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Society News.

Please phone all news items, society or otherwise, to the Tidings, No. 39. It is often necessary to leave late items over until the next issue, so as to insure insertion please phone them in as early as possible. The Tidings goes to press early each Monday and Thursday afternoon and items must be in and in type by noon if possible.

At their regular monthly meeting Friday night the Shriners decided to entertain their ladies at a card party on the sixteenth. Arrangements are in charge of H. O. Frohbach, W. E. Newcombe and T. H. Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Provost entertained friends from Medford on Sunday last, who came up to visit Miss Angeline Provost, who is staying at her brother's home. They were Miss Sneling, Miss Margaret Sabrick, Mr. Lunsford Black and Mr. Marvin Mitchell. In the afternoon they were joined by Mrs. W. H. Pracht and Mrs. Hughes.

Six couples enjoyed an excellent turkey dinner at the T. H. Simpson home New Year's eve and spent the evening at auction bridge, playing the old year out and the new year in. Mrs. Mattern won the highest score and received a very pretty picture as a prize. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames E. V. Carter, F. D. Wagner, A. E. Kinney, H. Mattern and H. L. Whitford.

Tuesday evening Mrs. L. S. Brown entertained the Jolly Jokers at her home on Montana street. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bagley were special guests. Mrs. C. L. Cunningham won the highest score and was made keeper of the club stickpin until the next meeting. C. F. Shepherd and Mrs. Bagley drew straws for the consolation, Mr. Shepherd being victorious. Light refreshments were served at the close of the game.

Mrs. A. H. Pracht entertained the ladies of the Thimble Club at her home on Vieta street Friday afternoon of last week. Special guests of the day were Mrs. Angeline Engle, Mrs. Fred Engle, Miss Gertrude Engle and Mrs. Swendsburg. Mrs. Pracht's sister, Mrs. Greig of Portland, was also present. After a very pleasant session the hostess served a delicious luncheon. Mrs. C. F. Shepherd will be hostess at the next meeting.

Saturday evening a number of the boys of the Methodist Sunday school entertained their young lady friends at a jollification which was held at the T. H. Simpson home on North Main. Progressive games were the order of the evening and the boys showed themselves capital hosts by serving splendid refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, pickles, cake and chocolate. Those present were Margaret Hodgson, Vena Bailey, Violet Hershey, Hazel Bruner, Frances Barney, Irene Lomman, Fred Schuerman, LeRoy Ashcraft, Gerald Gunther, Dick Ware, Sam Koehler and Glenn and Harold Simpson.

The East Side Parent-Teacher Circle held its regular monthly meeting Monday afternoon. Miss O'Leary favored the assembly with a solo and Prof. Vining gave a lecture on the researches of the psychological laboratories in the past two years, much of which has not yet been printed and placed in the hands of the general public. It is evident that a new era of analysis of human character is dawning that will revolutionize the teachings of today. After the lecture Prof. Briscoe announced that Prof. Hodges of the University of Oregon will speak on Monday evening at the Congregational church, and urged all to be present and bring their friends. The lecture will be illustrated with stereopticon slides. The meeting closed with a social hour and refreshments were served. Sixty were present.

W. C. T. U.

The W. C. T. U. will give a very interesting program Tuesday, January 13, at 2:30 p. m., at the library building. This meeting is the beginning of the campaign for statewide prohibition in 1914. Rev. Wisler of the Nazarene church will give an address on the subject of "Prayer a Power," address by R. J. Edwards on the subject of "Individual Responsibility," and several other subjects will be brought up. A cordial invitation is given the public to attend and take part.

Entertained at Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Pell gave a very handsome dinner to a number of friends Wednesday evening. Turkey was the piece de resistance of the eight-course menu, which was excellent in cuisine, bountiful in quantity and beautifully served. The evening was spent in playing bridge whist. The guests were Messrs. and Mesdames F. D. Wagner, E. A. Kinney, Stuart Saunders, E. V. Carter and H. L. Whitford.

Trinity Guild Party.

The ladies of Trinity Guild will give another of their pleasant benefit parties at the parish house Tuesday evening, January 13. A most cordial invitation is extended to the public. Owing to the fact that the afternoon parties excluded the gentlemen, it has been decided to entertain in the evening hereafter. The hostesses will be Mrs. Hedberg, Mrs. Hamaker, Mrs. Bartsge, Mrs. Bevington, Mrs. McRae and Mrs. Foltz.

A Jolly Party.

A very informal and jolly party was given at the home of Mrs. Ann Russell New Year's eve in honor of Mrs. J. M. Potter of Weed, who was visiting in Ashland. One of the features of the evening which was provocative of much mirth was a paper of which Mrs. Emil Pell was editor-in-chief. The paper was written by the guests while assembled, different departments being assigned to different guests. There was also much entertainment and amusement from the efforts of an orchestra organized on the spot with Mrs. W. M. Poley as leader. Light refreshments were served.

Golden Wedding Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bunnell wish to express their appreciation and thanks to their kind friends and neighbors who so happily surprised them on their golden wedding day, and for the loving thoughts that prompted the gathering. Mrs. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Silver served light refreshments and were untiring in their efforts to make the affair a pleasant one. They were assisted by Mrs. P. D. Bunnell. Those who participated were Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Schwimley, Messrs. and Mesdames C. A. Gray, W. O. Dickerson, J. D. Hoag, F. S. Engle, J. Kirkpatrick, Harry Silver, Wilmer Hilt, G. W. Trefren, H. G. Eastman, F. W. Shaw, L. J. Orres, Mesdames Emily Bingham, Addis, Bergstrom, Oscar Silver, Misses Gertrude Engle, Susanne Homes, Mary Homes, Laura Silver, Madeline Silver, Kathleen Silver.

Eastern Star Installs Officers

Never did the Eastern Stars shine more resplendently than at their initial meeting for the year 1914, on the sixth inst., when in addition to a business session there occurred the annual installation of officers, followed by a social hour devoted to the forming of new acquaintances and the renewal of former ties. The official roster for 1914 is as follows:

Worthy Matron—Mrs. Olive Swendenburg.
Worthy Patron—Dr. J. P. Johnson.
Associate Matron—Mrs. Roberta Everton.
Secretary—Mrs. Leah Caldwell.
Treasurer—Miss Lydia McCall.
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Organist—Mrs. Mabel Cunningham.

Adah—Miss Nellie Briggs.
Ruth—Mrs. Edith Sackett.
Ether—Mrs. Emma Coffee.
Martha—Mrs. Grace Turner.
Electra—Mrs. Lillian Johnson.
Warder—Mrs. Bertha Whitford.
Sentinel—W. H. Day.
Two past Grand Worthy Matrons were also present in the persons of Mrs. Bay L. Sherwin and Mrs. Josephine D. Crocker, the former acting

as installing officer. Mrs. Sherwin is an ideal presiding officer, and under her efficient direction the exercises were conducted not only according to form as laid down in the ritual, but also in a most pleasing and impressive manner. In the absence of Mrs. Elsie Churchman, Mrs. Caroline Schuerman assumed the responsibilities of Conductress for the hour with tact and ability, characteristic of the entire corps of Eastern Star workers.

Children's Class Music.

The Katharine Burrows method of teaching music to children in classes will be introduced here by Mrs. J. R. Robertson as soon as there are enough applications to form a class. Several have given in their names, but more are needed to complete the number. Teachers have so long followed the private lesson plan that it will take some time naturally for people to become interested in the class idea, but after trying it for a while they cannot help but realize its advantages.

Then, too, many parents think that money spent on little children for music is wasted, that it will be time enough when they are through school. While as far as learning to play an instrument is concerned, it will be then forever too late to become an expert. A knowledge of music should be as much a part of a good education as the three R's. A feeling for rhythm and musical sounds is a part of every normal human being and should be developed as well as all the other powers of mind and body. No public school system is complete without a course in singing beginning in the first grade and continuing through the high school course.

The class idea in piano is comparatively new but has proved very successful in many places and is being used more and more in large cities. This particular method was solved after many years of experimenting and study, both in this country and abroad, has been thoroughly tested and found perfectly "suited to the child nature." To quote from Miss Burrows' book: "The practice hour is a terrible bugbear to many children. During this hour they must, alone, grapple with problems which may well tax the understanding and patience of grown men and women. They grow very weary of it and often dislike it intensely. The mother has

to encourage and comfort them. Perhaps, in the end, she is forced to insist upon practice and must drive the child to work.

While in the little classes, what with songs, games, drills, the incentive of working with other children, etc., all this drudgery becomes a pleasure, and they learn in spite of themselves. No practice at home is allowed at first, although it will be begged for, then the privilege may be granted for five or ten minutes and the time gradually increased.

Some may argue that enough individual attention cannot be given in classes, but the classes will not as a general thing be larger than six so that each child can be watched closely. Others may even say that the class is simply a money-making scheme. It is true that by taking several together instead of each one separately time can be saved to the teacher, but on the other hand she can give them several times more for their money than by means of the usual 50-cent lesson. Besides the drill in finger and arm work and note reading, there are keyboard drills, singing, exercises in rhythm, ear training, stories of composers, memorizing, etc. Very little actual playing is done until the pupil has a thorough understanding of the keyboard and staff, and can use the fingers correctly.

Another point to be considered is that the materials for the course are expensive and can only be used by an experienced teacher, so one is not paying simply for the time taken in giving the lesson.

The course covers six terms, or 120 lessons, and when completed the child has a thorough foundation for a musical education. The course is suitable for children from six to ten or twelve years, although for the older ones many of the kindergarten features are not necessary.

Anyone wishing to inquire further of the method can see Mrs. Robertson at her residence, 340 Almond street, at any time excepting on Mondays and Thursdays. Tuition for the first class will be \$5 for first term. This is just half the usual rate. Phone 332-J.

J. J. McMahon, who recently came down from Portland to join his wife in a visit with her folks; the T. K. Bolton family, is recuperating from a second operation made necessary by appendicitis.

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At the regular meeting of the East Side Parent-Teacher Circle Monday afternoon a beautiful solo was rendered by Miss O'Leary. Prof. Vining gave a talk on the research of the psychological laboratories of the past two years. He also outlined the work of the proposed boys' club which is being organized under the patronage of the local Elks. The ladies present strongly favored the boys' club movement and urged all mothers in the city to have their boys join the club.

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