

The Week in Astoria Society

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MYSTIC SIGNS, AND OMENS.

When heathen folk in ages past great friendliness did show
With spirits dwelling far above, and some who lived below,
A festival they always gave, at harvest time each year,
Inviting goblin, witch and elf to share in the good cheer;
And to this time, through spirits now all hidden are from sight,
A night we give to Shadow Folk, as surely is but right.
In masks grotesque and costumes weird, we dance the hours away.
Or practice quaint old customs, with a laugh and manner gay;
The mystic circle round the earth does bind us all together—
A superstitious girdle covering each clime, each weather.

Among the Scots, the lads and lassies Halloween do spend
A-cracking nuts-'tis "Nutterack night" from twilight to the end
Of day; and many nuts are burned together, side by side,
While if they rest thus peacefully a girl will be a bride,
But if a nut will leap away, just so the lad will go;
Then, too, a lass, blindfolded and with step of measure slow,
Her way does make to a cabbage-patch, where she pulls up a stalk,
and thereupon in flushed excitement quickly home she'll walk
to look upon her treasure; for the foot, the shape, the size
and tell about a husband in a manner omen-wise.

Errors are handy for the lass who'd look back o'er her shoulder—
perhaps walk backward out of doors, if she's a trifle bolder,
With candle and with mirror held, while muttering a rhyme.
out to the barn Scotch lads would go, not long before the time,
pretending there to winnow corn:
three swings they'd make before they'd see the face they wished to see—or else they'd trip once more,
and English boys and girls disport themselves in merry style;
they apples pare and roses twine, though disbelief or guile;
at midnight 'round the walnut tree three times they slowly pace,
and then, up in the branches seek they for the loved one's face.
A Irish farmhouse skewers swing, suspended from the ceiling;
'tis the apple, not the candle, that boys go a-stealing;
all wondrous are the tales they tell, of women dressed in white
about warriors in armor black and terrifying quite;
while those belated travelers once used to whistle shrill,
being a song right lustily to keep the goblins still;
but must we e'er forget the cake,—"dumb-cake," I think, 'tis known which colleens of the Emerald Isle make carefully alone,
so that at night they'll dream of "him"—and then the wedding bell, and on and on I might keep talking,
but I could not tell
of half about All Halloween, the customs and its signs,
a magic most, uncanny—all within these few short lines.

The season's gayety is just beginning and not a week will pass but that is dotted with teas, parties and balls galore. The season of Fairs has begun the next one being the Catholic fair and the ladies of the church are busy as bees making preparations—then there are a few concerts to be given and a few weddings which will take place during the next few months. A good many Halloween parties were given Friday and Saturday night the usually good ones were played—bobbing for apples in a big tub, biting an apple through a doorway by a string, fortune games, nut shells with candles inside and all the old fashion ways of giving youthful fates and Jack-o-lantern's face lumed up on all sides. The Goblins Will Get You if You Don't Watch Out.

There are a few select masquerades scheduled in Society's calendar for the winter some of which are going to take the form of Child's parties which many are looking forward with great anticipation.

Birthday Club.
Mrs. Vivian Hatch entertained the friends and members of the Birthday Club of the First M. E. church at her home at 328 Twelfth street on

Wednesday afternoon and the occasion was a very pleasant one.

It is the custom of the club to meet on the anniversary of the birthday of the members and on this day it was the anniversary of the birthday of Mrs. Olive Campbell who very charmingly assisted Mrs. Hatch in entertaining their friends.

A game of guessing the names of trees was played during the afternoon Mrs. Albert Schroeder being the fortunate prize winner.
Miss Kathryn entertained the ladies during the afternoon by singing a few pretty selections.
The rooms were tastefully decorated for the occasion with hydrangeas ferns and nasturtiums. About twenty five were present.

Ghost Party.
Quite a lot of pleasurable excitement was caused last night when just about the hour that the ghosts and goblins are supposed to walk, the ghosts did walk, and right down the main thoroughfares of the city. The ghosts were the Wike-Wike girls, members of one of the most popular clubs in this city, and they were entertained by the Misses Barbara and Mary Eakin with a ghost party at the Eakin residence. The names of the members of the club are as follows: Winnie Higgins, Irene Simington, Miss Cullen, Ft. Stevens, Leta Drain, Lois Parker, Ellen Nowlen, Maud and Winnie Van Dusen, Francis Estes, Laura Fastabend, Esther Gearhart, Margaret Taylor, Fay Ball, Freda Foad, Pauline Kopp of Seaside, Mary Eakin, Barbara Eakin and Miss Francis Batchelor of Portland was an invited guest. Games were played and ghost stories weird and fanciful were told. The girls were attired in sheets and pillow cases and looked very attractive. The decorations were ferns, candles and pumpkins.

Fair.
Yesterday the Woman's Relief Corps of this city opened their annual fair at the sample rooms of the Northern Hotel on Duane street early in the afternoon and continued until midnight. There were all sorts of pretty, dainty and useful articles which went very quickly and besides there were delicious refreshments and confections which some seemed to think were the nicest of all—the ladies did very well with their fair and netted a nice little sum which will be used to good advantage.

Wike-Wike Club.
About fifteen pretty girls the friends and members of the Wike-Wike club—formerly known as the Merry Widows—gave a theatre party at the Jefferson Brothers production of the Rivals on Thursday evening after which a delicious supper was given to the young ladies by Mrs. Carleton Allen at her cozy home the rooms of which were appropriately decorated for the occasion.

Star Course.
The First of the Star Course of Entertainments and Lectures will be given on Friday November 6th under the auspices of the Young Men's League of the Presbyterian church. The opening entertainment will be the appearance of the "Four Great Musical Artists" which were secured at a large cost and which will be a treat to all. A good many tickets have been sold which is extremely gratifying and gives assurance that the venture is a good one in a financial way.

Lodge Entertains.
On Monday evening the Ladies of Fern Chapter of the Eastern Star Lodge were the guests of the Master Masons of his city at the lodge room and the gentlemen proved themselves to be very good entertainers by giving a minstrel show which was a great success. Mr. W. F. McGregor being interlocutor and was well supported on the ends and in the semi-circle by the best talent the city affords. A nice lunch was served after the entertainment which was a treat to all.

Erickson-Thorne.
A very pretty wedding was solemnized on April eighteenth last at the home of the brides parents in New Zealand when Henrietta the eldest daughter of Robert Henry Thorne of Mamaku, Auckland, New Zealand became the bride of Mr. Alexander

Nickles the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Erickson of Hammond, Oregon. The Rev. Thomas Scott performed the wedding ceremony he was assisted by the Rev. Dr. Mackey of Mamaku, New Zealand.

Epworth League.
On Friday evening the Epworth League of the First M. E. church gave a pleasant Hallowe'en party. There were quite a few who gathered in the church parlors and music and other amusements were enjoyed by all. The decorations were very artistic and in accordance with the evening, pumpkins, Jack-o-Lanterns and maple leaves being in abundance and there were also pumpkin pies, fruits, nuts and all kinds of good things.

D. M. C. D. Club.
Miss Eva Holmes entertained the D. M. C. D. club on Tuesday evening of this week and a good social time was enjoyed by all.

Young People's Union.
The Baptist Young People's Union held their meeting at the home of Mrs. M. Whitney on Ninth street on Friday evening. It was a business and pleasure meeting combined. A nice crowd assembled and a dainty lunch was served.

Tuckabachees.
The Tuckabachees of the First Presbyterian church gave what they called a "poverty social" on Friday evening in the church parlors. A very nice crowd gathered there, and the evening was pleasantly passed by all who were there.

Friendly Gathering.
The Choir of the Norwegian-Danish M. E. church and a few invited friends tendered a surprise to Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Larsen at their home on Exchange street. Conversation and music helped the guests to pass the evening pleasantly and a light luncheon was served which added to the pleasures of the evening.

Hallowe'en Party.
The Alpha Society of the Memorial Lutheran church gave a Hallowe'en party last evening at the home of the Misses Nyland on Fourteenth Street. The invitations issued were unique and gave the details of the evenings entertainment.

Quite a few were present who enjoyed a merry time and everyone present praised the Misses Nyland's abilities as hostesses.

Dorcas Society.
Mrs. Frank Johanson entertained the members and friends of the Dorcas Society of the First Lutheran church on Friday evening. The evening was spent in the usual way a good number being there in spite of the inclement weather.

Ladies Aid Society.
Mrs. Gust Bergma entertained the Ladies Aid Society of the First Lutheran Church on Wednesday afternoon. The ladies spent a delightful afternoon.

Johnson-Larson.
Miss Sarah Matilda Johnson was united in marriage to Mr. Odde B. Larson at the residence of O. C. Johnson on Fifteenth street on Wednesday afternoon. The young couple are both of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Larson left on the evening train for a honeymoon trip to Iowa.

Thursday Club.
Mrs. Richard Caruthers entertained the members of the Thursday club at her home this week. The ladies spent the afternoon in the usual manner.

Five Hundred Party.
Misses Nan and Bess Reed charmingly entertained at a five hundred party on Tuesday evening. The rooms of the house were prettily decorated for the occasion with sweet peas and a lovely time was had by all who were fortunate enough to be invited.

House Party.
Mrs. George Lounsberry the popular society matron assisted by her son Mervyn, gave a delightful weekend house party at their home at Clatsop last week and it was a most successful affair and was enjoyed by all who were the guests at this pretty place.

Reading Club.
The regular meeting of the Monday Evening Reading Club was held at the residence of Mrs. J. A. Fulton and the line of study decided upon was the Victorian course, comprising England's foremost poets during that period. These meetings are being lec., 939A94 53405AROA are being looked forward to with great interest as they are very instructive as well as interesting.

All communications for Sunday's society column will please be sent to this office, marked "Society," and addressed to the "Society Editor," society Editor.

Farewell Surprise.
A farewell surprise was given to Miss Hulda Anderson of Alderbrook who left yesterday for California to spend the winter.

Card Party.
The young people of St. Mary's Catholic Church gave a card party and dance on Tuesday evening at their social hall. Mrs. D. Shanahan was in charge for the evening. Refreshments were indulged in.

Birthday Party.
Mrs. Grammes invited a few friends to her home on Thirty-third street this week, the occasion being the anniversary of her birthday.

Club Entertains.
The members of the Thursday afternoon Five Hundred Club were entertained this week by Mrs. A. M. Smith at her home. The prize winner of the day was Mrs. Laham of Portland.

Farewell Gathering.
Rev. John Warren, who will leave Monday for his home in England, was entertained by the members of Holy Innocents Chapel on Tuesday evening in the school room of the chapel. There was a large number present, friends and members of the church.

E. T. C. Club.
The members of the E. T. C. Club of Warrenton composed of about a dozen popular girls of that city entertained about 60 of their friends in Warren's Hall at a Hallowe'en party. Games were played during the evening after which dancing was indulged in, music being furnished by the girls of the club. The hall was tastefully decorated in autumn leaves and a dainty lunch was served. The members of the club are as follows: Nellie Coffey, Hazel Vannice, Orbis Moore, Maud Vannice, Laura Harrison, Ruth Dunne, Eva Harmon, Eva Bower, Dora Halferty, Mrs. George Warren assisted the girls in entertaining.

Ladies' Thursday Club.
Mrs. C. F. Lester entertained the Ladies' Thursday Afternoon Club of Warrenton at her home in that little city last night; a luncheon was prepared and served by Mrs. Lester. Chinese lanterns were hung about the rooms of her house which made a pretty scene.

At Warrenton.
A sheet and pillow case party was given last evening at Warren's Hall there was a jolly crowd and everyone had a jolly time. Refreshments were served during the evening and music was furnished by Astoria musicians. Harry Clifford and Mr. Ransom of Marrenton gave the dance.

Operetta.
The scholars of the Warrenton school are rehearsing an opera entitled "Trixie's Triumph" to be given in the near future under the direction of Mr. J. T. Lee, to raise funds to buy a new piano for the school. Mrs. Lee is going to coach the children in the musical line. The principals in the cast are Runa Sigurdson in the role of "The Fairy Queen"; Nellie Coffey as "Fanchon"; Clyde Lee as "Pixie King." It is to be given in Warren's Hall.

Sewing Club.
The Friday Afternoon Club was entertained by Mrs. K. Albert Johnson at her home on Grand avenue. The ladies spent the afternoon pleasantly, during which the prize winners were as follows: Mr. Spicer, Miss Alice O'Connor and Miss Welch. Miss Mannie Shanahan assisted her mother in entertaining.

Society Personals.
Miss Frances Batchelor, who is to accompany Mlle. Westerlund through out her concert tour in the northwest, was the guest of Miss Freda Foad during her stay in Astoria.

Miss Winifred Higgins is a visitor at Fort Columbia this week.
Mr. Ernest Nelson and Miss Kuoni of Baker City, are in this city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbaugh at their home.

Miss Mamie and Miss Nellie Coffey were in the city yesterday.
Mrs. A. Van Duesen and Mrs. C. J. Trenchard returned on Thursday noon from an extended visit with friends in California.
Mrs. Linda Stribolt and father Mr. C. O. Swanberg who are en route from Sweden to San Francisco arrived in this city this week to visit with relatives in this city, Warrenton and Seaside.
Mrs. Ray McIntyre, and Mrs.

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Church Services Today.

Holy Innocents Chapel.
All Saints Day. Literary sermon and celebration of Holy Communion, 10 a. m.; Sunday school, 11:30 a. m.; no evening service. The Rev. John Warren, on resigning the office of associate missionary, would here-with express his heartiest and most grateful appreciation of the thorough and unremitting efforts and assistance of different kinds, afforded him by the rector, the Rev. Wm. Seymour Short, the Ladies' Guild and the vestry, which will make the period of his sojourn and ministerial work in Holy Innocents Mission, a cause of pleasant and thankful remembrance, during the remaining years of his life. The Mission and its members will have their place in his prayers before the throne of infinite mercy and Heavenly grace continually.

Norwegian-Danish M. E.
Morning worship at 11 and evening at 7:30. Sunday school at 10 a. m., Mr. Albert Carlsen, superintendent. Rev. Joseph Olsen of Seattle, the district superintendent for Pacific Coast district will preach both morning and evening. The Holy Communion will be administered at the close of the morning service. The choir will sing at the evening service. Scandinavians are cordially invited to worship with us. O. T. Field, pastor.

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

Baptist.
The pastor has returned and will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; morning theme, "The Basis of the Christian's Faith"; evening, "The Emancipated Life"; Sunday school at 10 a. m. and B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m. Everybody invited to attend all these meetings.

Presbyterian.
Morning worship, 11 o'clock, "The Great National Issue." Sabbath school, 12:15; Junior Endeavor, 4:00; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30; evening worship, 7:30, "The Returns." Miss Reba Hobson, choir director. Male chorals at night. All invited. Wm. S. Gilbert, pastor.

First Methodist.
Sermon themes for Sunday: At 11 a. m., "Lest We Forget"; at 7:30 p. m., "The Lost Crown." Special music at both services. You will be cordially welcomed and will feel at home in this church. Come. C. C. Rarick, pastor.

Grace.
All Saints Day. Morning service with Holy Communion, 11 a. m.; Junior Auxiliary Service, 4 p. m.

Memorial Lutheran.
Sunday school at 10 o'clock a. m. Morning service at 11, theme, "Uncanonical Saints." Evening service at 7:30, "Reformation Festival." A good program will be rendered. All are cordially invited.

First Lutheran.
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. There will be service in Swedish at 3 o'clock p. m. All who appreciate a sermon in the Swedish language are cordially invited.

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