

SOCIETY AND WOMAN'S WORLD



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A SONG FROM FAR AWAY.

Of your day I claim no part,
Not a look, not a touch,
Not a beat of your dear heart,
That were too much.

Only let me take my place
In your dreams through the night,
I will pass and leave no trace
Ere the east grows light.

You shall waken with a smile,
Smiling still as you muse,
How you dreamed of love awhile,
But forgetting whose.

—Annetta Josephine Burr.

THAT several years of education for motherhood be included in the regular curriculum of the public schools and that this course be completed by training that shall approximate the work of the Kindergarten Training college is the scheme advocated by Kate Douglas Wiggin, known in private life as Mrs. George C. Riggs. Her idea has been spoken of as a "municipal school for brides to be."

"It may or may not be municipal," she explained. "My idea is for a course of training in which all school girls shall take part. Then when marriage comes they will be ready for it."

"The school should teach the girls to be capable, useful, home making mothers, not just housekeepers and nurses, but mothers. That's what we need."

"I believe heartily in teaching girls to sew and cook, bake and sweep and keep house," she said. "But I believe in teaching them lots more than that. Why, that isn't a scintilla of what I think our girls ought to be taught before they marry."

"I think they should be taught not only to feed and clothe their children, but to bring them up, not only to make a home comfortable, but to make it happy, to make a stand for the best there is in life. Girls ought to learn how to do those things, and it is perfectly possible to teach them."

"I think that girls should be so educated—in the public schools, I trust—that they will take hold of the humbler tasks of life with a real ardor."

"And first they must be taught to take hold of the humbler tasks capably."

"I want girls taught to bring a sense of responsibility and a sense of beauty into wifehood and motherhood and the training of children. This means that they must bring knowledge. It means that they must have received practical training. It means that they must have had experience with children. And it means that they must have been taught to realize the finer phases of home making."

Mrs. Riggs has been thinking of this matter for years; has been observing the trend of life about her; has looked into homes, looked into public schools, looked into kindergartens and teachers' colleges, looked into day nurseries. She is armed for the discussion, not only to "back up" her theories with facts and figures, but to state clearly what kind of a school is needed and what it shall teach.

"I have often said and emphatically believe that the final months in a young woman's education should be spent in a kindergarten training college or some equivalent for such an institution."

"As matters are now arranged the responsibilities which she will probably assume are never so much as mentioned in the school curriculum."

"Girls finish their education unprepared for motherhood."

"Positively might say, in examining the courses of study in our schools today, that this generation must have been training colts."

The ordinary public school education falls in fitting girls for motherhood, Mrs. Riggs declares, and the "higher" education falls even more lamentably. That 50 per cent of the girls that leave college enter unprepared upon marriage is reason enough, she contends, for the immediate establishment of a motherhood training school.

"I suppose that the average college girl, with her splendid intellectual training, is fitted to be the intellectual mother of the strong sons," she mused, "but when she marries she will have just ordinary little babies to train, aid, teach and to discipline. She leaves college unprepared for the duties that await her."

greens. A huge wedding bell of white was suspended immediately over the place where the minister stood. The Reverend Mr. Yost of Florence performed the ceremony and united the happy couple. The bride, Miss Schillerstrom, was gowned in an exquisitely beautiful blue silk wedding gown and her bridesmaids were dressed in handsome gowns of the same material. The Misses Cyna and Tyna Beck attended the bride as maids of honor and did their part to make the wedding a beautiful and impressive one. The groom's attendants were Messrs. Arthur Reynolds and Ray David. After an elaborate wedding supper, the guests and the happy pair danced in the Beck home until a late hour. A great number of valuable and beautiful wedding gifts were received by the bride and groom among which were several articles of cut glass including a water pitcher, and a complete set of sauce dishes, decanter, etc. There were quite a few gifts of table silver. One of the unique gifts was an order for enough shingles to cover a house from the Point Terrace Mill company in which the groom has an interest. Mr. and Mrs. Beck will be at home after their honeymoon, at the Beck place on the Siuslaw river.

Miss Lillian Seaman was hostess at a delightful party Wednesday afternoon, December 27, given in honor of her eleventh birthday. The afternoon was spent in music and dancing and in playing games at which Misses Virginia Clarke, Mary Louise McArthur, Kathryn Horton, and Helen Merchant won various charming prizes. A luncheon was served whose special feature was the beautiful white birthday cake that is indispensable to a children's party. Among the guests of Miss Lillian were: Miss Blanche Ferdine, Misses Virginia Clarke, Helen Rees, Helen Merchant, Ruth Golden, Doris Sengstacken, Edith Ayre, Dorothy Horton, Dorothy Byler, Kathryn Horton, Mary Louise McArthur, Anna Myers, Maxine Jones and Marian Seaman, and Perry Clarke.

Announcement was made this week of the engagement of Lee Backman and Miss Ellen Larin of West Marshfield, the marriage to take place at an early date.

The joint installation of officers of Doric Chapter, O. E. S., and Blanco Lodge, A. F. & A. M., was a social event of more than ordinary pleasure to the members of the two organizations and a few invited guests last Tuesday evening. A detailed account of the function was given in The Times Wednesday. Through an omission, the name of Mrs. E. G. Flanagan, the organist of Doric Chapter for the ensuing year, was omitted from the list of new officers.

Mrs. Walrath, who has been spending a few months as a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Kendall, in West Marshfield, left yesterday for her home in Minneapolis.

Miss Violet Henderson arrived home this week from a few weeks' visit with her uncle, Hugh Brown, and with friends in San Francisco.

Thursday evening, a farewell party was tendered Jay Gray of North Bend by a number of the many friends that he has made during his residence there. He will leave shortly for Santa Ana, Cal., to join his parents and make his home. Among those present Thursday evening were Vesta McCullough, Alice Waters, Norma Chase, Esther Imhoff, Frances Golden, Mrs. Geo. Langenberg, Herbert Norton, Harry Conroy, Glen Grout, George Dewey, Clyde Smith, Robert McMorton, Naomi Smith, Will Davis, Dorothy Kibbler, Lyle Chappelle and Clarence Kibbler.

Mrs. R. E. Browning will be hostess to the Sisters of Bethany at her home next Wednesday afternoon.

The North Bend Bridge club, which adjourned for the holidays, has not yet fixed the date of the next meeting but it probably will not be until week after next.

At a dinner party Christmas evening Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Matson entertained Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Peck and Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Faye and little daughter, Catherine.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Kretzger entertained at a unique Xmas breakfast Monday morning at which such unusual delicacies as country sausage and Dayton butter crackers, sent as Christmas gifts from Oklahoma, were set before their guests. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Grimes, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Houseworth, and Thayer Grimes.

The four-year Alumni of the Marshfield High School are entertaining the Senior Class of the High School and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Tiedgen, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Barker, Miss Silverman, Miss Carpenter Mr. and Mr. Grannis and Miss Rose Wall,

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

Monday evening at the home of Miss Mary Hansen in South Marshfield, Misses Marjorie Cowan, Alpha Mauzey, Bessie Coke, Nellie Tribbey, Belva Flanagan and Mary Hansen, John Ferguson and Joe Bennett form the Alumni, and Alice Curtis, Signa Holm and Eric Bolt are absent members.

Mrs. C. R. Peck was hostess at a delightful little informal bridge party at her home in South Marshfield Wednesday afternoon, the first of a number which she plans to give during the next few months. At cards, Mrs. W. H. Kennedy won first prize and Mrs. F. E. Lefe second prize. Light refreshments were served. Among those invited were Mrs. A. E. Adelsperger, Mrs. Frank Horton, Mrs. W. S. Nicholson, Mrs. A. L. Houseworth, Mrs. David C. Vaughan, Mrs. J. W. Bennett, Mrs. D. Y. Stafford, Mrs. J. T. Harrigan, Mrs. Chas. Van Duyen, Mrs. Willis H. Kennedy, Mrs. C. F. McKnight, Mrs. F. E. Lefe, Mrs. W. F. Miller, Mrs. R. K. Booth, Mrs. A. Ralphe O'Brien, and Miss O'Brien.

The U. M. O. club of North Bend will enjoy a New Year's ball at Longie's Hall Monday evening. It will be restricted to members of the club and the wives of the members will serve coffee and sandwiches during the evening.

Announcement is made that F. S. Jennings, a well-known North Bend business man, and Miss Ione Hutchings, a sister of Mrs. Grubser, will be married in North Bend Sunday. They will leave Monday on a honeymoon trip to San Francisco and other southern points, after which they will return to North Bend to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Matson entertained at dinner Monday evening to Captain and Mrs. Alfred Matson, Miss Grace Kruse, Ralph Matson, Frank Matson and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Bargelt.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Savage are having as guests at dinner Sunday, Miss Nettie Savage, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Coleman, and F. B. Farres.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Tiedgen and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Barker entertained at 2 o'clock Christmas dinner Monday afternoon. Among their guests were: Mrs. Mary Thompson, Miss Esther Silverman, Mrs. Baldwin, Miss Inez Baldwin, Miss Agnes Carpenter, Miss Ruth Striffler, Miss Adnee Palmer, Miss Blanche Ferdine, and Mr. Grannis.

A farewell reception and surprise party at the home of Mr. & Mrs. W. B. Cox Thursday evening in honor of Miss Anna Cox who will soon leave for Portland after spending the holidays with relatives here. Music and games were followed by light refreshments. Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hopson; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Goar, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cox, Mrs. T. L. Lawhorse, Mrs. C. E. Powers, Mrs. H. Bishop, Misses Edna Ray, Myrtle Downer, Ruth Hopson, Vina

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