

## 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.

Last Monday, which was Ash Monday, marked the beginning of the Lenten season in which will be an absence of society events of a greater pretense. However, most of the card clubs are continuing their regular meetings, and other affairs of various interest have enlivened the week.

There is an ethereal sweetness in the air these last few early spring days which seems to contain the joyous essence of life. The "call of the wild" perhaps, has come unusually early in the year, if indeed, there is a particular time of the year when one feels that irresistible prompting of Nature.

Not a few have responded in so far as to flock to the seashore or to the charming country places on some of the beautiful wooded slopes around the bay.

Perhaps one of the most elaborate affairs given was the banquet by the young men of the Presbyterian Young Men's League, to the young women of the Bible class of that church, in honor of the triumph of the young ladies in a contest to increase attendance. The banquet was held in the basement of the church which had been prepared by the host party, with admirable thoughtfulness and taste for the comfort and entertainment of the fair guests of the evening.

Covers were laid for 56 and the menu proved to be of the grill order, the famous Sound oysters serving conspicuously. Valentine schemes in red were leading features of decoration and the cover of a game booklet was done in a unique manner by a member of the League. Napkins were large comic valentines. The following prepared program was rendered: Selection, Men's League Quartette; solo, Mr. Morris, dramatic reading, Mr. Emil Nyman, Miss Norburg, the president of the young women's club, gave the toast, "Our Hosts," and Mrs. Aubrey Garner, "The Young Men," which was responded to by Mr. Van Tuyle, the president of the League, in "Our Guests."

### Country Party.

Mr. Charles S. Brown was surprised by friends on the event of his birthday, Friday, in a party which visited him at his farm on the Lewis and Clark. About fourteen went out in a bus and spent a delightful afternoon wandering over the pleasant country place. Comic gifts were exchanged and in the evening the party were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Brown, at dinner.

Mrs. Brown's niece, Miss Shabaur, of Portland, is visiting her aunt in Astoria for a few days.

Mrs. Theodore Lindus who has served with great faithfulness and success as president of the Ladies' Aid Society of the East branch of the Presbyterian church, is to leave Astoria, shortly, for Detroit, Oregon, where Mr. Lindus has purchased a saw-mill. The charitable circle in the city will regret Mrs. Lindus' going as much for her charming personality

as that it will deprive them of a very appreciable stimulus and help in much of the good work that is being done here.

### Valentine Party

Miss Marie Utzinger entertained the D. M. C. D. club on the 14th with a valentine party. A postoffice was open from 8:30 till 9:30 p. m., in the parlors, from which favors of the season were exchanged. Both parlors and dining room were in red cut flowers and hearts. Dainty refreshments were served. In a guessing game Miss Quigley was prize winner.

### Surprise Party.

Last Wednesday a surprise party was given Mrs. Norman Troyer in honor of her birthday at her home on Third street. Twelve were present and the afternoon was spent most enjoyably with cards.

Miss Margaret Higgins and Miss Maud Van Dusen are visiting Captain and Mrs. Willis at Fort Stevens over Sunday.

The skating parties are still the popular weekly occurrence and will continue to furnish enjoyment for skaters during the rest of the month. Last Thursday was given by the management a masque. Friday evening this week the private skaters' club will give a fancy dress party and no doubt there will be a veritable carnival of beauty and grace to report, as the music is excellent and the costumes of many of the society's matrons and maids who are members of the club will assuredly be exquisitely attractive.

### Outing Party.

Saturday evening a party of young people left from the city to spend Sunday at Seaside under the hospitable roof of the McGregor cottage and to view the great sea-monster which has been washed upon the beach. Among those of the party were: The Misses Blinn, Miss Jessie Kelman, Miss Esther Gearhart and Miss Amy Rannels.

A party composed of Mr. Talbot, the general manager of the A. & C. R. R., and Mrs. Talbot, Mr. and Mrs. Waters of Peoria, Ill., and Miss Elmore and Miss Floretta Elmore, visited Seaside this week.

The party given by young ladies of the Catholic church in St. Mary's hall on Tuesday, was a most enjoyable affair. The entertainment was cards and the dance. Winners of prizes in cards were Miss Violet Lovell and Mr. David McClosky.

A meeting of the Library board was held Saturday afternoon.

The Carleton Allens are ensconced in their artistic new home on Franklin Avenue.

Mrs. William Starr of East Astoria gave a card party the early part of the week, in honor of Miss West, of Ypsilanti, Mich., who is visiting Mrs.

Starr, with her parents. The home was very prettily decorated and a most delightful evening was passed. Progressive five hundred was played.

The Scandinavian Benevolent Society gave an entertainment at Logan's Hall on Tuesday, at which a musical and literary program was presented, after which there was dancing.

### Cards.

Mrs. Rober entertained the Pastime Club this week. The prizewinners at cards were: First prizes, Mrs. Tuttle and Mr. Fred Fisher. The guest's prizes were awarded to Mrs. Simington and Mr. C. Morse.

The Fortnightly club met at the home of Mrs. K. Osborne. First prizes were awarded to Mrs. Osborne and Mr. Simington; second, to Miss Dickinson and Mr. Rober. Mrs. Morse won the guest prize.

### Other Clubs.

The Friday Afternoon Club met at Mrs. George Sanborn's.

Society has been further diverted by the celebration by the laudably Celestial of the advent of the new year, which has made itself heard through all these reverberating hills and canyons for several days. Much money goes up in smoke yearly on this momentous occasion and there are other means, too, of disposing of the filthy lucre. For instance, several small squares of dirty paper, inscribed with mysterious characters, which when spotted hold in the balance the fortunes more or less, of many a sportive pleasure-seeker, until the fateful time when down or favor is declared.

Parties of visitors to "Chinatowns" have thronged the little street in the evening and poured in and out of the Joss houses and shops to say "Dun-noon" (Happy New Year) with our Mongolian neighbors and partake of the awaiting hospitality in the Jivers forms and twists and shades of the vegetable kingdom, and to inhale again the languorous smoke of hundreds of punk sticks burning before the gods and the heavy scent of the lilacs and the permeating opium. A vision of two huge red lighted globes, rich tapestries in gold and silver bejeweled flowers, whole families of prosperous looking, pictured Buddhas hanging on the walls, and beyond in silken garments little yellow infants, is now and then resumed our ordinary acquaintance with the laundrymen and window cleaner.

Astor Lodge No. 6, Knights of Pythias, will give a social entertainment on next Wednesday evening in honor of the 42nd anniversary of the founding of the order. It will be a brilliant and interesting affair, socially and fraternally.

### STREET CAR BURNS.

Passengers Leap Through Windows and Doors for Safety.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Through the windows and doors of a burning street car, charged with electricity, a score of passengers made their way last night. Fourteen persons, some of them women, were injured. The fire started when the motor of the car west bound on the Harrison Center lines exploded.

Electricity spread to the several electrical wires in the car and set fire to the clothing of the passengers. Men and women smashed the window panes and in jumping to the ground were injured. Several of the passengers were shop girls returning home from work.

### BENEVOLENT TESTATRIX.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—A will filed in the Probate Court yesterday leaves a residuary estate estimated at \$500,000 to be divided equally among the Old People's Home, Grace Episcopal Church of Chicago and the Illinois Industrial School for Girls, at Evanston. The estate is valued at \$710,000, and less than one-third of it goes to relatives. The testatrix is Elizabeth Straus, widow of George Straus, who died February 5 in New York.

### COLLIDE AT DOCK.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—While attempting to dock at Stewart street dock last night the Alaska Pacific Steamship Company's steamer Watson collided with the bark Servia, which was at anchor between the mail dock and Mission Rock. The damage done to both vessels will amount to several thousand dollars.

### NEW RUSSIAN ROAD.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—Rene de Lobel, a French mining engineer is Count de Lobel, has received a commission from the Russian government.

## IN THE CITY CHURCHES.

### First Lutheran.

Gustav E. Rydquist, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Miss Alema Nyland, superintendent. Morning service in Swedish at 10:45. Sunday school and service in English at the German Lutheran church on Grand avenue at 2 and 3 o'clock respectively. Evening service in English at the Uppertown church at 7:30. Themes for sermons, "A Great Temptation," "Evil Spirits, and Their Influence upon Man." All are cordially invited. The pastor leaves Monday morning for Spokane, Wash., to attend the meeting of the Columbia Conference of the Lutheran Church and will be absent about a week.

### First Methodist.

Sermon theme: Morning, "Has God Anything to do With This World's Affairs?" In the evening the first sermon in a series on the subject, "The Drama of a World" will be delivered. The following are the subjects in the order in which they will be delivered: (1) "The Stage—Creation." (2) "The Characters—God, Men, Spirits." (3) "The First Scene—This Present Life." (4) "The Curtain Falls, Time Shall Be No More, or, The Closing of the First Scene." (5) "The Second Scene—Eternity." You should hear all these sermons. Special music. A warm welcome. An invitation to all. C. C. Barick, pastor.

### First Lutheran Zion.

At the First Lutheran Synod church, corner of 29th and Grand avenue. Services tomorrow morning at 10:45. English services in the evening at 7:30. Sunday school meets at 9:30. The Ladies' Aid Society meets next Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Mrs. Adolph Svenson. Theo. P. Neste, pastor.

### First Congregational.

Morning service at 11 o'clock. Subject, "Taking the Measure of the Preacher." Evening service at 7:30. Subject, "The Natural Outworkings of Evil." Sunday school at 12:20, and Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Midweek meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend all the services of this church. You will be welcome and we will try to do you good. G. E. Moorehouse, Ph. D., pastor.

### Presbyterian.

Morning worship at 11 o'clock. "Transformation." Sunday school, 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30. Evening worship, 7:30, "Religion and the Body." All are invited. Wm. S. Gilbert, pastor.

### Warrenton Presbyterian.

Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. in the Warren Hall. Evening worship and sermon at 7:30. Strangers will find a hearty welcome in this place of worship.

### Alderbrook Presbyterian.

Morning worship and sermon at 10 o'clock. Evening worship: Y. P. S. C. E. at 7:30. Sunday school 11 a. m. Albert Smith, superintendent.

### Norwegian-Danish M. E.

The Norwegian-Danish Methodist Church, 37th and Duane street. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching service 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. The subject of the morning service, "Quenching the Spirit." For the evening, "Knowing by Doing." The Scandinavian people are invited to attend. Elias Gjerding, pastor.

### NOTICE TO POLICYHOLDERS.

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The Royal and The Aetna Insurance Companies as well as several other companies I represent, paid all San Francisco losses dollar for dollar. Why not have your policies written in the best companies that will pay your losses in full? See A. J. Taylor, 111 11th St. 2-17-3t

### BUYS STANFORD WHITE'S HOUSE

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Announcement was made today that the Princeton Club had decided to lease the home of the late Stanford White, on Gramercy Park, as its club house. The White house is a large building, well adapted to the needs of a social club. In addition to this house the club will obtain by lease the building at 119 East 21st street. The two buildings will be made into one.

### AMERICAN AMBASSADOR ILL.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Ambassador Whitelaw Reid, it is reported, is suffering from influenza. His physicians have advised him to go abroad for a week or two, but his official duties at this time make this impossible.

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## HEALTH OF WOMEN

In this nineteenth century to keep up with the march of progress every power of woman is strained to its utmost, and the tax upon her physical system is far greater than ever.

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