

The Week in Astoria Society

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The social season has commenced humming and buzzing right merrily, whether the outlined plans are assuming a definite shape. The dates on the calendar are becoming so rapidly appropriate that a brilliant season is assured; but it will be a short one, for the Lenten days are to arrive unusually early this year. In the interim, however, each week will bring some particular pleasure for all.

Plans were made yesterday to revivify the old Assembly Dancing Club, which at one time was one of the most popular organizations of its kind that the city had known. Three years ago the Assembly gave a few dances, but since then it has not taken any part in the social affairs of the city.

A series of dances will be held this winter, under the auspices of the Assembly Club, and they will be made as fine and interesting as possible. There will probably be five or six dances in the series. While no definite arrangements have been made for a hall, it is probable that the one on the top floor of the new Allen building will be secured.

Dr. A. A. Finch, R. G. Pral and W. A. Sherman are the gentlemen who are taking up the work of rejuvenating the club. The dances will be by subscription.

Miss Margaret Higgins, whose engagement to Mr. Walter Stokes was announced some time since, was the motif on last Thursday evening for a most delightful reception given at the Holt residence on Grand avenue by Mrs. J. M. Holt and Miss Fossett. About a score of the younger set intimate friends of Miss Higgins, were present and enjoyed the kindly hospitality extended by the charming hostesses. The decorations for this affair were profuse and artistic, being autumn leaves. The reception hall in green with red hearts, in the

parlors red predominating, with masses of red foliage and haw berries. A color scheme of white and gold was beautifully carried out in the dining room, where the corners of the room and the chandelier were hid in great bunches of yellow leaves, gold tipped butterflies resting lightly among them. Directly above the chairs arranged for the guests of honor which were tied together with "true lovers" knots in yellow was suspended a half open yellow umbrella running over with leaves of the same color. From the chandelier hung two large hearts impaled on an arrow and bearing the Hawaiian greeting, Alo ha nu—my love to you. The only flowers used in the decorations were a bowl of Nasturtiums and candlesticks shades of the same. The place cards and menu cards were hand-painted, butterflies and heart-shaped almond boxes bearing the Hawaiian greeting. The menu was exquisite, the color scheme being carried out in all the dainties served, the sandwiches even showing the gold—were tied with yellow ribbons. Six-handed eucure was the form of amusement provided for the entertainment, no prizes being given, with music, singing and pleasant conversation, closed one of the happiest events of the early season.

The Van Dusen home was the scene of much gaiety last Saturday evening when Misses Maud and Winifred Van Dusen entertained the members of the chafing dish club in honor of Mr. Prescott Wright who will spend the next two years studying dentistry at the North Pacific Dental College.

The Ladies' Guild of Grace church entertained its friends and members at the home of Mrs. Robert Carruthers on Exchange street yesterday afternoon with a tea which was largely attended, it was the second of a series of afternoons that will be

given by the Guild during the winter and no doubt these affairs will be looked forward to with great anticipation. Mrs. Harry M. Plavel, Miss Irene Simington and Miss Alice Wood entertained those present with several pretty musical numbers.

Mrs. M. T. Brooks entertained the members of the Thursday Afternoon Pastime Club this week at her comfortable home on Exchange street. Mrs. G. Wingate and Mr. Robert Carruthers were the lucky prize winners for holding the highest hands in cards. Mrs. R. Carruthers will entertain the members of the club at their next meeting.

The evening choir of the Methodist church, which has been known as one of exceptional ability, has lost, by removal from the city, several of its best known singers. It has however, been reorganized with the addition to its membership of many new and attractive voices and during the winter will be more effective than before. The choir is now composed of sopranos: Mesdames Finch, Judd, Imel, Carrington, Abercrombie and Miss Tidwell; altos: Misses McCann, Barker, Busey, Freeberg and Mrs. Beharrel; tenors: Messrs. Nanthrup, Johnson and Beharrel; basses: Messrs. Elmore, Judd and Carrington. The choir committee consider themselves very fortunate in having secured the services of Miss McCann as contralto soloist. She has just returned after two years' study at the Chicago Musical College, has been the leading contralto soloist in the largest and best choral society of Chicago, the very efficient work of the present choir will be greatly enhanced by the addition of Miss McCann's beautiful voice. The director is as before, Mrs. A. A. Finch; organist, Miss M. E. Elmore. Miss McCann will be heard in a solo at this evening's service.

Miss Leta Drain entertained the members of the Wike Wike Club at her home on Tuesday evening of this week at its regular session. There was an election of officers and those chosen to serve for the ensuing year were Miss Irene Simington, president; Miss Ellen Nowlen, vice-president; and Miss Marguerite Taylor, secretary-treasurer. Cards were

played during the evening, eucure being the principal game. All the members of the club were present and everyone had a thoroughly good time. Miss Marguerite Taylor was the fortunate first prize winner and Miss Laura Pastabend was the second lucky card-holder for the gift prize. During the evening refreshments were served and music was also indulged in.

The members of the D. M. C. D. club were the guests of Miss May Utzinger at their regular meeting on Tuesday evening at her home on Bond street. This popular organization is talking of giving another leap year party to be given about the end of the year.

The church members are getting ready for their Christmas sales and affairs which always prove so alluring during the winter. The ladies of St. Mary's church are preparing for a sale of fancy articles to be given within the next few weeks.

The Pythian Sisters of that lodge at Seaside are preparing for a masquerade ball to be given at the Shell-road pavilion on next Saturday. They are going to give some pretty prizes for the best dressed lady and gentleman.

A reception was given last Tuesday night at Warrenton by Mrs. W. C. Barnhart for the new minister, Rev. A. A. Heist, who is pastor of the M. E. church at Warrenton.

The New England supper and sale given by the ladies of the Maccabees at the Red Men's hall on Tuesday evening was a decided success and netted the ladies a nice sum.

Mrs. Walter Christianson of Portland (nee Nan Sabine) of this city spent a few days in this city this week.

Miss Mary Coffee of Warrenton spent last Sunday and part of Monday in this city.

Mrs. John Paul Badollet entertained the members of the Thursday Club at her home on Commercial street.

Miss Rose Kindred of Warrenton and Mr. G. L. Baker of Tacoma were married in this city on Thursday by Justice of the Peace Goodman.

THE CHURCHES TODAY

Holy Innocents Mission, Chapel
Morning and evening services, 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 11:15 a. m.

Memorial Lutheran.
Sunday school at 10 o'clock a. m.; no morning services as the pastor will be at Chinook, Wash. Evening service at 7:30 o'clock; all are cordially invited. All the services and Sunday school of the Memorial Lutheran Church are held at the Congregational Church, corner Tenth and Exchange. Gustaf E. Rydquist, pastor.

Christian Science.
Services at 11 a. m., I. O. O. F. building, corner Tenth and Commercial streets, rooms 5 and 6. Subject of the lesson sermon, "Probation After Death." All are invited. Sunday school, 12 o'clock. The first Wednesday evening in the month, 7:30. Reading room same address, hours from 2 to 5 daily, except Sunday.

First Methodist.
Morning worship at 11, "Christ and the Gadarene Demoniac." Evening worship at 7:30, "Mephibosheth, or, Lame on Both Feet." Morning class meeting at 10:15; Sunday school at 12:15; Epworth League at 6:30; mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30. C. C. Rarick, pastor.

First Presbyterian.
The subject of the sermon at the morning service will be "Weak, Yet Strong." Subject at evening service, "The Triumph of the Good." Miss Reba Hobson will have charge of the choir.

Norwegian-Danish M. E.
Morning worship at 11 o'clock; evening at 8 o'clock; Sunday school at 10 a. m. The choir will assist at the evening service. Scandinavians are cordially invited. O. T. Field, pastor.

First Norw. Ev. Lutheran.
Morning service at 10:45; English Bible class, 6:45 p. m., at church parlors; English service in the evening at 7:30. Theo. P. Naste, pastor.

Grace.
Services at 8 a. m., 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 12:30 m.

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