

THE WEEK IN SOCIETY

Miss Mable Taylor is in Portland for a few days.

The Friday Club spent the day with Mrs. George C. Flavel at Seaside, on Friday.

Miss Alice Strong, of Portland, is at Warrenton, the guest of Mrs. Chas. Higgins.

Miss Lottie Burnett was in the city on Thursday and Friday, the guest of Miss Elmore.

Mr. S. Dazinger and wife leave for San Francisco tomorrow after a visit of six weeks with relatives.

Mrs. W. B. Ward and daughter, Mrs. Walter B. Honeyman, of Portland, are guests of Mrs. James Sutherland.

Miss Bessie Ross and Mr. Carl Ross, left on Thursday for Stanford University, where they will study this winter.

Miss Floretta Elmore gave a small tea in honor of Mr. Robert Hunter, of Rossland, B. C., on Tuesday afternoon.

Married—Last evening, by the Rev. Dr. McCormac, Miss Kate Jackson to Mr. Charles Matlin, both of this city. After the ceremony a delicious wedding supper was served. The young couple will make their home in Astoria.

Dr. T. F. Laurin went over to the beach last night to spend Sunday.

Dr. W. C. Belt and family have located in Warrenton and will occupy the Dellinger house. Dr. Belt lived in Warrenton 10 years ago, but until lately has resided in Nehalem.

Harry Vidall, formerly of this city, is now located in Corvallis as captain in the Salvation Army. It is reported that Captain Vidall will be transferred either to South Africa or the Philippines.

Among the most delightful social events of the summer were the teas given on Thursday and Friday, by Mrs. Henry C. Thompson, at her residence on Grand avenue. The parlors were beautifully decorated with a profusion of cut flowers, carnations and roses predominating, while the dining room, where the guests were served with dainty refreshments, was in brilliant yellow. The hostess was assisted by Miss Alice Strong, of Portland, and Mrs. Charles R. Higgins. The fortunate prize winners in the guessing contest were Mrs. Henry Marquette and Mrs. Otto Hellborn, the consolations being won by Mrs. Robert Smith and Mrs. E. P. Kendall. Mrs. Thompson's teas were in the nature of a farewell, as she is soon to remove from this city to Portland. Her invited

PLAGUE AT HONGKONG

FEARFUL EPIDEMIC NOW RAGING AT THAT PORT.

Hundreds of Deaths Occur Daily Among the Natives—Other Marine News.

The British ship Austrasia arrived in port Friday evening and anchored in the lower harbor. Captain Ewart reports that he had an uneventful passage of 55 days from Hongkong. It is reported that the Austrasia had cholera on board, but the rumor proved to be incorrect. While the ship was lying at Hongkong the boatswain contracted the disease and was taken to a hospital, where he died a short time afterwards. Dr. Kerr, the health officer at Hongkong caused the boat to be thoroughly fumigated, and all danger of contagion was obliterated.

According to Captain Ewart, Hongkong is now suffering from a terrible epidemic of cholera and plague. These two fearful diseases attack the natives, whose living quarters are usually filthy, and they succumb to its ravages by the hundred. Every morning the streets are littered with corpses, which have been thrown from the houses during the night. The natives are greatly opposed to disinfection methods, and, in an effort to avoid the fumigation of their homes, throw out the bodies of the victims of the plague and cholera.

The captain states further that Europeans and Americans are seldom attacked with either of the diseases, unless they frequent the filthy quarters of the city. While the Austrasia was lying at Hongkong Captain Ewart heard of only three deaths among the whites. One was his boatswain, another a marine from a British warship and the third a soldier. The epidemics always prevail at Hongkong and the large cities during the summer months and the present season has been an unusually severe one, on account of lack of rain.

One stowaway made the trip across the Pacific on the Austrasia. He was a British soldier, who had deserted to come to the coast. He made his appearance two days after the vessel sailed.

THE RELIABLE LAUNCHED.

The steamer Reliable, built by Richard Leathers for Captain A. W. Reid, of Aberdeen, was launched yesterday afternoon at 3:30 in the presence of a large crowd of spectators. As the new steamer slid down the ways to take her initial plunge, Miss Nanette Adams broke a bottle of champagne over her bows and christened her "Reliable." The launching was most successful in every way. The steamer is the largest boat ever built at the Leathers yards, being 73 feet in length, of 17.4 feet beam and six feet depth of hold. She is provided with a fore and aft marine engine and Scotch marine boiler, which were built by the Astoria Iron Works Company. She is also equipped with an electric lighting plant and electric searchlight. The Reliable will go on a regular run at Grays harbor and her cabin will be handsomely furnished. She will be ready for commission in about two weeks.

MARINE NOTES.

The tug Astoria returned yesterday to South Bend.

Inspectors Edwards and Fuller were in the city yesterday.

The steamer Elmore left out yesterday for Tillamook and Nehalem.

The schooner John A. departed yesterday for San Francisco. She took 200,000 feet of lumber.

The steamship Columbia arrived yesterday from San Francisco. She brought a full cargo of freight and a large number of passengers.

The schooner John A. Campbell sailed yesterday for San Pedro with 363,350 feet of lumber, 500 bundles of shingles and 625 telegraph poles.

The British ship Polamhall, Captain Mann, arrived yesterday from Shimoda, Japan, after a pleasant voyage of 23 days. The vessel called at Victoria, where she received orders to proceed to Astoria. She is 4010 gross tons and comes here to secure a cargo of stores of provisions for South Africa.

CHURCH SERVICES TODAY

Baptist: Rev. C. A. Woodby, of Portland will preach the sermon at 11 a. m. All other services as usual. Everybody is cordially invited.

Salvation Army: Junior meeting at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday subject, "Holiness, What Is It?" At the evening meeting Captain Dupertuis will speak on "Blind Bartemus."

Presbyterian: At the morning sermon the pastor will speak on the text, "As a Little Child"; evening theme, "Well Known Truths." A very cordial invitation is extended to all.

First Congregational: Usual services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 12:15. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation extended to all.

Methodist: Rev. Harold Oberg has returned from his summer outing and will fill his pulpit as usual. Inter-

esting subjects will be presented. A hearty welcome for all.

Grace Episcopal: Services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 12:30. At the morning service Rev. John Warren, late of England, will preach the sermon. Evening prayer at Holy Innocents chapel, Uppertown, at 8:30.

SAVED AT GRAVE'S BRINK.

"I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newson, of Decatur, Ala., "if it had not been for Electric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the worst forms of Indigestion, Water-brash, Stomach and Bowel Dyspepsia. But this excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained 35 pounds." For Indigestion, Loss of Appetite, Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles, Electric Bitters are a positive, guaranteed cure. Only 50c at Chas. Rogers' drug store.

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MISS ELIZABETH HALE



Who will appear at Fisher's Opera House tomorrow evening in the comedy drama "Won Back."

Mr. and Mrs. George H. George and Miss Sadie Craig are at the seaside, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Flavel.

Miss Elizabeth Kopp returned yesterday from Bozeman, Montana, where she has been visiting for the past two months.

The Thursday afternoon Club met at the home of Mrs. Woods this week. Tennis and croquet were the games played during the afternoon.

Mrs. B. Dalmano and daughter, Miss Phoebe, formerly of Astoria but for a number of years residents of Portland, are visiting with friends in this city.

Rev. H. Oberg and family have returned from a month's vacation at Ocean Park. They express themselves as feeling greatly benefited by their outing.

Word was received that Mr. George Frederick Strobbridge, of Oakland, Cal., and May A. M. McIntosh, daughter of Mrs. A. Van Dusen, were married yesterday, August 23.

C. C. Utzinger and wife celebrated their silver wedding anniversary at their home on Bond street last Monday evening. Over 50 guests were present. The house was beautifully decorated with ivy, palms and flowers. choice refreshments were served, and music and song delighted the ear. Mr. and Mrs. Utzinger were presented with many handsome presents by their appreciative friends.

guests were: Misses Alice Strong, Pearl Cole, Nellie Flavel, Katie Flavel, Sophie Boeling, Eliza Boeling, Michell, Mary Garner, Ruth Garner, E. C. Warren, Dora Badollet, Geary, Helen Dickinson, Bessie Ross, Effie Taylor, Huntington; Mesdames F. P. Kendall, Ammon Taylor, Herman Prael, Arthur Fulton, Edie, D. K. Warren, M. C. Flavel, Henry Marquette, Alfred Kinney, W. S. Kinney, Ben Ward, G. Wingate, C. A. Gearhart, William Ross, J. T. Ross, J. E. Higgins, Frank Spittle, Gelo Parker, S. D. Adair, Will McGregor, David Airth, Fred Barker, William Barker, D. M. Stuart, Nellie Swift, E. C. Holden, Robert Smith, F. I. Dunbar, C. W. Fulton, K. Osborn, George H. George, S. Elmore, George Sanborn, F. J. Taylor, B. Van Dusen, J. N. Griffin, E. Z. Ferguson, A. A. Stokes, C. R. Thompson, J. H. Montague, J. H. Smith, G. W. Lounsbury, Frank L. Parker, Thomas Ryrie, P. L. Cherry, Oswald West, Frank Patton, E. A. Taylor, G. C. Flavel, John C. Dement, C. J. Trenchard, Norman Marra, G. Oiler, C. L. Parker, A. W. McKensie, H. D. Thing, C. M. Celia, Otto Hellborn, William Chutter, David Morgan, A. V. Allen, Anna Fulton, H. G. Van Dusen, Mary McKensie, Albert Dunbar, Chas. Richardson, A. A. Finch, G. C. Fulton, Charles Brown, L. Trumbull, S. H. Turner, A. S. Tee, W. E. Dement, E. J. Stephens, Jay Tuttle, Robert Hunter, C. P. Upshur, H. C. Smith, Gus Kinney, W. C. Logan, M. Leinenweber, M. A. Stevens, O. B. Estes, P. C. Warren, C. F. Lester.