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(Special Correspondence of The Journal.)

Washington, D. C., June 8.—Following in the footsteps of Isadora Palmer, Marie Nevins, Kuhne Beveridge and sundry unrecorded admirations, the beautiful young woman who was once Martha Highborn, belle of Washington society, is going to renounce her attempt to make a model husband of James G. Blaine, Jr.

It is pretty well established by this time that Mrs. Martha Highborn Blaine will sue "Jimmy" Blaine for divorce. She is living with her parents here. "Jimmy" is making his home in New York.

Last week Mrs. Blaine went to New York and paid a visit to her sister-in-law, Mrs. Walter Damrosch and Mrs. Tuxton Beale. It is said that the visit was planned and carried out to cover the real purpose of her trip—which was to make the arrangements for the filing of a divorce suit in the District of Columbia.

It has been decided to have the suit brought within the jurisdiction of the courts of the District of Columbia because it is possible there to have all the details of the proceedings kept from the public. It is said, however, that the ground of the suit will be nothing worse than incompatibility.

In order to secure seclusion for Mrs. Blaine, pending the proceedings, the Highborns have decided not to go to Atlantic City for the summer, as is usually their custom, but to take a cottage at New London, Conn., where they will be practically free from contact with the fashionable world. So far, however, the plans for the forthcoming divorce have not made any difference in Mrs. Blaine's social activity.

Martha Highborn and James G. Blaine were married June 4, 1900. The wedding followed a year's term of probation for the wild young man who had been the hero of two runaway matches, two divorces, one acknowledged broken engagement and unnumbered escapades, forming a giddy trail from New York to the Hawaiian Islands.

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spent his money on violets instead of cocktails and was mentioned in the papers in connection with only one trifling matter concerned with the thrashing of a cabman by an intimate friend, "Jimmy" was only in it because he was in the cab with the friend at the time.

It was not so very long after the wedding, however, when there began to be rumors that the beautiful young Mrs. Blaine was not quite happy. Then a story got about that one day while she was eating luncheon downtown with an old friend her husband strode into the restaurant and struck his wife's companion in the presence of a dining room filled with people.

copy of the booklet "Oregon" was also sent to every general passenger and ticket agent, and to every traveling passenger and ticket agent in the United States and Canada, the booklet and card being sent by some friend of the recipient, who is in the railroad business in Portland. This dissemination of knowledge will burnish up the acquaintance of the railroad men of the continent with the wonders of Portland, of the Willamette valley and of Oregon—information that they in turn may give to the thousands of people who travel over the different railroads of America.

The cards contain the following interesting wording: "Office Portland Commercial club, Portland, Or., June 11, 1904. Which one? One of the following railroad officials, who is a resident of Portland, and a personal friend of yours, requested the Portland Commercial club to send you a copy of the booklet 'Oregon,' giving considerable information about the Lewis and Clark centennial exposition, which is to be held here June 1, to October 15, 1908."

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The next time he eloped he picked out Marie Nevins, a pretty Washington society girl, whose father, Col. Richard Nevins, had lost his money, thereby making it necessary for his daughter to make her own way in the world. She had begun to make it on the stage in Mme. Modjeska's company when she met "Jimmy" Blaine, eloped with him, lived a stormy and tempestuous few years with him and then separated from him with her child, James G. Blaine the third. She afterward married Dr. John T. Bull of New York, and is now a perfectly happy woman.

Then it was rumored that "Jimmy" Blaine was going to marry the famous young sculptress, Kuhne Beveridge, but Miss Beveridge went abroad to talk to her mother about the engagement and nothing ever came of it.

Then followed Mr. Blaine's pursuit of Miss Highborn, his probationary and provisional acceptance, and the "violet days," when Martha Highborn wore a great bunch of purple flowers at her breakfast every day and Blaine had always Boutonniere to match on the lapel of his coat.

His behavior was so good that it even wiped out the memory of the hula-hula incident which was the cause of young Blaine's sudden recall from the army. At a native entertainment he had mistaken the wife of one of the most prominent men in Hawaii for a hula-hula girl and embraced her with such fervor that he brought down upon himself a violent assault from the outraged husband and his dismissal from the army for conduct unbecoming an officer.

And now Martha Highborn is going to leave him, too.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL SCHOLARS CONVINCED BY PROMINENT PORTLAND AND BUSINESS MEN THAT THEY CAN EFFECTIVELY ADVERTISE OREGON'S GREATNESS.

How the school children of Portland can help the commercial bodies of the city in promoting publicity work, and interesting thousands of eastern citizens in the advantages of Oregon and Portland, was told to the children of this city Friday by a score of professional and business men, who addressed the various schools.

Tom Richardson as promoter of the campaign of publicity, now being carried on by the Commercial club, with President J. Frank Watson, of the Merchants' National bank, visited the Failing school. Mr. Richardson explained what the club was doing towards advertising the city and state, and said it was the hope of the club to enlist every citizen, big and little, and every boy and girl in attendance at the schools, to write letters to their old friends, telling them about the beauties of Portland.

Mr. Richardson told the children that they had more beautiful surroundings than any other juveniles in the world, that the Columbia river had no equal, the climate was milder both winter and summer, than the major portion of the United States, and that millions of people in the country still knew practically nothing of Oregon.

Praise Portland.

"Don't knock your city," said Mr. Richardson. "It is as bad to do this as it is to say naughty things about your parents." He asked how many would promise to write to their relatives in other parts of the country letters about Portland and its advantages, and four-fifths of the 700 children promised to write such letters.

Letters Will Attract Attention.

Prof. I. W. Pratt, principal of the Failing school, in speaking of the occasion at his school yesterday, said:

"The exercises at our school yesterday were especially delightful, and very much enjoyed by all of the pupils. Failing school has been at work along these same lines for some time—in fact, 850 of the booklets 'Oregon,' have been sent out, and a great many letters have been written by the pupils in all the different grades."

"The teachers have taken an especial interest in this, and I am convinced that as an undertaking to have the people of all sections of the United States know more of Portland and Oregon, it could not be improved upon, for each and every letter that goes away from this city, from the boys and girls, will attract more attention than those written by older persons."

The address by Mr. Watson, and Mr. Richardson were enjoyed, and as an old school teacher, and one who has the interests of the schools of Portland at heart, I feel that this should not be the last time when business men address the boys and girls of the city schools on similar subjects."

Prizes Offered Pupils.

W. W. Cotton aroused the enthusiasm of the children at the Couch school by offering \$15 in prizes for the three letters that were considered the best submitted by the children of that school, the amount to be divided into three prizes, and the children of the school to be divided into three divisions by the principal. Mr. Cotton told the pupils that they would have most of the pushing to do for their state and city, as the old folks had not done much for Portland, and the publicity work had been allowed to languish. The proposal of Mr. Cotton to give three prizes aroused the enthusiasm of the children, and every one of the pupils applauded and agreed to enter the contest.

J. E. Bronaugh spoke to the children of the Failing school and in part said: "Do you children realize the advantage you have over the children of the rest of the country, by living in Oregon? In New England they have intensely cold winters, intense heat and malaria and in the north, wind and ice. Here you have beautiful mountains, clear streams, magnificent rivers, wonderful trees and flowers and the wild life at your back door. You should write and tell your cousins and uncles, your grand parents and your other friends and relatives, what advantages your country has."

In closing the speaker lauded the bravery of Sumner Smith, who recently lost his life in saving a drowning girl in Portland harbor, and suggested that a memorial should be raised to perpetuate the deed.

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Sunnyside school chiefly on the advantages of Portland. He said that in most of the country people would go 100 miles to see the scenery at the doors of Portland. He spoke of the mineral and agricultural wealth of the state, the factory products, the timber resources and the big ships that bring cargoes from the ends of the earth. The story of the growth of the city from 1850, when it had 821 inhabitants, to the present time, when 128,000 people reside in it, was told. The salmon fishing and the wonderful rivers were also mentioned by Mr. Gruber. At the close of his speech Mr. Gruber told the pupils not to imagine that because they were small they could do nothing, but told them that their letters would be more eagerly read and better remembered than those of their elders, and that if every pupil in the school would write only one letter to eastern friends the result would be wonderful.

Concerted Action Needed.

Colonel Gantenbein, at the high school, referred briefly to the beauty, healthfulness, prosperity and progress of Portland. He said the people of this city are too modest in advertising its advantages, and that in traveling two-thirds around the world—one-third to the east and one-third to the west—he had never seen a city that combined the features named in such a marked degree as Portland. He reminded the pupils of the high school that this city is the metropolis of a state that is as yet undeveloped and sparsely settled, that therefore more people are needed—people of the right kind—with whom high school pupils would naturally correspond. He emphasized the importance of concerted action, the advantage of volley or simultaneous firing as compared with individual scattering fire, and urged them to co-operate with the citizens in making known to relatives and friends in the east the advantages of Portland and of Oregon. When he requested all those to rise who were corresponding with relatives or friends living outside of Oregon about four-fifths of the 80 pupils arose and promised to write a letter and send a copy of a pamphlet entitled "Oregon" to at least one correspondent within a week after the close of the present term.

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It is believed by the Commercial club that most of the literature sent out will result in practical good, through replies telling their neighbors of the information regarding this part of the northwest, through local newspapers in the districts reached, commenting on the fact that old friends live in this section, or by the neighborhood newspapers reprinting parts of the matter sent out. In this way, 50,000 people in different parts of the United States, Canada, and Mexico may know more of Portland, and the state of Oregon, than they ever knew before.

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Beyond Discussion.

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