

In the Social Realm

Arch Deacon Chambers of Portland will hold the evening services at Trinity Episcopal church Sunday, the 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Greer entertained Mr. and Mrs. Dill and Mr. Emery Smith of San Francisco at dinner Thursday evening.

Invitations are out for a big valentine party for Wednesday of this week, given by several of the prominent ladies among Ashland's social elite.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shinn entertained Mrs. Alice McDaniel and son Roy at dinner Sunday, the occasion being the wedding anniversary of the Shinn's.

The Chautauqua Park Club met at the home of Mrs. F. G. McWilliams Friday afternoon. Twelve members were present and plans were laid for spring work.

The regular meeting of the Women's Civic Improvement Club will be held at the library Tuesday evening, February 9, at 2:30.—May Cambers, secretary.

Alex Pellett, better known to a host of Ashland friends as "Heck" Pellett, was married in Yreka yesterday to Miss Helen DeWitt of that city. They passed through Ashland today.

A number of out-of-town people, including members of the Klamath Falls basketball teams, attended the dance at Memorial hall last Saturday evening. Herndon's five-piece orchestra furnished music.

Several Ashland high school students attended the reception given by the Medford students to the Klamath Falls basketballers at the Medford high school last Friday evening. A program and refreshments were features of the evening's entertainment.

C. Y. Tengwald, W. Howard Harrington, Artemus Spooner, James Vance, John Dammer, Adrian Rose, William Beveridge and Wesley Judy of this city attended a house party in Ashland Saturday night at the home of Miss Agnes Blake.—Medford Sun.

Miss Inez Austin and J. C. Oswald, Roseburg young people, were married on the stage at a Roseburg theatre last week. The stage wedding was the result of a darge by the theatre manager. Several hundred people flocked to the wedding. The newlyweds have several friends in Ashland.

The Wednesday Afternoon Club is invited to meet this week with Mrs. George W. Scott, 668 North Main street. Mrs. Choate and Mrs. Miller will assist in entertaining. The members of this club are urged to be present to help in making arrangements for the entertainment to be given February 22.

Mrs. Frank Jordan and Mrs. August Schuerman entertained last Thursday evening in honor of Mrs. Will Gordon, who leaves in the near future for Iowa. A theatre party at the Vining occupied the early part of the evening, after which the party were taken to the Schuerman home, where refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening spent with cards. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Winter, Mr. and Mrs. Barneburg, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, and the husbands of the hostesses.

The Hikers' Club spent last Friday in walking over King's Highway. Eight members made the trip. Mrs.



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Frank Jordan was initiated into the organization and was required to walk the plank, and while doing so, to perform beautiful interpretations of the terpsichorean art. Mrs. Homer Barron also became a member, her initiation consisting of walking a water pipe. Mrs. Cassius Miller was asked to emulate the exultant crowing of a rooster and climbing on a stump, and did so to the gratification and edification of the other members. The hikes of the club are weekly growing in popularity and by summer the membership promises to be quite large.

The Ground Hog's Shadow is Minus

Tuesday was ground-hog day. The genus ground-hog being a minus quantity in this part of the country, weather forecasters of the old school had to cast about for a suitable substitute for the custom-honored hog. The scientists who had the matter under their care rose early on the fateful day and set forth to look for a fit subject for their observations. Hogs were found in plentiful numbers, but the hogs were all of the above-ground variety.

Woe is ours, quoth the forecasters. Odd bodkins, how shall we tell whether to order our spring suits tomorrow or wait until six long weeks have passed o'er, before we invest our sparkling dollars in fair spring checks and plaids?

Discouraged, the delegation were wending their downcast way toward the resting place around the big stove, where affairs of state are threshed out daily, when, hark!

What is the cry that's floating o'er the air, causing the motley crowd to slow their pace? Fast making cups of hands behind their ears, transfixed they try the shrieking sounds to place. Ha, cries their leader, old and bent, from down beneath yon meat shop come the cries. And lo, again the morning air is rent, with groans and shrieks, which make their whiskers rise.

'Tis murder being done beneath that shop. As gentlemen of Ashland, brave and true, we citizens must call the village cop, a procedure which none were loath to do. Then close behind the minion of the law, down underneath the shop they wend their way. Each has decided quickly to withdraw, like all good generals, should there come a fray. What do they find here in this den? A butcher long and lean and lank, while all the shrieking sounds which scared these men shriek forth again, while slow he turns the crank. By misadventures such as these we find long-sought-for things that clear away the fog, for while into the top he fed fresh pork, in doughy mass from out the bottom comes ground-hog.

Moral: The rainy weather couldn't last six weeks because it was too dark in the cellar for anyone to see his shadow.

Obituary.

Judge E. B. Watson, Jackson county pioneer, well known locally and Oregon war veteran, died last Monday at Portland of heart trouble. Judge Watson was elected county clerk of this county in 1872, later county judge, and afterwards named for the supreme court bench.

Following his service as a member of the supreme court, Judge Watson removed to Portland in 1884, where he has since engaged in the practice of law. He was also a republican in politics, although he had but little political aspiration. In 1906, however, he was induced to become a candidate in the primaries for the position of United States senator.

Judge Watson is survived by his widow, Mrs. Eleanor Kubli Watson, a son, James Owen Watson, an attorney of Roseburg, and one daughter, Mrs. Rufus C. Holman of Medford.

E. B. Watson was no relation to our own Judge Watson, but an opponent of C. B. Watson's in a political campaign several years ago.

WELL-KNOWN IRISH POET—EDITOR NEAR DEATH

London, Feb. 8.—News from the region of the Argonne, France, is to the effect that the Hon. Patrick Starkey, Ireland's well-known poet and editor of the Irish Patriot, Dublin, was severely wounded while leading his company in a charge near Dnalhsa, on the 6th inst. Mr. Starkey is said to be one of few living descendants of General O'Brien Starkey, who took an active part in early Irish wars.

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OREGON SENATOR TALKS ON "BOOZE"

(By Burton K. Standish.)

Washington.—Senator Harry Lane of Oregon, who made the original and interesting discovery that United States senators are just plain mutts like the rest of the male humans, has offered a solution for the blind pig problem, insofar as it relates to gentlemen from other states finding liquor in states that have gone dry. His experience in Alaska furnished the inspiration.

"For the benefit of those states," he declared, "I would suggest they adopt the method of the Eskimos to protect their food supplies from the ever-hungry malamute dog, which is to cache it upon a platform about twenty feet above the ground. By doing this they would compel other states to seek their solace in the open air by means of a ladder."

Alaska, by the way, has furnished Senator Lane with considerable argument against liquor.

"In the interior of Alaska," he said, "where the temperature goes down to 70 and 80 below zero, they do not allow any one to set out upon a long trip and take whiskey with him. If a man is met on the trail and it is ascertained he has whiskey with him, it is taken away from him and the bottles broken. They do not do that out of any feeling of kindness toward him particularly, but they have found, and from experience, that it is necessary to do so for the reason that under the influence of liquor a man on the trail will take chances that he otherwise would not take. If his feet or hands become frozen, the whole expedition is tied up taking care of him. So they go right through his pack, and if he has whiskey or alcohol they take it away from him and break the bottle."

Other views of the Oregon senator, who is a physician, are not exactly orthodox on this same subject.

"I do not think alcohol is a direct cause of a large proportion of insanity," he says. "I do not think that large tables of statistics if carefully analyzed will show that it is the old alcoholic, the chronic drunk, who, as a rule, goes insane. He becomes a hobo; he becomes a nuisance; he is the cause of misery to his children; he makes his wife unhappy and is the cause of his children not having enough to eat and to wear; he may become shattered physically, but, as a rule, he does not become insane. After he quits drinking, as a rule he resumes his normal mental condition and lives along without becoming insane. I do not think much of statistics which try to show that he furnishes the largest proportion of the inmates of insane asylums, for the reason that my experience is to the contrary."

But if you are going to drink, says the senator, drink straight "booze."

"I think my friend from Mississippi, Senator Williams, is mistaken if he thinks that alcoholic drinks derived from the grape, the fermented liquors in contradistinction to those that are distilled, are less harmful. It is my opinion that he is decidedly mistaken. The Englishman and the Scotchman and those people of Europe who drink heavy port wines are, I think, killed off as quickly, and I think more quickly, than those who confine themselves to the use of pure whiskey."

"If a person is going to drink at all, if he wants to get drunk, if he desires a stimulant, as a physician who has practiced for forty years I would say to him, 'Get good, pure whiskey. Leave wine and beers out. You will last longer and do yourself less harm and the result will come cheaper in the long run. It is a matter of economy. If you really wish to use alcohol and get the effects from it without any subterfuge or fooling about it, it is the safest drink of all.'

"I say this in order that those who are going to continue the use of it may have the advantage of my study on the subject. If they want straight, unadulterated liquor upon which to get drunk, let them use pure alcohol, cologne spirits, the alcohol itself diluted with water. You will all do better to stick to pure whiskey rather than to go fooling around high-wines."

HOUSE 58 TO 2 FOR PROHIBITION

Salem.—By a vote of 58 to 2, with full membership voting, the lower house of the Oregon legislature passed the prohibition bill on Friday and sent it to the senate. As passed, the bill prohibits the sale and manufacture of liquor within the state, except for sacramental purposes, provides that a physician may administer it personally or that druggists may be allowed to sell pure grain alcohol for medicinal uses. It permits the importation into individual households of two quarts of spirituous or twenty-four quarts of malt liquor monthly.

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lamook Bay improvements, \$172,000.

The committee omitted the appropriation for the Deschutes project, but an effort will be made by Sinnott to have the item added in the house and by Senators Chamberlain and Lane in the senate, if Sinnott is unsuccessful.

Mrs. Clinton McCurdy will give piano lessons after February 1. Mrs. McCurdy is a teacher and graduate of the College of Music of De Pauw under Elizabeth Patterson Sawyer and Julia Druley, both pupils of Leschetzky. Phone 371-J-4, 74-1t

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