

THE WEEK IN
ASTORIA SOCIETY

All items of social or personal nature will please be sent to Miss Alert, 144 Duane street, Phone Red 2091. No communication will be received later than 10 o'clock Saturday morning, except in case of an event occurring later than that time.

Next week comes the day apart, for the patron saint of lovers, which is observed by each and all, in his own way—which is the way of this free-for-all, up-to-the-mark land of the brave.

The shops out rival one another in decorative schemes involving the suggestive red heart, or Master Cupid braving the crisp spring air, in coy draperies and grasping his ever fatal bow and arrow.

In some windows are creations to thrill one—wonderful monuments of celluloid and pink silk and painted posies, with many a fond legend engraved thereon.

Then there are those examples of devilish ingenuity, caricaturing hideously, every imaginable and impossible weakness of human nature which are meant to be such a joke. That is human, too.

There are rumors—some unconfirmed—of Valentine parties to be given, and other events. If spring continues to blossom as gloriously as ended the past week, no doubt there will be much social doing. But spring weather is fickle as Dame Fashion and we may only drink in the fresh, sun-warmed air and gaze at those beautiful sunsets in the blessed ecstasy of the present.

On Thursday culminated a number of enjoyable affairs.

Membership Social.

Thursday evening, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Julien, Mrs. S. J. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoeck and Mrs. Lars Bergsvick, a membership social was held. These members being about to remove from the city. A program of music was rendered which was much appreciated by all those present. Vocal solos were contributed by Mr. Zeigler, Miss Thompson and Miss Elmore. Mr. Julien, Mrs. Julien and Miss Thompson sang a trio and Mr. C. D. Stuart, of this city, who is a thorough specialist with his instrument, the mandolin, played very sweetly.

Also, on Thursday evening was given another very enjoyable social in the basement of the Congregational church in which a program of musical and literary numbers entertained those fortunate to be present.

The Endeavor Society of this church will give another social on St. Valentine's eve.

High School Dance.

The boys of the A. H. S. track team gave a very successful dance Thursday to raise money for their athletics. The A. O. U. W. hall was decorated for the occasion in verdant branches and vines and ferns, and the boys served most palatable refreshments in the back alcoves of the hall.

A program was rendered by well known talent, as follows:

Instrumental duet, by the Misses Mildred Smith and Maud Ross.

Ladies' quartet, by the Misses Nell and May Utzinger, Kate Sinnott and Helen Brooks.

Recitation, Miss Bertha Stephensen.

Violin solo, Marietta Tagg.

Instrumental solo, Miss Wilma Young.

Recitation, Miss Mary Kaudsen.

Wednesday Dancing Club.

The younger set's dancing club which met formerly on Thursday evenings, have changed the day to Wednesday and will meet for their regular dances and parties in Logan's hall.

Beautiful Apostolic Rite.

A class of eighteen received confirmation by Bishop Scadding at Grace church Friday evening. The event possessed unusual interest and the church was filled with an attractive congregation with appreciative ears to the bishop's sermon and to the full choir of boys and men led by the strong sweet voice of the rector, Rev. Seymour Short. Bishop Scadding's text was taken from the Revelations and referred to the gospel, to the world being in a square, every gate of which is open to the north, east, west and south, to the young, intellectual, philosophical and aged.

At present there is a wide dearth of ministry to the members of the Episcopalian church. The bishop does not mean to convert Oregon into a sanitarium for the physically debilitated in this work, but wishes active young men in full possession of all their faculties and he is waiting for the emerg-

ing of these from the theological schools.

Friday afternoon was given a reception for Bishop Scadding in the Uppertown chapel hall, The Ladies' Guild and the Girls' Guild and Rectory were all present. After an address by the bishop and Rev. Short refreshments were served.

Epworth League Social.

A most delightful evening's entertainment took place in the reading room of the Methodist church Tuesday evening when the room was cleared for the occasion and set with potted plants and ferns, for a social which was the forfeit in a membership contest between the members of the Epworth League. Covers were laid for sixty, and the favors were Epworth League pennants in scarlet and gold, which corresponded with the festoons of scarlet and white, the colors of the organization, which draped the pillars and ceiling.

Mr. C. S. Turner presided as toastmaster and toasts were responded to by the Chautauqua salute. Short speeches were made by the pastor, Rev. C. C. Rarick, and a number of officers and members. A stringed orchestra furnished the music.

House Party.

The Misses May, Nell and Hattie Utzinger and Mr. and Mrs. Troyer and Mervin Troyer are enjoying a little house party at the Crow's Nest at Seaside.

There are rumors of other outing parties, one to be a trip today to the wrecked ship, Galena.

Masked Skaters.

It is said there will be a Valentine party at the skating rink given by the club which promises to be one of the prettiest and gayest affairs and one of the most exclusive as well, of the early season. The interesting part is that it is to be a masque.

There is a band concert, and all to be a rare treat, at Suomi hall in Uniontown, tonight. The band is under the directorship of Kaleva and is a benefit for a poor woman who has been ill in that part of the city.

Sons of Hermann.

A masked ball was given by the Sons of Herman last week which was a very successful affair, as usual. Many well sustained characters and handsome costumes were seen, and the evening greatly enjoyed by the many present.

Surprise Party.

A few of the numerous friends of Mrs. Townsend, in East Astoria tendered her a pleasant surprise Monday evening, the day being the anniversary of her birth. All took possession of her home for the evening and progressive whist was played, after which refreshments were served and in departing all wished Mrs. Townsend many more happy birthdays. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Hearlie, Miss Agnes Striemer, of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Langford, Mr. and Mrs. Gamble, Mr. Harry Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Morton, Mrs. Fred Wright, of Ilwaco, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson.

Cards.

The Thursday club met at the home of Mrs. Finch, who has recently returned from California. Miss Anna Gilbert was winner of the prize.

The Five Hundred club of East Astoria were entertained by Mrs. John Wilson, this week.

Miss Margaret Higgins returned from a week's visit in Portland Friday evening.

The Pastime club were entertained at their regular meeting by Mrs. Roder at her home.

The Misses Lewis gave a very delightful card party last Wednesday evening.

On Tuesday afternoon the Clover Club was entertained by Mrs. J. Wyard. A dainty luncheon was served at 5 o'clock.

Next week there will be given another card party at St. Mary's hall. It will be on Tuesday evening. The Misses Brunold and Wilson have it in charge.

MISS ALERT.

TIRED OF POSITION

Chairman of House Committee
May Resign.

HAS CREATED MANY ENEMIES

Conservative, Broad Minded Course
Has Not Made Him Popular
Among Fellow Representatives—Position Envidable.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Representative Burton, of Ohio, who by reason of his position as chairman of the committee on rivers and harbors, is one of the most important factors of the House of Representatives, has recently been quoted as saying that he would decline the chairmanship of this committee when the committees of the next House were made up. Owing to his refusal to permit extraordinary appropriations for wanted improvements that seem to him to seek a local rather than a general benefit, and which are not demanded by the trade and commerce of the country, Mr. Burton has won the cordial disapproval of many members of the House who have thus been unable to secure the appropriations for their district they think should have been made. With regard to these improvements that are essential Mr. Burton has held the appropriations down to a minimum and that also has offended. Because of this sentiment in the House, the constant irritation that his policy has created and the enormous amount of time he is required to devote to a study of the conditions all over the country, Mr. Burton says he has grown tired of his "job" and intends to throw it up.

Perhaps, when Mr. Burton gets to thinking the matter over seriously, he will change his mind. Like every other man in public life, Mr. Burton appreciates power that comes with position. He is a member from Cleveland, Ohio, the beautiful and prosperous city on Lake Erie. The great harbors of the lakes have been his particular pride and the fact that he controls the purse strings that permit of these improvements has made him the power he is. Everybody says he is a good chairman. Mr. Burton says his time is so occupied that he cannot give his attention to other matters. He could get the vacancy on the Ways and Means committee, caused by the retirement of General Grosvenor of his state, but Mr. Burton may well question whether he would be the influential actor in legislation he now is were he simply a member of that committee and not chairman of the committee that spends upward of a hundred million each Congress. Then, too, would he be the leader of his party in Northern Ohio but for the fact of the place he now holds? It is a rather safe assumption that Mr. Burton will reconsider his expressed intention of resigning from the chairmanship of this committee.

RISING FROM THE GRAVE.

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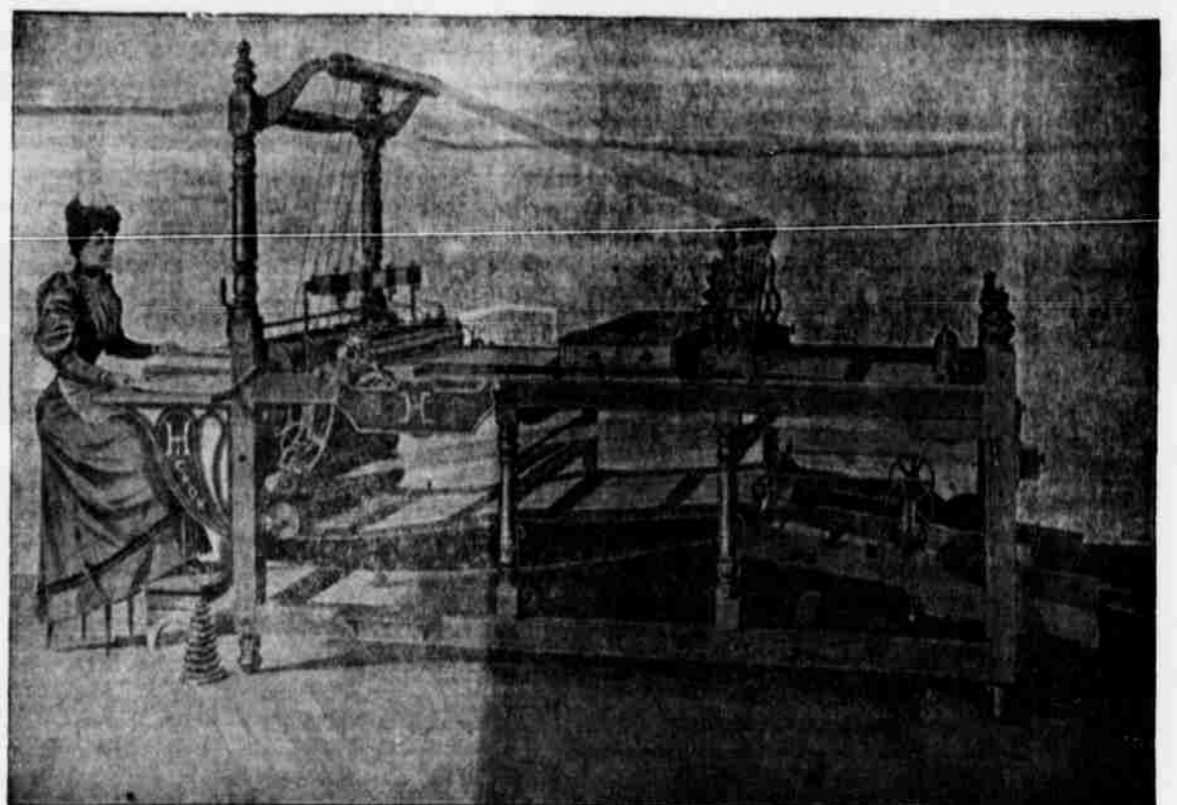
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