permanent convert to anything. But it is possible to hear women discourse, even in this golden age of alimony, upon "the slavery of woman to man," writes Nixola Smith.

Nothing could be more absurd!

Many unfortunate women are slaves of their own inefficiency, for which the parental imbecility that still sends boys to college and girls to dancing school is mainly responsible.

But as the best husband is not an altruist and the worst not a Simon Legree, the individual man cannot be blamed if at forty or fifty his wife gets tired of swinging incense, but having no other means of livelihood keeps on doing it with the notion that she is a persecuted slave.

The most hopeless letter I have ever read came to me from a middle-aged woman not long ago.

"I have read your article saying that the husband is not the wife's partner, but her employer," she wrote, "and I want to tell you how true it is of my case. I am fifty, in poor health. Yet he begrudges me a fire in my room in winter. I have not had a new dress in nine years, though he is fairly well-to-do and could give me money to dress nicely.

"Yet what can I do? I am too old and too unskilled to get work at which I could support myself. My husband is the only employer that has any use for me, and that only because he can't get rid of me."

There are, I suppose, thousands of women similarly placed, and there is no solution for their problems in saying glibly: "Get a separation," because their battles were fought and lost twenty-five or thirty years ago.

Every marriage—or for that matter any association of two persons, either men or women—has its war of wills—sometimes when the contenders are unevenly equipped a short, sharp, decisive contest, like our war with Spain, but more often a cruel, indeterminate struggle like the war of 1812, at the end of which both parties are glad to sign a peace treaty which doesn't even mention the cause of combat.

"Peace has its victories no less renowned than war," as we have heard school commencement orators observe. But the victories of peace in the household are often more shameful than those achieved by bloody battles.

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A number of friends of Mrs. Annie Riggs of North Bend surprised her at her home in Old North Bend last Tuesday evening, the event being in honor of her birthday. The evening was pleasantly spent at cards following which refreshments were served.

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Andrew Laing and wife of North Bend, left a few days ago for Portland. Mr. Laing has been connected with L. J. Simpson's summer home, "Shore Acres."

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Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Eickworth are planning to move to Portland or some other northern Oregon town in the near future to make their home. Their daughters, Mrs. R. F. Gebhardt, and Mrs. R. E. Pinegor, and their husbands are now residing in Portland.

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Coos County club women are much interested in the plan of the Oregon State Federation of Women's Clubs for districting the state. It is believed that through districting, more women will be enlisted in the club movement and that more interest can be kept up in the work. As the Coos County clubs are so remote from the balance of the state, it is likely that this section would be put in one district and their work made more effectual.

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The members of St. Elizabeth's Guild are being entertained at a business meeting at the home of Mrs. M. C. Maloney this afternoon.

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Mrs. J. S. Coke will entertain the Bridge club at her home next Wednesday.

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Miss Evelyn Anderson, who has been spending the summer with friends and relatives in and near Boston and on Prince Edward's Island, is expected home the first of November.

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The Chaminade Club held the first morning session of the series it has arranged at the home of Mrs. Wm. Horsfall Jr. last Wednesday. The meeting proved a very successful one. Miss Esther Johnson read a paper on "Early Protestant Music" and Miss Edna Larson read one on "The Netherlands School." Mrs. J. V. Smeaton was elected to membership. The outlook for the season is very good and Mrs. Horsfall, the director, is highly pleased. The club's membership is open to all who are interested in music and have any vocal talent, and it is expected that many more will be enrolled in the course of the next few months.

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Mrs. W. T. Merchant is planning to entertain a large number of friends at her home a week from today. The invitations will be issued shortly, probably.

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Close friends have been apprised of the date of the marriage of Willis H. Kennedy and Miss Lettie Larson. The affair will be a quiet home wedding, only a few very intimate friends and relatives of the contracting parties to be present. The young couple are among the best known and most prominent young folk on the Bay and will be the recipients of congratulations from a host of friends.

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Miss Genevieve Sengstacken expects to leave next Saturday for Portland where she will spend a few weeks as the guest of Miss Helen Doble. She may also visit at other northern points before returning home.

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Miss Florence Aiken returned to San Francisco this week to resume her course in art after a short visit at her home in this city.

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At a special meeting of the Sisters of Bethany this week, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss Evelyn Anderson; secretary, Miss May Stauff; treasurer, Mrs. F. A. Sacchi. The club will meet next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. M. C. Maloney to perfect plans for the year's work.

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R. R. Montgomery and wife and Miss Cora Mae Montgomery, who have been spending several weeks on the Bay as guests at the homes of D. Y. Stafford, Colby Perry and R. J. Montgomery, left today on the Breakwater for their home in Decatur, Ill.

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Monday evening, the Coos Bay Motor Boat Club members will keep "Open House" for friends at the club house in North Bend. A business session will also be held to arrange for a series of social affairs for the winter months.

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Thursday evening, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Smeaton were host and hostess at a small dinner party at their home in Marshfield complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Warner and C. A. Smith who have been spending a short time on the Bay. Arno Mereen was also a guest. Mr. and Mrs. Warner and baby leave today on the Nann Smith for their home in California and Mr. Smith and Mr. Mereen also leave for a short stay in California.

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Mrs. C. S. Winsor is hostess at a reception at her home in North Bend this afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock in honor of Mrs. Tyrell and Mrs. Langford of California, who, with their husbands are guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Simpson. The affair is one of the most elaborate that has been held in North Bend this season.

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Last evening, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith of North Bend, entertained a few friends at dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Tyrell and Mr. and Mrs. Langford of Oakland, Cal., who are guests of L. J. Simpson and wife.

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The Beautiful America Club of North Bend, will shortly resume its regular sessions. Mrs. Winsor, the president of the club, will shortly issue the call for the first meeting of the season.

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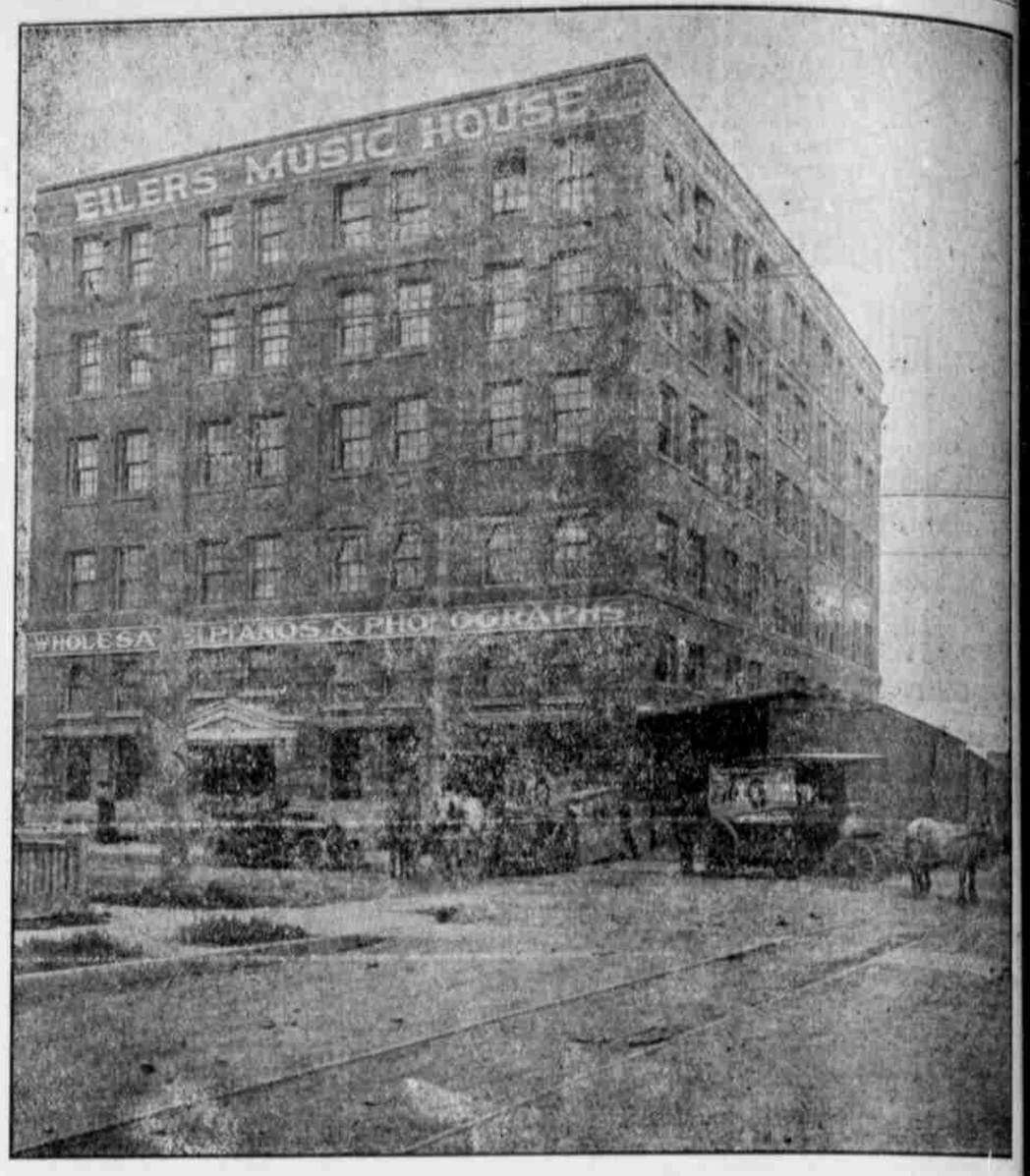

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