

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.

February has come to a close with the usual commemorations of the birth of our country's Father, whose name, an Oriental philosopher, Yono Simada, says, "is almost a synonym for Freedom, the best loved word in any tongue." After this the Lenten season holds few occasions for social festivity. March has dawned a gray dawn. But the little hares and crocuses await in timid anxiety to spring forth at the first good chance, in a premature sun-burst.

The little spring bonnets do not seem so timid. They perch in gay complacency in the windows of all the millinery-shops, quite sure it will not be long before they will be taken out of the windows and perched on divers fair heads—marching to reception or tea.

But this week there is a lull and a dearth of all Joings in Society.

Among the few happenings—might be mentioned first—is the afternoon tea given by Mrs. J. E. Ferguson:

Afternoon Benefit.

The helpful and unostentatious organization of the W. C. T. U. in this city has been kept astir in some good cause for years past.

The latest project in which there seems to be no co-operation from other associations is the building of a Seamen's Home. So strikingly evident is the practical worthiness of this effort, that non-members of the W. C. T. U. are opening their homes and lending time and talent to the cause.

On Thursday, members of the W. C. T. U. and others were present at the charming home of Mrs. J. E. Ferguson, on Kensington Avenue where they were entertained by a program of music after which refreshments were served in a dainty setting of spring flowers.

Piano Solo, Mrs. J. E. Higgins, vocal solo, Miss Grace Rannels; piano solo, Miss Jennie Jeffers; violin solo with

piano accompaniment, Miss Laura Jeffers, Miss Jennie Jeffers, accompanist, piano solo, Mrs. Frances Rannels.

Tin Shower.

Monday afternoon, Mrs. John Wilson, of East Astoria, was tendered a tin-shower surprise by friends. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have been recently established in their new home in East Astoria, and the afternoon was made a delightful occasion for all.

Mr. Oscar Silmington of this city, returned this week with his bride, from Oregon City where they were quietly married at St. Paul's Episcopal church.

Mrs. Silmington, was formerly Miss Barbara Barratt of Marchmount, Wash. The event possesses much interest to many, for the young couple are the recipients of all good wishes from the many friends, here of the groom's family.

There were several other quiet and informal at homes, in honor of Mrs. Richard Shore Smith, who left Friday evening with her husband the prominent and popular young lawyer, for Kalamath, Oregon, where they will make their home.

Miss Mabel Taylor has been confined to her home in Warrenton, the past week with a severe attack of La Grippe and tonsillitis.

Miss Floretta Elmore is also ill from the wretched effects of La Grippe.

Master James Welch Holmes, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Holmes was given a pink and white party by his mother on Thursday, in honor of his fourth birthday.

The little folks who were invited guests were regaled by visions of roses and cream and refreshed by pink and white confections. Pink and white carnations decorated the table which

was illuminated by pink and white candles.

Two games were played in which little Miss Bessie Holt was peculiarly fortunate in being the winner of both the prizes.

Skating Club.

The skating club, which it was decided would not disband for a time yet, held their regular skating meet Friday evening at the Gregg rink.

The club is organizing a party to go to Cathlamet, next week. A visiting Portlander says that they have an ice rink in that city, which proves that at least we have not reached the final stage, in our appreciation of the deservedly popular and healthy sport.

The Cushing Post, G. A. R., entertained the ladies of the Relief Corps, this week in a most enjoyable evening, which they report and mention especially the toothsome viands provided by the gentlemen.

Miss Grace Stokes, whose charm and beauty as the maid-of-honor at the recent Allen-Fredricksen wedding, was greatly admired, will leave soon for California, where she will be a bridesmaid again at the wedding of a friend in Berkeley. Following this, Miss Stokes, expects to make Los Angeles her point of destination, probably spending the summer there.

Mrs. John Tyson Allen's many friends who know her artistic gifts, will be delighted to hear that she has resumed teaching a limited number of violin pupils and it is hoped will favor an audience in the near future with interpretations on her beautiful instrument.

Mr. Donald Silmington, of Chicago, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Elmore, one day this week.

Mrs. C. R. Morse, is away on a visit to the metropolises.

Surprise Party.

A number of the friends of Mrs. George Langford gathered at her home in East Astoria, Thursday evening and tendered her a pleasant surprise, in honor of the anniversary of her birth. Progressive Whist was played until a late hour when refreshments were served, after which all departed wishing

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Brownell-Harte.

Mr. Howard M. Brownell, son of Senator George Brownell and Miss Nellie B. Harte, of Oregon City formerly the home of Mr. Brownell, were married in that city on Thursday afternoon. Mr. Brownell who located in his profession here, has returned the last session of the legislature, with Mrs. Brownell to Astoria where they will make their home.

Mrs. M. F. Woods well known in Portland art circles is in Astoria with serious intentions of locating here. It is to be hoped that Mrs. Woods will find sufficient encouragement to warrant the most desirable acquisition to this city of a studio of painting such as this lady might establish.

The A. H. S. Junior Class entertainment, which was to have been given Friday evening, March the 1st, was postponed until Saturday evening the 2nd, and will be reported later.

The ladies of the East Astoria Episcopal Guild, during the Lenten session transpose themselves into an auxiliary, and meet at this time without the usual display of hospitality, to work and subscribe to the missionary fund.

Mrs. F. D. Kuettner entertained the Fortnightly Club, Monday. The colonial effect in decoration which was carried out in favors, etc., bespoke the artistic ability of this clever hostess. At cards Mrs. E. Osborne and Mrs. Kuettner won the ladies' prizes and Mr. John Silmington and Mr. Fred Silmington the gentlemen's prizes. Mr. George Nolan was awarded the guest's prize.

The Thursday Club met at the home of Miss Cal Young, who was hostess, this week.

The Pastime club was entertained by Mrs. Welch at her home, on Grand Avenue. The winners of prizes at six handed Euchre were Mrs. G. W. Woods and Mr. Oswald West.

Miss Jessie Sands entertained the D. M. C. D. club.

The Friday club was entertained this week by Mrs. Wm Gordon.

The engagement is announced of Miss Christine Barth to Mr. J. R. Beckley of Portland.

In reference to the Lenten prayers of the Episcopal Church which were to have been printed this week Rev. Short has sent word that owing to throat trouble induced by a cold he has decided to forego the usual service excepting the lecture by Bishop Scadding which will take place in Grace church on Tuesday evening.