

In the Social Realm

Miss Alva K. Anderson and Harry G. Bennett were united in matrimony by Rev. Douglass Wednesday evening. The couple reside in Medford and are well known and well liked young people in that city. Many friends wish them lifelong happiness.

Sunday School Social.

The young men's and young women's classes of the Methodist church are planning for another big union social in the church parlors Wednesday evening. About eighty were present at the last meeting of this kind and preparations are being made to entertain an even hundred at next week's function. At a preliminary meeting Wednesday evening the following committees were appointed: Invitations, O. H. Barnhill, Jessie Hathaway and Mrs. W. W. Hevener; reception, Mrs. F. E. Russell, Lulu Smith, Violet Herbert, Mrs. C. W. Dodson, H. S. Palmerlee, F. M. Bressler and L. J. Trefren; entertainment, Mrs. A. E. Ogg, Mrs. Allan McGee and O. H. Barnhill; refreshments, John Rigg, Mrs. Dodson and Mrs. Ogg.

THE CLUB

The Federation of Clubs will meet at the library Monday afternoon at 2:30. All are cordially invited.

The Parent-Teacher Association of the East Side will hold the first meeting of the fall season on the first Monday in October.

The ladies of the Trinity Guild meet Thursday afternoon in the parish house at 2:30. This is the first meeting of the season and it is hoped to have a large attendance.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society will meet with Mrs. V. O. N. Smith at her residence on Church street Wednesday, September 23. Everyone requested to be present.

The Trinity Girls' Club gave a pleasant social Wednesday evening at the parish house. Cards and music were enjoyed and refreshments were served. A most enjoyable time was reported.

The Monday Study Club will resume activities October 1. The course of study for the coming season will be German literature and the history of Oregon, together with a thorough study of the topography of the state.

The Alpha Chi Club met at the home of Miss Nellie Briggs Monday evening. Much enjoyment was gained from music, cards and embroidery. A short business session took place. The hostess served pumpkin pie with whipped cream and hot coffee. Simple decorations of nasturtiums made the rooms beautiful. Almost every member was present.

The Parent-Teacher Circle of the West Side met Tuesday afternoon at the West school. The meeting proved to be one of the most entertaining and profitable that they have ever enjoyed. The afternoon's program was opened with a piano duet, "Moonlight on the Hudson," by Misses Maria Caldwell and Stella Stahlman.

Mrs. W. W. Caldwell, the president, appointed the following chairmen of committees: Program, Mesdames Perozzi, Campbell, McCoy, Ogg; social, Mesdames Whittle, Barber, Stahlman; reception, Mesdames Wolf, Seager, F. R. Johnson.

During the afternoon session Miss Anna B. Harris, the teacher of music in the schools, gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the place held by music in the way of education. She expressed herself to the effect that an education in music is just as much necessary as education along

geographical or arithmetical lines. She spoke of the place that a phonograph has in the school for the cultivation of a musical sense in the minds of the children. Miss Harris has such a wonderful, pleasing personality that the talk was much appreciated by the hearers.

The association gave a vote of commendation and thanks to Mr. Hostler, the janitor of the West Side school, for his fine work in keeping the lawns and shrubbery in such a beautiful condition.

The meeting was brought to a close by a vocal solo by Miss Jeanette Creeks, the accompaniment being played by Miss Eva Poley.

Safe at Home From War Zone

The many friends of the Rev. Samuel M. Dorrance, late rector of Trinity church in this city and now pastor of St. George's, Central Falls, R. I., will be glad to learn that he has, in the face of many rebuffs and inconveniences, landed safely on Uncle Sam's dominions.

Mr. Dorrance, with his father, Samuel E. Dorrance, of Providence, R. I., "did" together both the British Isles and France, this summer, and, like so many others, was overshadowed by the war storm that has wrought so much havoc the world over. Mr. Dorrance was a passenger on the Cunard steamer Laconia, sailing directly from Liverpool to Boston, and reaching the latter port September 7. There were 1,587 belated passengers on board, and the number of saloon passengers—680—was the largest that has ever entered the old tea-bedecked harbor for many a day.

The passengers, in view of a realization of "Home, Sweet Home," were a right merry party and compared notes of their various ups and downs in detentions en route, provocative of both fun and serious reflection.

The Laconia was disguised with a special coat of dark gray paint on her funnels and hull, and her saloons, cabins and port-holes darkened at night, but, notwithstanding this precaution, was twice held up by British cruisers to ascertain whether those on board were friends or enemies. That they all belonged unmistakably to the former category soon became plain matter of fact, and the belated ones were allowed to go on their way rejoicing. H. G. G.

A Former Visitor Views War's Alarms

Word from Daniel Nicholson of Victoria, B. C., who maintains a summer home in that locality, but who with his family resided here for nearly a year, leads one to surmise that the capital city of that province is an armed camp with business at a standstill. The Straits of Fuca have been mined, and the people on the harbor's water front have daily visions of the "Flying Dutchman" sailing up and down that coast, its guns shotted to the muzzle with pretzels. Passports are required of strangers, and it is considered good form for one and all to join in yelling "God save the king" on any and all occasions. It is needless to add that Mr. Nicholson greatly prefers the halcyon conditions prevailing in southern Oregon and has his eyes fixed in this direction.

W. F. Loomis and Mrs. Mabel Carter were married at Prospect last week and will be at home to their many friends in Ashland after a brief honeymoon passed amid the wilds of the northern portion of Jackson county. Mr. Loomis is of the grocery firm of Loomis & Nelson on Fourth street.

New winter blankets and sheets just in. Ashland Trading Company

Titanic Struggle Is Predicted

Elder T. G. Bunch in his address last night at the First Brethren church declared that "the great war now being fought is not the battle of Armageddon, but a prelude to it and an evidence that we are fast approaching this titanic struggle."

Armageddon is a Bible term and found in Rev. 16:12-16. It is taken from the word Megiddo, a valley in the great plain of Esdraelon north of Jerusalem. This is perhaps the greatest battlefield on earth. Here many of the decisive battles of ancient Israel were fought. Here will take place the last great battle in a war that will involve the nations of the whole world.

For years the nations have been preparing for a great war which is a fulfillment of the prophecy in Joel 3:9-14, where we are told that when earth's "harvest is ripe" and the "day of the Lord is near" a proclamation would go to the nations to "prepare for war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears, let the weak say I am strong, let the heathen be wakened and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat" (Megiddo). How literally this is being fulfilled!

Another prophecy, Isa. 2:2-4, is meeting its fulfillment at the same time in the great peace movement of the last few years. This prophecy tells that "many people" will be, not doing, but "saying" in the "last days." They will "say" "the Lord" will judge among the nations and rebuke many people and they will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; they will "say" "nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Another prophecy says, "But when they shall say peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them and they shall not escape." Thes. 5:3.

How fully and graphically do we see these divine predictions fulfilled in the situation which exists throughout the world at the present time, and we should not mistake their meaning. Centuries ago the Lord, through his holy prophets, declared that these conditions would be found in the last days, and would constitute a sign of Armageddon and the coming of Christ.

"Surely we cannot escape the inevitable conclusion to which this fulfillment must lead us."

Official Directory Of County Schools

The official directory of the schools of Jackson county, which reached our desk recently—though containing but eight pages inside the cover—is a very comprehensive and interesting document. It contains a financial statement for the school year 1913-1914, a brief chapter of general statistics, a list of the schools and vital facts concerning them, lists of school officers and teachers for the current year.

It shows that funds available for school purposes for the 1913-1914 session amounted to \$325,502 and that \$249,511 was spent—leaving a balance of \$75,991 to start the current session. The county has 101 schools and employs 233 teachers. There were 6806 children of school age in the county November twenty-fifth 1913. The estimated value of school houses and grounds was \$600,000 and the estimated value of school furniture and apparatus \$60,000.

Of the 233 teachers employed last school year, forty-three were men and 190 women. Following is the table of average monthly salaries: Male teachers, including principals and city superintendents \$99.36 Female teachers 67.53 Teachers in one-room schools, 57.19 Assistant teachers in schools of more than one room 76.07 The average annual salary of principals was \$971.70 and of city superintendents in first-class districts \$1900.

In addition to statistics the directory contains a frontispiece showing a group of five rural schools. They are vastly different from the type of school house most of us knew as children—being artistic in design and surrounded by pleasant grounds. They speak well for Jackson county. The schools shown are the Willow Springs, Agate, Pankey, Tolo and West Side.

C. B. Lamkin and his brother, H. R. Lamkin, returned Saturday evening from Montague and will spend the winter here. Mrs. Lamkin has been here for several weeks. Mr. Lamkin has leased his big ranch to Roy E. Swigart. Mr. Lamkin raised on his ranch the past season 16,780 bushels of wheat and 5,345 bushels of barley.

The first killing frost of the season occurred in the lower valley early Saturday morning, according to the Medford papers. Tomatoes, melons and other tender vegetables suffered somewhat, but little damage on the whole is reported. Fruit was uninjured.

Serious Accident Railroad Crossing

The following account of the accident which occurred to Mrs. B. F. Van Dyke of Phoenix—a lady well known in Ashland—is taken from the Medford Sun of Saturday:

"Mrs. B. F. Van Dyke of Phoenix, aged thirty-seven years, and seven-year-old son, Frank, while driving across the S. P. track at a crossing a quarter of a mile south of Voorhies yesterday afternoon, were struck by freight train No. 228 north-bound and seriously injured. Mrs. Van Dyke's skull was fractured, left knee broken and her body badly scratched and bruised. The son, because of his position in the carriage, escaped with less serious injuries, receiving a fractured limb, midway between his knee and hip.

"Mrs. Van Dyke was carried a quarter of a mile on the cowcatcher before the engineer was able to stop his engine. According to workmen who witnessed the accident, Mrs. Van Dyke was driving across the tracks when the train was a short way off and was unable to cross before the train reached the intersection. According to them, they made an effort to draw her attention and warn her but she, apparently unaware of the closely train, did not stop her horse.

"While this story is told the attending physicians stated last night that they understood that upon reaching the track the horse balked and that Mrs. Van Dyke was standing up in the carriage in an effort to make the animal go when struck by the train. It is said that the engineer upon reaching Medford said that the latter story was true and that when seeing that he could not stop the engine in time closed his eyes, only opening them to see the young boy flying in the air.

"Soon after the accident occurred Dr. Thayer and Dr. Conroy were called and immediately took the injured woman and boy to the Sacred Heart Hospital, where they operated upon Mrs. Van Dyke. She was found to have a pressed fracture of the skull and a piece of bone was lifted from the brain. Her condition is considered very critical."

Veterans Will Not Meet Here

The Southern Oregon Veterans' Association, in encampment at Grants Pass, selected Medford as the place for the holding of the 1915 encampment, and will meet there in September next year. This action was taken at the business meeting, at which the officers for the ensuing year were also elected. The new officers are as follows:

- Colonel—E. E. White, Ashland.
- Lieutenant-colonel—E. A. Wade, Grants Pass.
- Major—G. H. Wamsley, Medford.
- Adjutant—D. R. Andrus, Medford.
- Quartermaster—Jacob Kilpel, Medford.
- Chaplain—Mrs. E. Spencer, Ashland.

One of the interesting features of the program last Thursday was the presentation of a flag by the ladies of the W. R. C. organization of the district to the Grants Pass public school. Last Wednesday was Ashland day. The Medford delegation had charge of the program at the camp ground Thursday night. Friday, Central Point and Gold Hill people presented the program.

The reunion registered 132 veterans. Their combined ages were 9471 years—an average of seventy-one years and nine months each. Those attending from Ashland were W. W. Eastlick, J. P. Sayle, B. Beach, E. E. White, Philip Bonham, Walter P. Powell, A. C. Spencer, E. K. Hall, John W. Mills, W. E. Palmer, E. H. Coder, James Mattingly, J. P. Casey, Miles E. Wakeman, Henry Laws, J. W. Hicks, Sirens Vroman, J. S. Smith, James Myers.

Mrs. L. Mings has sufficiently recovered from a very serious illness to be able to ride out in an auto last Sunday. Her son and family have been here from Marshfield to visit her.

L. S. Brown returned last Thursday evening from San Francisco, where he rounded up the wholesale houses for the Ashland Trading Company.

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Club Exhibit Is Growing

During the past week the following have brought in products for the Commercial Club exhibit:

- E. W. Howell, living on Otis street, beautiful display of asters.
- R. D. Sanford, a mammoth beet measuring eighteen inches long and six inches in diameter; also rhubarb with stalks twenty-four inches long.
- A. Bert Freeman, tomatoes on the vine.
- T. W. Hudson, figs.

D. M. Lowe has also installed part of his exhibit that he is to make and maintain from now until after the close of the Panama-Pacific Exposition. This exhibit entirely covers the west end of the building and consists of different grains on the straw arranged in the form of a sunburst. It is practically the same exhibit that Mr. Lowe made last week at the county fair.

Business houses and offices having representation in the Commercial Club that have not received large membership display card are asked to notify the secretary, who will see that omission is supplied.

Phone job orders to the Tidings.

L. W. Carson of the Applegate country reports that the weather has been perfect for the grape crop and that the quality of the Flame Tokays and other varieties raised at Redlands, the Carson vineyards, will be the very best. The yield will be somewhat shortened by reason of the late frost that nipped some of the fruit buds.

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