



# Read their Publishers

Frances does come among them Mrs. Nitschkan remarks, "I suppose you ain't been long enough in Zenith, Miss Benson to catch onto the way the boys feel about the women here. They're not as pretty hard for you right along. The Missioner, who was herself a child of the slums, heard the call of the blood and the fascinations of the women, not from the plane of the missionary, but upon the level of Zenith society, and while she later felt a soul loosing for the women she conquered Zenith and the Ladies Aid society. When the Missioner had won the victory she threw down upon the money she had vanquished foes by saying: "I can't stay unless you ladies really want to help me. Will you help?" Well, I guess you will. Miss Benson, now an heretofore, speaking for all. "You can depend on us, Miss Benson, now an heretofore. Ain't it so, girls? You bet. Marthy has been a teacher in the school, and she's a good one. This 'nice hot cup of coffee'—seals more than one compact with the women here. It is one of the incidents of the book, uncounted perhaps, and sometimes introduced into scenes calculated to jar the sensitive or the feelings of the reader, but it is one of those distinctive strokes of the artist's brush, scarcely perceptible, but giving life and color and action to the scene.

MEXICO and Her People of Today," by Nevin O. Winter. Illustrated from original photographs by the author and C. R. Birt. As the author says in his preface, "Many books have been written about Mexico, but several of the best books were written a quarter of a century ago and are now out of print." These facts and the developments of the past few years have correctly led the author to believe that there is a field for another book on this most interesting country: a book that should present in readable form reliable information concerning the customs and characteristics of the people of Mexico, as well as the great natural resources of the country and their present state of development, or lack of development. The author's aim is to make a complete and accurate presentation of the subject rather than to advance any radical views concerning any harsh criticisms of our next door neighbor.

The author has spent over two years in the preparation of her book on this subject, and she has recourse to almost every work bearing on Mexico, her history, literature and people, besides extensive travels in the various parts of the country. What Mr. Winter has set out to do in this work he has most successfully accomplished, and has produced what we believe to be one of the best, most accurate and most interesting works on Mexico extant.

It would be difficult to call out any particular chapter of the book and give a full and complete description of its peculiar attraction that as one goes from chapter to chapter each one seems more fascinating than the last; but in the chapters on "The Customs and Characteristics," and "The Story of the Republic," there is an added charm that is new and particularly an American will find.

The book is attractively bound and contains over 30 beautiful photographs illustrating the people, the customs and maps, an appendix and index. L. C. Page & Co. Price \$2.

"The New Missioner," by Mrs. Wilson Woodrow. Missioner was the name Zenith, a mountain town of Colorado, whose first settlement was protected in honor, to bestow upon Miss Frances Benson, missionary by the grace of the bishop who could find no one else who would undertake the arduous and ungodly of this ungodly community, or who would be permitted, by Zenith, to remain in its midst. Missioner was not admitted to fellowship at once, but had at first to meet the community on its own level before she raised it to her.

The Ladies Aid society represented Zenith's social activities and four women, each a type unto herself, was the beginning and the end of its active membership. If the author had left out the Missioner and every other person that helps to make up this story, and did not simply mention the names and doings of these four women, she would have had a story well worth reading, for better, more consistent, well ported, and very to the point, than the pages of fiction. Each has a distinct individuality, wholly unlike each other, yet perfect types of the women of the camps and often attain a worldly wisdom and a rugged strength utterly unknown to the women of the city.

"The Marriage of Mrs. Merlin," by Charles Stokes Wayne. The advance of this story has been well outlined in the previous issue of the journal. It is one of the human phenomena that the extremes of society often hold very close, and these four women, by their social antithesis regarding woman's sphere, and they determined to remain in Zenith, they held and some one reported "Miss Nitschkan an her friends won't have her. They say they don't want a woman missionary nosing around this camp. Miss Thomas said yesterday that it was a matter of principle with her, that they didn't believe it possible for a woman to bring the tidings of salvation." Then when

Richard Gordon Scott of Grants Pass will be celebrated Friday evening, February 28, at the First Methodist church. There will be no cards.

Mrs. John C. Robinson entertained informally at bridge with three tables, in compliment to Miss Davis of New Jersey, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wallace MacCannan.

Roderick Macleary's record in the Valentine golf tournament at Pinehurst, North Carolina, was followed with interest by his friends here.

The annual George Washington tea on February 22 will be given by the Daughters of the American Revolution at Mrs. A. E. Rockey's home.

but she had not yet seen the man she desired to have as a husband, in fact, so the next best thing was to hire one, and after sundry interesting meetings with Dean Blount and his attractive young Englishman, they enter into a compact which the Englishman bluntly puts in this fashion: "It is a mere matter of expediency, the man undertakes to act as traveling companion, courier or what you will, wearing meanwhile a beard and hair into a wig, the disguise of husband; and in return for his services he is to have paid to him by the woman sundry thousands of dollars in the current New York coin. This is indeed the ideal form of the hitherto undervalued 'marriage de convenance.' Added to this contract was the clause that at the end of a year it could be terminated by Mrs. Merlin getting a divorce. The story, of course, does not give this contract quite so coldly as it sounds, but a few passages of the contract—the writer is too clever for that—and then there are extenuating circumstances, which place under the real interest of the story begins. No one can doubt that the author has handled it in an artistic manner. The book is illustrated by Louis Grant, George W. Dillingham company. Price, \$1.25.

"Ifs of History," by Joseph Edgar Chamberlain.—At recent convention of educators at the faculty of the University of Chicago read a paper in which he supported the theory that the best way to teach history is to cut and paste, and to make a mosaic of the world's history. He said that there was in every human brain a tremendous desire to figure out what would have happened if in any of the great crises of world history things had gone the other way.

Now comes Mr. Chamberlain, who has succeeded Richard Henry Stoddard as literary editor of the New York Evening Mail and who has, in "Ifs of History," made a somewhat serious and wholly uninteresting book, dealing directly with those tremendous moments in the course of the world's affairs when the fate of the nations, and sometimes of the world, hangs upon a shred of accident and projected his fancy into the realm of "Might Have Been."

"Mr. Crew's Career," by Winston Churchill.—A new book by Mr. Churchill is always an event of prime importance. It is a very interesting book since the publication of "Coniston" nearly two years ago, Mr. Churchill has written the best book whose title has just been announced.

"The Reaping," by Little, Brown & Co., February 22. The complete edition of the works of Henry James, edited and arranged in a biographical and critical introduction by William Archer, was completed by the appearance on January 18 of a volume containing the last of the series, "Lady Inger of Ostrail" and "The Feast of Solborg." This volume is the eleventh in the series.

The women of Elton Court gave a charming valentine masquerade Friday evening. About 150 guests were invited. Many parties, and a quantity of times were about. The dining hall was made into a ball-room and feasts of red hearts were everywhere. Oregon girls were the most attractive of the lamps made at a wedding pretty effect.

A pretty wedding took place last Saturday afternoon when Jane Adline Mills and Claude E. Ellis, both of Portland, were quietly married at the home of Rev. J. E. H. Simpson, at his home on Myrtle street. The bride was Miss Mary Bellman, a sister of the groom's, and the bridegroom's best man was Ernest Anderson.

The regular Patton Home tea will be held at the home, 975 Michigan avenue, Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Millie G. Perkins will have charge of the program. The following ladies will receive: Mrs. A. R. Shannon, Mrs. Charles E. Sun, Mrs. L. A. Peterson, Mrs. B. F. Weaver, Mrs. D. McLaughlin, Mrs. John Burgard, and Mrs. Charles W. King. Take "L" car.

The Monday Evening Social club met with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hare. The rooms were prettily decorated with red carnations and hearts. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Graves Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Anthony, Miss Estelle Boscow, Miss Carrie E. Sun, Mrs. L. A. Peterson, Mrs. B. F. Weaver, Mrs. D. McLaughlin, Mrs. John Burgard, and Mrs. Charles W. King.

The United Commercial Travelers gave their monthly dance at Ringer hall last week. About 300 people attended and it was a most successful affair. A unique feature of the entertainment of miniature sample cases in which was the luncheon. Cards were played in the bonny.

Wednesday afternoon, February 5, Mrs. O. P. M. Jamison opened her new home on King's Heights with a reception from 3 to 5. The large living-room was decorated with palms and rubber trees, the music-room with Ore-

son, wine and ferns, and the dining-room was decorated with palms, ferns and maidenhair ferns. In this room Mrs. Wynn Johnson and Mrs. J. Johnson presided over the refreshments. The guests were served lemonade from an alcove lined with holly and grape. Mrs. Jamison assisted in receiving by Mrs. Charles R. Brown and Mrs. W. Ford. Mrs. Jamison wore a gown of patterned brocade, Mrs. Brown navy blue and white lace, Mrs. Ford green silk and lace, Mrs. Johnson white lace robe, and Miss Kemp white net over silk. About 150 guests called during the afternoon.

The monthly whist social given by Mount Hood Circle, No. 161, W. of W., was a "McKinley Memorial" social on the married leader's birthday. The East Side W. O. W. hall had been decorated for the occasion with the flags of all nations and the guests wore red carnations. McKinley flowers. The evening was spent in playing military whist and in dancing. Supper was served in the banquet hall, where the cards were laid for the 450 guests present. The committee having the affair in charge consisted of Mesdames L. E. Corpeal, K. Woodworth, M. Wheeler, I. M. Frasier, M. E. Knapp and Mr. W. W. Minar. A committee is now arranging for the celebration of Washington's Birthday in a like manner on the last Tuesday of this month.

Women of Woodcraft, Portland Thimble club No. 4, held an interesting meeting on Wednesday afternoon at the Wideman temple, 123 Eleventh street. Business of importance was transacted after which a social hour was enjoyed. The object of this club is both fraternity and charity and it finds plenty to do. Grand Officers: Carrie Wilford, President; Grand Organist, Bertha E. Sumner were present and gave words of encouragement. The next meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. F. Hurley, 148 East Sixteenth street, Wednesday at 2:30 o'clock. All members are requested to be present prepared for work. All Neighbors of Woodcraft are eligible to membership.

The "Qui Vive" club, with their husbands and friends, were entertained at the home of Mrs. J. Leach, Williams avenue and Alberta street, Thursday evening, by Mrs. W. W. Lyon and Mrs. J. Leach. The house was beautifully decorated with flowers of the season. The merry crowd was entertained with vocal and instrumental music by the Misses Florence Leach, Winifred Evans and Winifred Leach, and the club swinging of Harriet Leach and Merle Olmstead. The dainty supper was presided over by Mrs. W. W. Lyon and Mrs. D. J. Olson.

The eighth and ninth grades of St. Francis' academy entertained the girls of the academic grades with a delightful Valentine party Friday afternoon from 2 to 4. Literary and musical selections were pleasing features of the afternoon. There was nothing lacking in the spirit of Valentine day, as was evidenced by the merry laughter of the young participants.

St. Francis academy has been much enlarged and improved the past year and now is proud of being in the front rank of educational institutions in the Rose City of Oregon.

One of the social events of the week was a dancing party given by Lloyd Reed, Philip Ridgeway and W. R. Anderson at the Oregon Yacht club Monday evening. A feature of the evening was music rendered by an sextophone orchestra. The program consisted of music, speeches and toasts. Mrs. Dayton, the club president, in a delightful little speech presented by Thompson with a beautiful potted plant. A dainty luncheon was served at the close of the program by the hostess, assisted by her daughter and her sister, Mrs. Stewart.

The Phylaxia club of the East Forty-fifth street Baptist church gave a Valentine party Friday afternoon, at the home of Lillian Bunting, 1210 East Sammie street. An informal program was given. Mrs. Bunting served refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. George Silknet entertained the Wednesday Evening Five Hundred club, Wednesday evening, prizes were won by Mrs. L. B. Smith and T. J. Cleton. Dainty refreshments were served.

The Oswego Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. Nelson Wednesday afternoon. An interesting program was rendered, after which refreshments were served by the hostess.

A wedding of interest was celebrated Wednesday evening, when Miss Vernita Mary Henderson and Lloyd Everille Bellman were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Siger. Rev. W. T. Gilbert, pastor of the church, officiated. The home was prettily decorated with white and green. White carnations and narcissus were combined with Oregon grape, ferns and cedar. In the living room a canopy of green interwoven among the meshes of a large net formed a bower for the bridal party.

An informal reception followed the ceremony. Mrs. Percy Milne and Miss Juanita Miller of Lebanon, the bride's cousin, served refreshments. Mrs. Siger's mother and sister, Mrs. Adair, and Miss Florence Adair, received with the bride. The bride's bouquet was carried by Miss Juanita Miller. When the bride's cake was cut Miss Miller captured the ring. Sherman Miller the bride's uncle, Senator M. A. Miller, of Lebanon; Frank Bellman, the bridegroom's brother; of San Pedro, California; Mrs. J. K. Patterson and Mr. Callison of Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Bellman have gone to Eugene on leave and will be at home after March 15 at 80 East Seventh street. Mrs. Bellman is a beautiful brunette, a member of the Beta Epsilon sorority of the University of Oregon, and is very popular with the younger set.

There was a pretty wedding in Corvallis at high noon Monday, the bride being Miss Lulu Fendall of that city and the bridegroom George Wilson of Alesia. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Davis of the Baptist church in the presence of 20 relatives and friends. The bride wore a lovely traveling suit of brown cloth, and Miss Lura Flett was bridesmaid. David Fendall acted as best man. The decorations in the home were of red, white and rose, and a sumptuous wedding luncheon was served. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson went to Sheridan for a week's visit with relatives. They will reside in Alesia valley.

L. P. Day of Wasco county and Miss Minnie Cain of this city were married at the residence of Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher, 201 Eleventh street, Sunday afternoon, February 9, Dr. Brougher officiating.

Herman Deckman and Miss Ella Dulum were married at the home of Gust A. Carlson, 750 Corbett street, last Monday evening. Rev. A. Hagoes, of the Norwegian Lutheran church, officiating.

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program was arranged in honor of her thirty-third birthday. The house was beautifully decorated with the club colors and the dates 1826-1908 done in green and conspicuous in the library. The program consisted of music, speeches and toasts. Mrs. Dayton, the club president, in a delightful little speech presented by Thompson with a beautiful potted plant. A dainty luncheon was served at the close of the program by the hostess, assisted by her daughter and her sister, Mrs. Stewart.

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## SOCIETY

Mrs. Alma D. Katz is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Harry David Gue, of New York, and her brother, W. H. Shearman of Salt Lake. Mrs. Gue has a remarkably pretty contralto voice, and she and her brother have been heard in various songs together. Monday evening and Thursday afternoon Mrs. Katz entertained at bridge with music following. Mrs. Gue will sing at Temple Beth Israel next Friday night.

Mrs. E. C. Shelin gave a pretty luncheon Thursday. Her guests were Mrs. L. Allen Lewis, Mrs. C. F. Adams, Mrs. Walter V. Smith, Mrs. George Whitehead, Mrs. Frank Warren Sr., Mrs. S. R. Johnston, Mrs. John K. Kollock, Mrs. A. E. Rockey and Mrs. J. C. Robinson.

Mrs. R. P. Magsh of Portland Heights gave a pretty tea Thursday afternoon. Pouring tea and serving ices were Mrs. Clarence Nichols, Mrs. E. C. Mears, Mrs. C. J. Schnabel and Mrs. Allen Ellsworth. The girls assisting were Miss Josephine Smith and the Misses Viola and Mildred Nichols.

The skating party at the Oaks rink under the auspices of the Oregon Yacht club Tuesday evening is the next event of general interest on the calendar. Many novel features will be presented and the affair will be patronized by the exclusive society element.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Felschner. Mrs. L. N. Felschner will remain in California for several weeks' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hume made an over Sunday visit to Seaside.

The social and literary meeting of the Arbor Lodge Aid society, last Wednesday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. S. C. Beach was a decided success and largely attended. The affair was in charge of Mrs. S. C. Beach, Mrs. L. D. Johnson and Mrs. W. C. Wight, who planned a surprise for the other members by a suggestion of the Valentine season. The rooms were prettily decorated with Oregon grape and festoons of daintily strung red hearts of assorted sizes in baskets of greenery. The affair was relieved by small red heart pendents, decorated the dining table. Miss Josephine Beach, who had the management of the decorations, was complimented on the beauty and effectiveness of her work. An interesting program was given during the afternoon. Readings by Mrs. C. M. Wight and Miss Beach were greatly appreciated. In "Good Old Oregon" was sung with spirit by Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. King and Miss Beach, and enthusiastically applauded. The society is greatly indebted to Mrs. John S. Johns for several readings, which added greatly to the success of the program. Miss Fyle, pianist of the east, delighted the audience by her skillful rendition of several difficult selections. Dainty refreshments were served, the valentine idea being carried out in cakes decorated with heart shaped confectons. The favors consisted of hand painted heart shaped valentines.

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orchestra will furnish the music. The patronesses are Mrs. J. O'Brien, Mrs. S. C. Tucker, Mrs. D. J. Beakley and Mrs. M. S. Carter. The members are Ray M. S. Carter, Guy King, Henry Vardanis, Louis Klump and Henry Donnerberg.

Invitations are out announcing a Valentine dancing party to be given by the St. Lawrence Social club at the Assembly hall, corner Third and Sherman streets, Wednesday evening. Special preparations are being made for this is to be the last social given by the club until after the Lenten season.

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Invitations are out for a card party to be given February 22 by Miss Helen Hickey for the Hawthorne Tennis club.

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PERSONAL

H. Lang of Portland and J. C. Lang of Seattle are guests at the Hotel Del Coronado, Coronado Beach, California. John M. Scott is traveling in California.

A TROUBLESOME PLANT. Government Spending Thousands of Dollars Trying to Control It.

From the Houston Post. The water hyacinth, the beautiful marine flower, which has done so great damage to commerce in Louisiana and east Texas, is making its appearance in the ship channel.

A few years ago the water hyacinth was brought from Florida to Louisiana as a floral ornament. Last year the government expended \$200,000 in an effort to control the pest and has only partly succeeded. Hyacinths and water hyacinth once carried big barges of lumber in Louisiana and eastern Texas have already closed navigation by the rank vegetation of the hyacinth.

The Sabine river above Orange has become lined with the plants, and it is feared that they will grow from a few plants carelessly thrown into the river by some housewife when the plants she had in a tub as an ornament became too numerous.

The matter has been brought to the attention of the city authorities and steps have already been taken to destroy before it is too late all the hyacinths at San-Houston park and those which have got into the bayou. A boat is to be sent along the lower reach and all hyacinths carefully gathered and destroyed. It is anticipated that there may be some interesting activity prohibiting the growing of these plants near a navigable stream and punishing any one so careless as to throw any of them into a stream which is of any use for any purpose.

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