

In the Social Realm

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Poley were guests at the home of Joseph Poley on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Norwood spent Christmas at the home of their daughter in Medford.

Miss Norma Minkler is home for the holidays from Forest Grove, where she studies music at Pacific University.

Mr. and Mrs. Monte Briggs and Miss Margaret Tomlin took Christmas dinner at Soda Springs ranch with Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett.

The families of W. O. Dickerson, W. A. Schwimley and A. F. Morthland were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gray, east of the city, on Christmas.

The Elks' New Year's ball, which has always been the event of the season in Ashland Elkdom, bids fair to this year far outdo all previous occasions of the kind.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grey entertained the families of A. F. Morthland, W. A. Schwimley and W. O. Dickerson at their country home east of town Christmas day.

The members of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Congregational church will hold their annual reception at the home of Mrs. J. P. Dodge, on the Boulevard, Tuesday afternoon, December 31. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wick entertained Judge and Mrs. Calkins at Christmas festivities yesterday. The family reunion was the more complete by the arrival of Arthur Wick, who arrived home a few days since from Portland for a holiday vacation under the parental roof.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hedges, Mrs. Elizabeth Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bish and sons, Miss Margaret Daly of Eagle Point, Mr. and Mrs. Davis and sons and Lee Port of Jacksonville, Miss Vera Wise and V. V. Hawley and family were dinner guests of A. H. Peachey and family Christmas day.

The ladies of the Granite City Five Hundred Club entertained the men Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hargadine on Second street. They had a Christmas tree and a merry evening. Mrs. Rocho and Mr. Nesbit won the highest score at 500 and Mrs. Wylie and Mr. Eastman took the consolation prize.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Davenport of "Twin Oaks" ranch, north of town, had for their Christmas guests yesterday C. R. McCoy and Miss Bessie McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCoy and daughter Margaret, who were most hospitably entertained by an ideal holiday trip out into the rural districts.

A jolly party gathered around the festal board at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Mattingly Christmas day and did full justice to the turkey and other good things provided. The guests were Rev. S. A. Douglas, wife and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Anderson and son and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson and daughter.

A number of young people who gathered at the C. O. Porter home on Eighth street, in the hope of surprising Frank Porter, were themselves the victims of the surprise. Frank being in Dunsuir. Notwithstanding the disappointment, games were started and the crowd entered heartily into the fun, not leaving for home until a late hour. Chocolate, sandwiches, pickles and cake were served during the evening.

The Eleven O'clock Club had a jolly meeting Monday night, it being turned into a leap year affair, when about half over. From that on there were no wall flowers and no men enjoying a smoke in the lobby. In one waltz the men had to dance blindfolded without knowing their partners. This feature alone was "worth the price of admission." Supper was served by Messrs. and Mesdames John A. May, Dr. Boslough, Will Dodge and C. L. Cunningham, the sandwiches, cake and coffee being of most excellent quality. Two weeks hence the club will have a hard times party.

Probably the jolliest affair of a recent date was the party given by a bunch of high school boys, who entertained some of their girl friends at the home of Kenneth McWilliams, at a sumptuous six-course dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wilcox entertained at dinner on Christmas day at their home, 84 Dewey street, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. James and Mr. James' father, who is blind. An enjoyable time was spent.

The dinner was cooked and served by the boys under the direction of "Chef" Billy Briggs, and the girls very obligingly cleared the table and washed the dishes. Those in the party were the Misses Allie Shinn, Olive Thorn, Josephine Saunders, Margaret Patterson, Mildred Drake, Messrs. John Enders, Billy Briggs, R. L. Burdick, Kenneth McWilliams and Harold Huntley.

Yreka News: A quiet wedding was performed December 15 at 3 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Creighton, the contracting parties being Miss Eunice M. Chapman and William T. Barnes, both of Yreka. The young couple both came to Yreka a few months ago from Ashland, Ore., the bride keeping house for her father, who has been employed here as a carpenter, and the groom working through the summer at the same trade. He has employment for the winter in Sorenson's billiard parlor, and they will make their home in a cottage on Pine street. They were married by Rev. J. C. Gillette, pastor of the Methodist church, in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Creighton and Mr. Creighton's father. Their friends wish them a happy and successful life.

A beautiful Christmas wedding took place at noon Christmas day at the home of Mrs. S. A. Stevenson on B street, when her daughter, Miss Nellie, was united in marriage to Mr. W. H. Flagg. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. T. Chisholm in the presence of the immediate friends of the two families. Mr. Flagg has lived in Ashland for many years and is one of the expert plumbers in the employ of the Simpson Hardware Company. Mrs. Flagg is well known as the charming clerk behind the counters in the Poley Drug Store. The announcement of the wedding has explained to many curious persons the why and the wherefore of the beautiful new bungalow at 77 Fifth street, which Mr. Flagg has recently built, and where the young couple will be at home to their friends. Their many friends unite in wishing them a long and happy life.

Among the many Christmas reunions of the present holiday season none were jollier than the gathering at the Tozer household on Laurel street, where a splendid repast was served to over a dozen guests. Those present in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Tozer were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Murphy and sons Murray and Ray, Mrs. Clara Cornish and son Van, Mrs. Alice Murphy, the Misses Alliene Kingsbury, Blanche Davenport, Frances Hamlin and Marian Huntley. No less than three experienced chefs prepared the Christmas dinner, and their efforts in this direction refuted the old adage that "too many cooks spoil the broth." After the feast the spacious dining room was cleared and dancing was indulged in by those who were so disposed. The turkey trot being barred in favor of the staid old waltzes and quadrilles. Uncle John Murphy acted as floor manager, while the Victrola which furnished the music played to beat the band.

The Presbyterian church was filled to overflowing last Sunday night to hear the Christmas song service. The program was all the more pleasing on account of the variety of the numbers. There were solos, duets, mixed quartets, double male quartets and anthems, besides the instrumental numbers. The choir has had recently a large addition of basses and tenors from the high school, which has improved the balance of the large choir. One of the most beautiful duets was that by Miss Frances Hamlin and Kenneth McWilliams, with violin obligato. The next regular praise service will be at the morning service on the second Sunday in January. At the morning service was a special Christmas sermon with appropriate music. Tuesday night the Sunday school gave an entertainment for the children. The Christmas tree and decorations were elaborate, and the Santa Claus the best ever. As usual, the little ones had the time of their lives.

Don B. Smith and Mrs. Gertrude Holt were united in matrimony at the home of the groom on High street Christmas eve. Rev. Stephen A. Douglas, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating. The ceremony was followed by a wedding supper at

which the parties and a few close friends sat down. Both bride and groom are well known here and a large circle of friends will unite in wishing them Godspeed.

Miss Hodgson Entertains.
The Abofs were royally entertained at dinner by Miss Marian Hodgson Christmas night at the Hodgson home on Scenic Drive. The house was beautifully decorated with Christmas greens and red bells. The dinner consisted of fruit cocktail, cream potatoes, cream chicken in ramikins, gravy, cranberry jelly, olives, fruit salad, ice cream, cake and coffee.

After dinner the gifts of the club were given out, and a happy time of music and story-telling followed.

Bruner-Ashcraft.
The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bruner, corner of Wimer and Woolen streets, was the scene of a very pretty home wedding on Christmas eve, when Miss Clara Ethel Bruner was united in marriage to Norman B. Ashcraft.

At the close of the singing of "Promise Me," by Mrs. Perry Ashcraft, the bride and groom took their places in front of the beautiful decorations composed of ferns, carnations and narcissus, where they were made one through the use of the ring ceremony, R. E. Dunlap officiating, assisted by L. C. Poor.

After the hearty congratulations of those present the entire party sat down to a bountiful luncheon spread in the dining room. Only the immediate families of the two contracting parties were present.

The bride is well and favorably known, having been for a number of years teacher in the West Side schools of this city, and was the recipient of many beautiful presents from her admiring friends. Mr. Ashcraft is a son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Ashcraft of Wimer street.

*The happy couple will be at home to their friends at Central Point, where Mr. Ashcraft is teaching in the high school.

Port-Peachey Wedding.
On Christmas eve, December 24, at 7 o'clock, at the residence of the officiating minister on Morton street, occurred a very quiet and pretty wedding, Lee C. Port and Maude A. Peachey being united in the bonds of matrimony by Rev. W. T. Van Scoy. The prents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Peachey, were present at the ceremony, the date of the wedding being a surprise to everybody else. The young folks of the community have been expecting this wedding, but the day could not be guessed.

The groom is a native of Arizona, but spent his boyhood chiefly in Oklahoma, where he attended the public schools with his present bride, both being mere children, and a part of the time both were in a school taught by the bride's father, Mr. A. H. Peachey. About seven years ago Mr. Port's people came to Oregon, locating at Jacksonville, where he attended high school. During the past year he has been in the government forestry service. He is a young man well known in the county and by officials of the forestry service for his faithful work and his high moral standing. The bride is a native of Oklahoma, having attended the public schools of her native state, and after coming to Oregon she attended the Medford high school and the Southern Oregon State Normal up to the time the latter institution was closed. She has been one of Jackson county's efficient teachers for about three years, having just closed a term at Soda Springs. Miss Peachey is prominent in social and church circles in this city. On account of her love for the children, she will be greatly missed by the pupils of the public schools. Mr. Port will continue in the government service as forestry guard. The happy couple will reside in Jacksonville. They will be at home to their friends on and after January 15, 1913. They have a host of friends, who congratulate them in this happy choice for life.

Miss Flora Thompson Is Gardner's Deputy.

County Clerk-elect G. A. Gardner has announced that he has secured the services of Miss Flora Thompson as his chief deputy, and she will continue in the office when W. A. Coleman, present county clerk, steps out on January 8.

The appointment of Miss Thompson has met with approval on all sides. She is thoroughly acquainted with the work of the office, having served as chief deputy nearly two years under Mr. Coleman. In addition to being experienced, Miss Thompson is a hard and capable worker, who has won many friends by her willingness to accommodate those who have business in the clerk's office.

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Christmas at the Columbia.
Now listen to me
And you will agree
That our Christmas tree
Was something to see.

'Twas set on the floor
Early the day before,
And took half the night
To decorate just right.
Without any wrangles,
Draped with our spangles,
Gold, silver, red and blue,
Illumined to a rainbow hue
With a well-hidden light,
Which later caused a fright,
For when 'twas quite clear
The tree tumbled on Miss Greer.

At about the dawning
Of Christmas mawning,
With marveling eyes
And shouts of surprise,
The children found many toys
Which delight girls and boys.

'Twas somewhere 'bout eight
(For some were rather late),
When the grown-ups' fun
Commenced to be begun,
And good-natured folly
Made everyone quite jolly.
The doctor was advertised,
The landlady scandalized,
Our weaknesses specialized,
And our characters scrutinized.

But all enjoyed the game
And laughed just the same,
Whether we got a crack
Or handed out a whack.

And 'long about ten
A few of the men
Began to take a walk
(Just for a little talk),
And to search and explore
Behind the kitchen door.
There they found a lunch
And some jolly good punch.

The ladies made a plea
For "just a little tea."
No one ate the candy
To hide the brandy,
But only 'cause 'twas good—
That was fully understood.

A few of us hopped
Till the Victor stopped,
And others played cards
Or—set back with their parads.

So all the way through
No one was blue.

The above poem was written by one of the guests at the Christmas party at the Columbia Hotel Christmas night, which partook of the good cheer of the holiday season. Mrs. Hadley was assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. Billings, Mr. Caldwell and the Misses Hadley in entertaining. Oregon grape, holly and mistletoe made the rooms most inviting. Dancing and cards were indulged in after the Christmas tree festivities.

The guests were: Messrs. and Mesdames Phillips, Lawrence, Henry Provost, Staples, Monte Briggs, Mold and Pedersen, Mesdames Musser, Bartlett and Barnes, Dr. Kammerer, the Misses Welch, Tuttle, Hiltie, Musser, Greer, Tuttle, Cynthia Tuttle, Vivian Greer, Winnie Hadley and Ruth Hadley, Messrs. Billings, Phillips, Leslie Phillips, Caldwell, Jess Neal, Robertson, Rice, McErnery, Edna Neil and Mr. Murphy.

Dr. Briggs' mother, at whose bedside Dr. Briggs was called some time ago, died at her home near Corvallis December 23. Dr. Briggs will return home within a few days.

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CHRISTMAS REUNIONS.

How many families whose members have been dispersed and scattered far and wide in the restless struggles of life are on this day reunited and meet once again in that happy state of companionship and mutual good will which is a source of such pure and unalloyed delight and one so incompatible with the cares and sorrows of the world, that the religious belief of the most civilized nations and the rude traditions of the roughest savages alike number it among the first joys of a future condition of existence provided for the blest and happy! How many old recollections and how many dormant sympathies does Christmas time awaken! — Charles Dickens.

Christmas Don'ts.

Don't try to pay debts or return obligations in your Christmas giving.
Don't give trashy things. Many an attic could tell strange stories about Christmas presents.
Don't make presents which your friends will not know what to do with and which would merely encumber the home.

The Joy of Christmas.

Religion is not an austere thing. It is all joy the moment we hear the Christmas angels chorusing until we swing into glory to the music of the redeemed throng about the throne. The service of Christ is gladness and peace. He means that his every disciple should live in a perpetual Christmas.

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