Society

Society has been surprisingly active this week in the face of all the Christmas shopping piling up. A few clubs have postponed their meetings until after the holidays, while others are making special efforts for a good time then.

"Come and trip it as you go, on the light fantastic toe," would be a good motto for these last seven days. Saturday night the Southern Pacific Band gave their party; Monday, Company F held the smartest party the Armory has seen in years; Tuesday, the Centennial Club lighted up Parsons', and Mrs. La Rowe gave one of her successful parties in her North Portland Hall, Thursday, all society was out enjoying the Cinderellas' first dance, and last night Company D, O. N. G., gave one of their popular affairs.

The musical world was not idle. Saul's "The Holy City," at Taylor Street Church Wednesday evening, and the First Symphony Concert, Tuesday night, would make any week prominent. Other musicals and recitals were given. Miss Seule and the St. Helens' Hall teachers both held pupils' recitals that were most excellent.

Taken all in all, society had nothing to complain of, even in "dull Portland."

"TILL DEATH US DO PART."

One of this season's prettiest weddings took place at the First Baptist Church Wednesday evening, December 10, when Dr. T. La Perkins and Miss Minnie Hortense Campbell, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace G. Campbell, were married in the presence of numberless relatives and friends. Battery A., O. N. G., of which Dr. Perkins is a popular member, was present in a body, and occupied seats especially reserved for them. Promptly at the appointed hour the wedding party entered the church. First the ushers, Messrs. Will Loller, Jack Keller, Ben Gadsby and Dr. Samuel C. Slocum, followed by the best girl, Miss Idella Marks. The bridesmaids, Misses Emma Wunderli, Judith Allmen, Hazel Campbell and Ruth Lobner, preceded the maid of honor, Miss Annabel Campbell. Little Marjory Hobart, the flower girl, walked before the bride, who leaned on the arm of her father. The groom and his best man, Mr. Lee Loomis, met the party at the flag-decked altar, where the marriage service was impressively read by Dr. Blackburn.

The bride looked charming in a handsome gown of white silk grenadine, with trimmings of rare lace. She wore the conventional veil and carried bride roses. The best girl was gowned in white silk muslin and carried an arm bouquet of pink chrysanthemums. The maid of honor was also in white with touches of pink while her bouquet was bridesmaid roses. The maids looked very pretty in pink frocks with shower bouquets of maidenhair ferns. They wore silver pendents, the bride's gift.

Immediately at the close of the ceremony the wedding party and the immediate relatives were driven to the home of the bride, 445 East Salmon street, where an elaborate wedding supper was served. Here, too, the color scheme of pink and white was tastefully carried out. The military touch was not wanting, either, for the bride cut the cake with the groom's sword. Telegrams from the East were read during the evening. Many costly gifts were received. Two handsome pieces of cut glass were sent by Battery A and Ivanhoe Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

Dr. and Mrs. Perkins will be at home to their friends after December 20, at 394 Lincoln street.

Smith-Hardwick.

On December 1 occurred in Grand Forks, B. C., a wedding which will be of much interest to many Portland people, that of Mr. H. Nell Smith and Miss Ida Hardwick, of Launceston, Tasmania, who were married by Rev. Mr. Steel, of Holy Trinity, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Erskin Smith, nee Laura Evans, of Portland. The bride is the daughter of Thomas Hardwick of Launceston, and only arrived from Tasmania three days before the wedding. She was met by Mrs. T. E. Smith in Victoria. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will remain in Grand Forks during the Winter, but expect to make their home in Portland.

Four Weddings.

The home of Dr. Edgar P. Hill was the scene of four weddings this week. On December 9, Ross A. Price and Miss Edna Harper were married. On December 10, A. H. Massy and Emma Lee, N. A. Boody and Rose V. Franklin, Charles V. Cooper and Emma Crosfield were the happy parties.

Next Wednesday.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Bess Barker and Fielding Scott Kelly. The ceremony takes place next Wednesday, December 17, at St. Stephen's Chapel.

Engagement Announced.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Gertrude Ettlinger of San Francisco and Mr. Melville Marx, formerly of Portland.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

The Cinderella Club gave their opening party at Parsons' Hall last Thursday evening. Palms and bamboo trees had been added to the usual decorations. The stage was changed by rugs and divans into a very cosy nook, and the same touches had made one of the withdrawing rooms a comfortable card room for those who did not care to dance. Mrs. W. J. Burns and Mrs. J. Wesley Ladd made a charming reception committee. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Warren, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Alvord, Mrs. Percy Blyth, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goode, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Linthicum, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Ladd, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McMaster, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Riley, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burrell, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Corbett; Misses Hall, Josephi, Jordan, King, Laselle, Sitton, Kate Sitton, Florence Strong, Ruth Scott, Adelaid Ball, Barrett, Bryan, Alice Strong, Sloan, Burns, Kathleen Burns, Burk, Ellen Eliot, Flanders, Freeman, Lucy Failing, Goss, Helen Garland, Sibson, Virginia Wilson, Nancy Wood, Grace Warren, Hazel Weidler, McBride, Miss Kitty Johnson of Vancouver Barracks; Messrs. H. B. Tronson, Frank Wilder, J. G. Wilson, J. McI. Wood, M. H. Whitehouse, W. D. Wheelwright, G. A. Warren, L. V. Woodward, J. V. M. Van Jones, R. Strong, A. B. Willis, R. K. Page, Wells Gilbert, McIntosh, L. Gerlinger, G. Gerlinger, E. D. Barrett, W. A. Goss, David Honeyman, Arthur Honeyman, T. A. Linthicum, C. H. Lewis, T. Scott Brooke, Geo. Brown, B. C. Ball, F. W. Blanchard, M. C. Cheal, M. Dolph, R. Durham, W. B. Beebe, Dr. Herbert Nichols, and Lieutenants Allison, Bradford, Carr, Van Horn and Lawson, from the Barracks.

Misses Burns' Luncheon.

Misses Georgiana and Kathleen Burns entertained informally at luncheon Friday. Their guests were Misses Burns, Bryan, King, Flanders and Wood.

Mrs. Corbett's Dinner.

Mrs. Helen Ladd Corbett entertained at dinner Friday evening in honor of Mr. Carl Stuhn, who has just returned from Alaska. The table appointments were very handsome, and some of the dinner gowns the most stunning seen this year, year.

Tuesday Afternoon Club.

Mrs. E. E. Miller entertained the Tuesday Afternoon Club at her home on the East Side. Origin of Greek Tragedies was the subject this week, with the life and work of Aeschylus and Sophocles. Mrs. Miller took up the origin of the Greek tragedies in a very interesting and able way. Mrs. Boynton reviewed "Prometheus Bound," while Mrs. Hall had the review of "Agamemnon." Mrs. Young gave a very full account of Sophocles' life, this with two piano solos by Miss Donner, a most accomplished musician, closed the afternoon's program. Mrs. Lee Moorehouse of Pendleton and Mrs. Davis were guests of the club. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Miller.

The Patton Tea.

Mrs. Theo. Nicolai's home, 493 Holliday avenue, was the scene of a very pretty tea Tuesday afternoon and evening. Bamboo trees were bunched in the bay window and hung with glittering Xmas ornaments. The candy table was slipped in beside them and similarly decorated. Miss Kate Bellinger and Miss Helen Morrison sold the sweets. The portiers were taken down between the parlors and an arch of Xmas-laden bamboo took their place. In the dining-room the same idea was carried out, but here red and white lights made the effect still more beautiful. A lighted Xmas tree stood in the center of the table, and at either end tea was poured by different ladies. In the afternoon Mrs. Green, Mrs. Lucius Brown, Mrs. Harland and Mrs. Jones served until relieved by Mrs Dekum, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Watson. In the evening Mrs. Elyc, Mrs. Dekum, Mrs. Stow, Mrs. Willis and Mrs. Wittenberg took their turn. There was a clever Gypsy fortune-teller for all who cared to tempt fate. Each guest carried home with her the cup from which she had sipped her tea. The affair was a financial as well as social success.

At 585 East Taylor.

The Saturday Night Cinch Club met last week with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Schade, at their home, 585 East Taylor. All the honors of the evening fell to one family, as Mr. and Mrs. Fouch were the fortunate prize winners. The point lace handkerchief given to Mrs. Fouch will be a handsome reminder of her victory. Mr. Fouch seemed perfectly satisfied with his gift, but refused to share it with any of those present. Appropriate refreshments were served by Mrs. Schade. The members of the club are: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Austen, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Fouch, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Moreland, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Varwig, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Sahlstrom, Miss Webb and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Schade.

For Miss Rhoads.

A swell little chafing-dish party was given in honor of Miss Lillian Rhoads Wednesday afternoon. Names are to be omitted, but ten young ladies had one of the jolliest times of the season from all accounts.

Trinity Tea.

The Trinity Guild gave a tea Wednesday afternoon, with Mrs. Grayson, 265 Sixth street. The parlors were filled with ladies. In the dining-room some handsome decorations had been arranged, the table looking especially pretty with its appointments of pink and white. Mrs. Henry McCracken and Mrs. A. C. Panton poured tea. A neat sum was realized for the Guild by the sale of cakes, candies and flowers.

Mr. Poston Surprised.

On Friday, December 5, the friends of Mr. Theron Poston gave him a genuine surprise at his home on Thirteenth street. The day was memorable as his twenty-first birthday, and they were determined it should not pass without some special celebration. Aside from the enjoyment always found in a genuine surprise, the evening passed very pleasantly in games and dancing. Light refreshments were served, with Mary Poston and Isabel Beckwith as dainty waitresses. Those in the surprising party were: Misses Maud Steadman, Florence and Mildred Walrath, Lela Goddard, Josephine Chatterson, Mayme West, McClure, Lucy McClure, Florence and Henrietta Paul and Messrs. Albert Goss, Harry Chatterson, Nathan Blackburn, Eugene Rice, Fred Durbin, Will Staiger, Lawrence Purdy, George Steadman and Dr. C. P. Poston.

Farewell Supper.

Miss Minnie Campbell, who was one of this week's charming brides, entertained the girls of her wedding party a few days before the affair. An elaborate spread was the feature of the evening. The table looked especially pretty with its handsome decorations and dainty china. Miss Campbell remembered her friends with silver pendants. Those at the table were: Misses Idella Marks, Emma Wunderli, Judith Allmen, Hazel Campbell, Ruth Lobner, Annabel Campbell, Marjory Hobart and Minnie Campbell.

The Centennial Dance.

The second party of the Centennial Club was given at Parsons' Hall Tuesday, December 8. The floor was comfortably filled with a jolly crowd who enjoyed every number to the fullest. The patronesses and members wore the club flower, a white chrysanthemum, and the club monogram was engraved on each program. Sixteen numbers, besides several extras were danced before the party broke up. The patronesses were: Mrs. J. H. Grussi, Mrs. R. O. Stoeler, Mrs. W. H. Kelley. The members of the club: Misses Grayce A. Baldwin, Myrtle Long, Gertrude K. Wetzer, Hattie Grussi and Marguerite V. Stoeler.

Mrs. Ayer's Tea.

Mrs. N. E. Ayer gave a tea Friday afternoon from 3 to 5 at her home on Nineteenth and Kearney streets, in honor of Mrs. Sherwood of Seattle.

W. C. T. U. Reception.

A pleasant reception was tendered the new members of the University Park W. C. T. U. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Rand on Portsmouth avenue, Wednesday evening, December 10. The spacious parlors were filled to overflowing—the decorations were tasty and suggestive of the occasion, festoons of white ribbons, the emblem of the society, with holly and potted plants. Miss Willard's picture and the beautiful white banners of the Union occupied prominent places. Mrs. C. O. Hornung, the president, a most charming hostess, had prepared a varied program, consisting of music—vocal and instrumental—recitations and short addresses. She welcomed the new members in a few well chosen words, introduced the county president, Miss Frances E. Gotschall, who invested each with the bow of white ribbon. The unity circle was formed and "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" feelingly sung. Miss Gotschall made a short but very earnest address, encouraging and instructive, urging the unions to lend a hand in the universal effort now being made toward securing temperance pledges in the churches and Sunday Schools. She spoke of the pressing importance, in view of the great coal strike, of studying the labor question since the W. C. T. U. is a strong factor in all philanthropic and humanitarian efforts. Our great mother hearted organization is vitally interested in the question of child labor, such pathetic disclosures of which are being brought to light before the investigating committee. Her remarks were timely and were heartily indorsed by those present. Dainty refreshments were served and all departed, feeling that a pleasant and profitable evening had been spent.

Current Events Club.

The Current Events Club will meet in the parlors of the First Congregational Church Tuesday evening, December 16. The following program, as planned by the committee on economics, will be given:

Walter's Prize Song.....Wagner
(Air by Spindler.)
Mrs. W. Fisher.

Reading, "The Pious Editor's Creed."
Miss Marie La Barre.

Paper, "Recent Economic Literature."
Mrs. W. Wynn Johnson.

Soprano Solo.....Selected

Paper, "New Books."
Miss Anwylyd Jones.

Reading.....Hess
Miss Florence Walton.

These meetings are free to every comer. All are invited to come and enjoy a most interesting evening.

Literary Club.

A literary club that is combining pleasure and study meets every first and third Saturdays of each month. Shakespeare's plays have been studied the last two years. Just now his three Greek plays are being studied. "Troilus and Cressida" was the one read at last Saturday's meeting, held at the Amos residence, 365 Hawthorne avenue. The members of the club are: Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Lyman, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gilbert, the Misses Edith Young, Kate Franklin, Winifred Hawley, Edith Gilbert, Lillie Mock, Lillian E. Amos, Grace Amos, Lutie Cake, Florence George, Miss Bonn, Miss Sprague, Miss Hall and Miss Woodward, Messrs. Francis C. Little, Frank T. Woodward, Harold C. Huggins, Dr. Foley, Dr. Wm. F. Amos, Mr. Bruger, Mr. Breece and Mr. Clausenius.

Miss Beck's Theatre Party.

Miss Mabel Beck gives a box party at the Baker Theatre this afternoon to see the Neill Stock Company in their success, "Shall We Forgive Her?" After the play her guests are to repair to the Portland Hotel, where tables have been reserved for them and daintily decorated with violets. Some 35 young ladies make up the party.

Art Class.

The Teachers' Art Class met for study in the art room of the Portland Public Library last Saturday evening. The fine collection of prints used by the Portland Art Association are loaned to them for these meetings and make the opportunity a rare one. Last study will be the only one held this month. The subject was the life and paintings of Millet and was well handled by a number of the class. In January three meetings are to make up for this Christmas postponement. The first Saturday night will be a business meeting and the third and fifth a study of Van Dyke. The finest collection of prints the association has are those of the Flemish painters' pictures, so the class expects to do some of their best work in January.

Friday Afternoon.

Roger Levy is at his old home in Portland recuperating after an attack of fever at Everett, Wash. Friday several of his girl friends spent the afternoon with him by special invitation. Those in the party were: Misses Oppenheimer, Beck, Mayer, Samuel, Marx, Solomon and Barman.

St. Helen's Hall.

The pupils' recital given at the St. Helen's Hall December 10 was really very interesting. All the numbers showed careful training, though perhaps Miss Evelyn Wilson and Miss Fox rather carried off the honors. Miss Emeline Powell's number was a great surprise, as she has only been taking lessons since September. Miss Breck's violin solo was well given, and Reese recitations very clever. The quartet "Fire Music" by Misses Devers, Habersham, Fox and Lord went off with great dash and spirit. Following is the program:

Two Etudes—Op. 45.....Heller
Miss Dorothy Morrison.

Sonatina—Op. 36, No. 6.....Clementi
Miss Carrie Short.

Hunter's Song.....Lyons
Miss Harriet Ankeny.

"In the Forest".....Heller
Miss Evelyn Wilson.

Nocturne.....Field
Miss Breck.

Caprice.....Mendelssohn
Miss Emeline Powell.

Wedding March.....Grieg
Miss J. Smith.

The Swan Song.....
Miss Lucy McLane.

"Les Rives".....Brizet
Miss Lord.

Prelude.....Rachmaninoff
Miss Habersham.

Simple Aven.....Thome
Miss Rena Kuhn.

(a) Consolation.....Liszt
(b) Fruhlingsrauschen.....Sinding
Miss Fox.

Rondo Brillant.....Weber
Miss Devers.

Quartet—"Fire Music".....Wagner
Misses Devers, Habersham, Fox and Lord.

The next recital is set for February 11.

Company F's Ball.

It is a great many years since the Armory has seen such elaborate decorations as those at Company F's ball Monday night. The vaulted ceiling was hidden by a fishnet stretched over head and falling in carelessly graceful festoons down the sides. Caught in this net was a profusion of Oregon grape, forming a canopy of green. Through this peeped numberless electric lights, while along the sides of the room following the graceful curves were globes of red, white and blue. Sabers were crossed below at irregular intervals. One corner of the hall was screened with bunting and with its divans and rugs made an ideal cosy corner. The musicians' platform was almost hidden by handsome palms. Over it hung a red letter F on a glittering white background. The entrance must not be forgotten. From top to bottom the stairs were lined with palms, while at the front and sides splendid American flags curtained the doorways.

The gowns worn by the guests were in keeping with the elaborate nature of the affair. One of the features of the evening was a visit from Col. Everett and staff in full dress uniform.

The patronesses were Mrs. M. A. Baker, Mrs. D. C. McDonell and Mrs. I. W. Pratt.

The committee of arrangements was: J. J. McDonell W. B. O'Dale, H. M. Hendershott, D. McMillan, D. P. Price, G. C. Blackwood, C. Thomas.

The reception committee: T. S. Baker, W. R. Allen, A. H. Wey, G. P. Keller and M. T. Pratt.

THIS AND THAT.

Miss Ball has invitations out for a card party at her home on King street next Wednesday afternoon.

The Junior Bachelors have one of their popular dances planned for January 16 at Parsons' Hall. Harry Chatterton, Theron Poston, Will Staiger, Fred Durben, Morton Wisdom, Pete McIntosh are the six members.

The younger pupils of St. Helen's Hall are practicing for a play some time in December. The date has not been fixed.

Mrs. A. C. Panton is home again after a six-weeks' visit with relatives in San Francisco.

Camp Gilbert Auxiliary give their next party December 18, at the new Woodmen Hall, Sixth and Alder streets.

Next Thursday the Mizpah Chapter, No. 15, Social Auxiliary of the Eastern Star hold a Whist Social with Mrs. S. L. Stone at her home on Ninth street.

Dr. Edgar P. Hill left Friday for Davenport, Washington, where he is to assist in the dedication of a prominent Presbyterian Church of that place.

Miss Julia Rosenthal, who made such a host of Portland friends while visiting Miss Florence Mayer a few years ago, was married to Mr. Greenbaum at Seattle last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Greenbaum are spending their honeymoon at the Hobart-Curtis.

Judge and Mrs. Stearns returned from Tacoma, Friday, where they have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. M. E. Spaulding.

Mr. Roger Levey is down from Everett recuperating after a severe attack of typhoid fever.

The Ladies of The Ivies held an informal little party in the parlors Thursday afternoon.

The senior class of the Portland Academy had their Promenade at the gymnasium next Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Voorhees and family leave today for Kentucky where they are to spend the Winter.

Miss Spaulding leaves Tacoma tomorrow after spending several weeks filled with jolly good times as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Spaulding.

Mr. Newton Poston reached home Thursday from Seattle, where he has been for the past week.

The ladies of the Unity Circle Woman's Auxiliary of the People's Christian Union, will give their monthly social on Wednesday evening, Dec. 17, at the residence of Dr. F. A. Brown, 648 Belmont street. This will be a Yankee Social. Admission free. The Mt. Tabor car will take passengers to Eighteenth street.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Krause inform their friends that their son, Leo, will be confirmed Saturday morning, December 20, at the Congregation Ahave Sholom. Will be at home Sunday afternoon, from 2 to 5, December 21, at their residence, 89 West Park street.

Mrs. Redington gave three of her Studio Teas in Tacoma on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. When Mrs. Redington lived in Portland her teas were very popular.

Tonight is the evening dedicated to the ladies by the Y. M. C. A. Elaborate plans have been made to have this one memorable.

Mrs. Lillian M. Hollister, supreme commander of the Lady Maccabees, is in Portland today.

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HUMOROUS AND PATHETIC LEGS

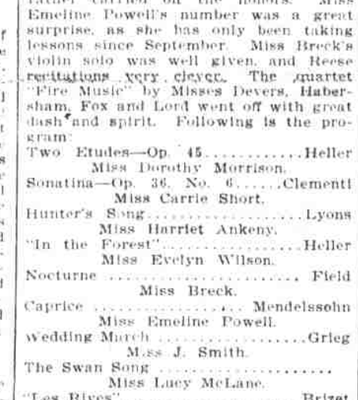
Like Cressid's Foot They Are Sometimes Very Eloquent.

(New Orleans Times-Democrat.)

"By the way, did you know that the legs can be used to good advantage by the man who is much accustomed to appearing in public, such as lecturers, speakers and so on?" asked an observant man. "It is a fact, whether you know it or not. I can guess the drift of your mind, but candidly I am not thinking of any funny business now. Of course, the first thing that will occur to you is the stage, and the rare and racy shows which are sometimes put on, with a gorgeous display of frills and flubdubberies, kicks in a high key, serpentine whirls, flippant ladies, chorus extravagances and all that sort of thing. There is something in that, too, but speaking of the stage, I can get a more serious and sober glimpse of the very thing I have in mind by recalling some of the noted men of the stage in the last quarter of a century. Salvini's use of his legs in 'A Child of Naples,' or in the 'Three Guardsmen,' may be mentioned. His leg gestures, if I may use the expression, were more impressive than any movement he made with his hands and arms.

Sol Smith Russell.

"Somehow they seem to give a better portrayal of the idea than any other thing said or done by the great tragedian. Take that popular and finished actor, Sol Smith Russell. Can you imagine anything more striking than the way he used his legs in 'A Poor Relation' or in 'Bewitched?' It was of the very essence of the plot. If the actor had not spoken a word I feel that I should have understood how he felt and what he meant. It was a dumb sort of leg eloquence and leg pathos. Go to the lecture platform. Did you ever notice the peculiar, jerky stride of ex-Governor Bob Taylor? In his witty flights half the humor seems to be in his legs, and when he throws his limbs back he seems to unjoint them at the knee, so they bend and curve in the wrong way. It is awfully funny. And there was the flat-footed, impressive stand of Bob Ingersoll, who literally towered, growing out of his shoes into the splendid proportions of a giant, and yet never moving a muscle of his body beyond those disturbed by the eloquence which rolled from his tongue. It was simply the flat-footed, stiff-legged stand that impressed you. It gave you the idea of vigor, earnestness, unfaltering determination. I might go on to other examples, but these instances are sufficient to give you the idea in outline at least. They will show that the public speaker, whether on the lecture platform, the stage or the hustings, can make good use of his legs."



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GEN. BLACK ON LINCOLN

Dwells Upon His Simple Home Manners.

Gen. John C. Black, in his address at the dedication of the monument erected over the grave of Abraham Lincoln's mother, speaking of the pioneer women of this Western country, said:

"And those mothers have been blessed. The simple garments that they wove and fashioned have clothed the conquering race of the ages. Sons and daughters nurtured at their bosoms are in the foremost files of time; and it may well be that when fortunes change, as they will, and prosperity departs from many, as is sure, they, the children who then shall suffer, can, by a reverent recurrence to the simplicity, the industry and the domestic virtues of the mothers, regain the losses. They may help even to rescue the republic from the tawdry magnificence, and that kind of opulence by which public spirit languishes, and civic glory dies. Surely, my countrymen, we cannot too often tel the story of the mothers of the land, who, with our fathers, led the way across the continent."

Is there such a thing as "tawdry magnificence" existing in this republic at the present time, and do we know anything of "that kind of opulence by which public spirit languishes, and civic glory dies?" The questions are, of course, of great importance. It is idle to think of the return to the customs and manners and methods of life of the pioneers, and, of course, Gen. Black does not mean that any such attempt should be made. But have we lost their spirit?

Poverty and Wealth.

Men can be great, virtuous, public-spirited and self-sacrificing, even though they do be rich. And it is quite possible that some, even of the pioneers, who endured much hardships and lived so plainly, were themselves sordid and selfish. Poverty does not make a man good, and wealth does not make him bad. Many people will, if they consider the cost at all, appeal to these undoubted facts as a sufficient answer to Gen. Black's indictment. But they are no answer at all.

If we are honest with ourselves we must acknowledge that this country is full of "tawdry magnificence," and that there is here the sort of opulence of which the orator spoke. Almost no traveler from a foreign land comes here who does not express astonishment at our luxury. It is, at least in certain sections of our civilization. Gorgeous apparel, homes that are palaces, feasts that are frequently marked by such splendor as almost to stagger the imagination, superb equipages, and a riotousness in entertainments and amusements that we have to go back centuries to find a precedent for—for with all these things we are painfully familiar. They have become so much a matter of course as no longer to excite much comment. Magnificence there surely is, and much of it is tawdry, because it is extravagant and overdone and merely for show.

ROCKEFELLER ON PILATE.

(New York World.)

"The Condemnation of Jesus" was the subject before the Young Men's Bible Class of the Fifth-Avenue Baptist Church yesterday and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., leader of the class, drew an interesting lesson from the trial of Christ before Pilate.

Mr. Rockefeller spoke of the yielding of Pilate to the demands of the mob. "Many men of the present day are like Pilate," said Mr. Rockefeller, "in that they do not stand out for right when urged by the populace to do wrong. Public clamor causes many to turn away from justice and right and to that which for the moment seems to please the public."

AMONG THE CLUB WOMEN.

The most interesting bit of news in clubdom today is, that the executive board of the General Federation has accepted the invitation of the Wednesday Club to hold the next biennial convention in St. Louis in May, 1904. The exact date of opening has not as yet been set. To many this will be a matter of pleasure and congratulation, but it will generally be those who consider the matter from a selfish or economical standpoint, with the real work to be accomplished by the biennial convention, in the background. It is an established fact that when there are other attractions the attention of the delegates will be divided and the business upon such occasions becomes a secondary consideration.

Other announcements of interest are, that Mrs. Anna D. West of Massachusetts has been appointed chairman of the next convention program committee, and Mrs. Noyes of Milwaukee chairman of the biennial committee. Recommendations to these committees are: "That fewer papers be read and more time be devoted to the discussion of such papers as are presented." Also "To procure speakers on all topics, as far as possible, from the members of the General Federation. These recommendations are timely and will be appreciated by regular attendants at these conventions, for crowding out members to give place to paid speakers; tabling without consideration, measures that earnest women have worked years to mature and come hundreds of miles to present, and closing interesting and instructive debate for want of time, or, as some one remarked, "making the call for the previous question one of the regular features," has been the most disagreeable characteristics of every biennial, but as John Henry would say, "wimin are larnin'."

AN ITALIAN GUEST.

Eastern club women are giving a round of entertainments in honor of Countess Fanny Z Salazar, who is visiting this country. She is the editor and founder of the only magazine published in English in Italy. It is published in the interest of industrial education, which according to the magazine, is making rapid headway and doing much to break down the aristocratic prejudice against trade and business careers for educated men. Countess Salazar is the leader of a little band of women, who work earnestly for industrial education, or manual training in the schools, to which work the Dowager Queen is said to give her sympathy and material support. The Countess will no doubt take many valuable lessons back home from the club women of America.

JEWISH COUNCIL.

The National Council of Jewish Women only convenes triennially, but a resolution was offered at the recent convention in Baltimore to the effect that, as 1904 would be the tenth anniversary of the forming of the order, it would be fitting to celebrate its birthday in St. Louis, with something like an international council to discuss questions pertaining to the Jews. A question of the constitutionality of this arrangement being raised, the matter was deferred. There is no section in St. Louis.

THERE ARE OTHERS.

At a recent New York convention there was some lively parliamentary sparring, and no work being accomplished till Mrs. Carpenter remarked: "There are two classes hopelessly addicted to the study of parliamentary law—those who have a smattering of the subject, just enough to get hopelessly tangled up in red tape, and the other kind, who know it so well they are not happy unless they are using it to hinder business." The rule applies in other places.

Mrs. I. S. Calbreath of Salem was in Portland during the week attending a meeting of the State Legislative Committee. Mrs. Calbreath has been appointed from that committee to take in charge the work and assistance to be given by the Federation to the bill for better transportation for the insane.

On December 17 the second of the course of Bible lessons, under the auspices of the Council of Jewish Women, and under the direction of Dr. S. S. Wise, will be given in the Selling-Hirsch Hall, at 2:30 p. m. The subject will be "The Psalms as Religion." The paper of the afternoon will be read by Mrs. Alexander Bernstein. A cordial invitation has been extended to other organizations of women to attend these lessons.

Mrs. Millie Trumbull, who takes an active part in the Social Economics Department of the Woman's Club of Portland, has returned from a visit of several months in Chicago. Mrs. Trumbull takes a deep interest in all philanthropic or charitable measures, and will receive a cordial welcome on her return to the club. She has just been placed on the legislative committee of the State Federation made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Trullinger of Astoria.

Mrs. Florence Kelley, who is so widely and favorably known as the secretary of the National Consumers' League, has just been appointed chairman of the child labor committee of the National Mothers' Congress. The work of the League has grown so rapidly in the West that it has become necessary for Mrs. Kelley to arrange to spend six months of the year in Chicago.

The Tuesday Afternoon Club will meet on the 16th with Mrs. James Muckle, 62 Ella street. The "Origin of Tragedy" will be continued, the subject being Euripides and Aristophanes.

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