Topics of Interest in the Realm Feminine

IN SOCIETY

Miss Marguerite Hume entertained informally at bridge yesterday for her guest, Miss Frances Mills, and Miss Elizabeth Roberts, the house guest of Miss Lucile Parker. Card honors were captured by Miss Hazleton Williams. Those who enjoyed the game were Miss Muriel Williams, Miss Shanna Cumming, Miss Gladys Rolf, Miss Angela Kinney, Miss Ilse Koehler, Miss Barbara Crocker, Mrs. Wilson Clark, Miss Elizabeth Parker, Miss Ada Burke, Miss Helen Smith, Miss Helen Harmon and Miss Lucile Parker. Dropping in later in the afternoon for tea were Miss Dorothy Holbrook, Miss Leslie Weidler, Miss Milla Wessinger, Mrs. Frank G. Owen (Miss Leila Lane Shelby), Miss Louise Carey and Miss Jean Mackenzie.

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Mrs. Herbert Holman was the guest at an attractive bridge luncheon given yesterday by Mrs. W. J. Van Scuyver and Miss Helen Van Scuyver. The luncheon table was centered with a huge brown basket filled with narcissus and daffodils. Over the cloth were strewn violets and several vases of the same fragrant flowers further adorned the table, over which was the mellow glow from numbers of candles with their yellow shades. Circling the table were 14 guests. To Mrs. George Shalk fell the prize at bridge. The affair was a pretty farewell to Mrs. Holman, who leaves on the 15th of January for her European trip.

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Theodore B. Wilcox has been a guest at the Holland house, in New York, prior to his departure for Florida with his daughter, Miss Claire Wilcox.

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Mrs. James Canby will entertain at bridge a week from Friday.

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Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. G. W. Van Deusen have arrived at the barracks, where Colonel Van Dusen is replacing Colonel Charles W. Foster. Mrs. Van Deusen has just returned from a tour of the world and she will be a welcome addition to the barracks set. The Van Deusens have two attractive young daughters, Miss Hazel and Miss Gladys.

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Miss Elizabeth Dunbar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Dunbar, entertained a number of her small friends Tuesday in honor of her third birthday. The little guests were Miss Cynthia Scott, Miss Marjorie Harmon, Miss Jane Holbrook, Miss Elizabeth Potter and Miss Maureen O'Connor.

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W. H. S. Alumni entertained with a fancy dress dance last night in the E. B. hall, Thirty?seventh and Hawthorne, for the members of the alumni who are home from college on their vacations. About 50 guests were present. The patronesses were Frau Bekker, Miss Cora Wold, Miss Hannah Schloth and Miss Caroline Batson.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hanscome had as their guests during the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Francis F. Emery of Spokane.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cooper of Pendleton, who have been the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Dunbar, returned yesterday to their home.

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A San Francisco wedding of interest is that of Miss Clara B. Sutherland of Rochester, N. Y., and George J. Major of Portland, celebrated at the Palace hotel Tuesday. The service was read by Rev. George W. White of the First M. E. church of Oakland. Mr. Major is manager of the Fairbanks-Morse company of Portland, and after a honeymoon trip in the south Mr. and Mrs. Major will return to make their home here.

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Gerald W. Reed has returned from Palo Alto and is spending the holidays here.

Miss Clara Swift, the beautiful daughter of Major and Mrs. Eben Swift, who is one of the most popular debutante members of the "Army Set" at Washington. The Swift home is a rendezvous of army folk, and during the sessions many delightful entertainments are given by the major and his charming wife. This year they had the pleasure of presenting their debutante daughter, Miss Clara, to society at a tea late in November. Miss Swift soon assumed a leading position among the debutantes and is cordially received by the most exclusive circles. She is a fearless horsewoman and has taken many long rides with her father. She is accomplished musically and takes part in all the charitable amateur theatricals which amuse the younger set every spring.

IMMORAL STUPIDITY

By Darra More.

RECENTLY a young man shot himself because he could not afford to buy his mother a Christmas present. Last week a woman bared all the noxious details of an immoral life to obtain money for her daughter. In New York, a man committed suicide because he could not keep up with the mad pace set by his boon companions. In St. Paul, a woman was caught stealing finery from one of the department stores because her small wage would not permit her to have the things for which her soul longed.

What does it all mean? It means that Colonel James Gordon, the original of "The Gentleman from Mississippi," was right when he said that the modern business man is too much overburdened with cares to get much out of life. Colonel Gordon is so thoroughly convinced that the old fashioned way of living was best that he has no desire to keep pace with the furious hustle and bustle of today. He prefers to be happy and active at 67, than to be a physical wreck of a multi-millionaire or a dead trust magnate with a host of relatives wrangling over his estate.

Charles Marriott, the author of a number of unusual novels, has recently published a tale entitled "Now." It deals mainly with the hideous fetich of "standards" of living of the present day. He has written of a nameless society and this is what he says to them:

"Can you afford, for example, to live in the house or apartment that you are now occupying? No? Well, then, get out. When? Now. Can you afford to accept the invitation of Mrs. So and So? No? Then write and tell her so—now.

"There's the ink. Put it prettily, but make it clear. Can you afford for health's sake or soul's sake, or any other kind of sake, to live in the city at all? No? Well, then, take the next train and get out where you can rest when you need to, where you can be honest, where you can be simple. If it really comes to the point, do you need anything but a clean hut, a hammock, a pine table, three chairs, a few dishes and a half dozen books?

"No, you don't. Well, then, why not reduce life to that? Why be so hollow eyed, so weary, so strained? Is it immoral stupidity?"

"To have nothing to lose"—that does seem to offer a chance for peace and laughter.

PANAMA CANAL TO BE TAKEN CARE OF AT AN EARLY DATE

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competition between transcontinental railroads and the canal marine.

"It probably will be impossible legally to prohibit railroads from owning vessels plying on the canal, but some method will be found to meet this difficulty.

"I am also certain that the fortification of the canal will be provided for in this measure and I believe there is no question that it will be passed at the present session.

"It is possible that a maximum rate for tolls will be fixed and that their application will be left to the president. Taft is said to favor a maximum rate of $1 per ton for cargoes sent through the canal.

BOWERMAN COUP GAINS 1 VOTE FOR HIM—THAT'S ALL

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leaked out concerning a tact agreement reached by the members of the new board prior to the departure of Governor-elect West and Secretary of State Benson from Salem a few weeks ago.

It was not supposed that the old state board would hasten to appoint a superintendent for the asylum and the new board, composed of West, Benson and Thomas B. Kay, the new state treasurer, talked over the matter. They agreed that a superintendent would not be needed for the asylum for a year or more, or until about the time the building is completed. It is learned Mr. Benson was particularly outspoken in the view that there is no necessity for naming a superintendent for at least a year, and the other members of the board agreed with him.

Physicians Indignant.

It was agreed that Dr. R. E. L. Steiner, superintendent of the asylum at Salem, and others connected with the asylum management, can give the state board all necessary advice as to the arrangement and estimates for the branch asylum in eastern Oregon. Their services can be had without cost to the state, and it was considered their assistance would be much more valuable than the services of a men new to the work.

Prominent physicians of Portland and other cities of the state express indignation over making the new asylum job a political football to aid the aspirations of any candidate for office. The haste in making the appointment and the selection of a man without training in the care of the insane or special qualification as an alienist is being denounced by physicians who believe the asylum should be made efficient by the elimination of politics.

DEEDS AGGREGATING $65,015,000 ARE FILED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 29.—Three deeds, aggregating $65,015,000, transferring the property of the North Coast Railroad company, the Snake River Valley Railroad company and the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company to the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, have been filed in the offices of County Auditor J. N. McCaw for record.

The deed from the North Coast is signed by Robert Strahorn, president, and A. G. Smith, secretary. The purchase price is $7,500,000. The deed from the Snake River Valley Railroad company is signed by J. P. O'Brien, first vice president, and L. F. Steel, assistant secretary. The purchase price is $2,265,000. The O. R. & N. deed is signed by J. P. O'Brien, vice president, and W. W. Cotton, assistant secretary. The price is $55,000,000.

The deeds are in printed pamphlet form, and the recording will take several days.

With the beginning of the new year a few days off, which will mark the convening of state legislatures, political interest centers in the contests for United States senator in two states. New York and New Jersey will be the principal battlegrounds, with Democratic senators to be elected in both states.

Cures Coughs

After Ordinary Preparations Fail—Wonderful New Mixture Made at Home.

An investigating chemist of national reputation has just recently discovered in a compound known to the medical world as essence mentho-laxene, a most wonderful virtue as a curative, laxative cough syrup, and the best part of it is, it can be made at home about 8 times cheaper than one can buy labeled cough syrups. It immediately relieves the severest cases of asthma, bronchitis, coughs and chronic colds on the lungs, and it effects a cure, too, because it has a laxative action when 8 to 10 doses are taken daily. In very short order it will loosen the tightest cough and one can feel it "taking hold" in its curative action. Obtain of the druggist or have him order from wholesale firm 2½ ounces essence mentho-laxena. Empty it into a pint bottle. Make a syrup with a pint of sugar and a half pint of boiling water, stir and let cool. Then fill up the bottle with syrup, shake well and take a teaspoonful 8 to 10 times daily or as needed. Give children less according to age. It is very pleasant to take.

A Menu For Tomorrow

BREAKFAST.
Sliced oranges, sugared.
Hominy, steamed.
Calves' liver, stewed, with onions.
Creamed potatoes. Plain muffins.
Coffee.

LUNCHEON.
Barley soup.
Puffed eggs. Maryland biscuits.
Celery and nut salad.
Amber pie.
Tea.

DINNER.
Clear consomme.
Roast ribs of pork.
Browned potatoes.
Candied sweet potatoes. Fried apples.
Salad of lettuce and cress.
Nesselrode pudding.
Coffee. Cheese.

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Pointed Paragraphs.

A merciful man is merciful to his chauffeur.

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One way to retain your friends is by not using them.

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The man who worships the dollar sign is apt to be crooked.

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Or a friend indeed may be one who minds his own business.

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Better the sure thing of today than the uncertainty of tomorrow.

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When a man says "Everybody says so," it means that he said so.

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A man who doesn't know what he is talking about always loves to argue.

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It's easier to talk about the straight and narrow path than it is to walk in it.

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Fortunately for both halves of the world, neither half knows how the other half lives.

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But the pure food laws do not make any provisions for love that is adulterated with filthy lucre.

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An Ohio man, aged 70, married a girl aged 20 and deeded her 500 acres of land. Then she had plenty of grounds for divorce.

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A Kansas woman wants a divorce because her husband throws bricks at her. No man has a right to throw anything at his wife but bouquets and hot air.

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The Courage of Life.

The two virtues that help us along most in life are trust and courage. Apart from the tragedies invited by sin and violence and self-indulgence, a large part of our trouble comes from anxiety, distrust, apprehension. It was not all frivolity that dictated the answer of a young girl who, being urged to prepare herself for a profession or a definite work, responded: "I'm not going to look ahead and worry. I can do a lot of useful things: I can mend, and make salad, and amuse children, and be patient and economical, and help people to enjoy themselves, and I don't believe nice girls starve." Courage and faith are always assets. Even if life goes back upon them and fails to come up to expectations, the practice of these virtues is just that much to the good, and we have at least not lived in the evil moment until it arrived.—Louise Collier Willcox, in Harper's Bazar.

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Are Your Shoes Large?

If shoes a trifle too large annoy one by slipping up and down at the heel, it may be remedied by pasting a piece of velvet at the back and a little way around each side. The nap of the velvet being next the foot prevents the slipping. Another method, applicable only to low shoes, is to sew a piece of elastic across the back near the top and just a little to each side. The elastic should be stretched a little, and this will keep the heel from slipping.

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How to Fry Smelt.

A delicious new way to fry smelts is, after they have been cleaned, washed, and wiped dry, to marinate them in a French dressing, using lemon juice instead of vinegar, for 10 or 15 minutes, then drain, dip in beaten egg, and roll in fine bread crumbs; season with a little salt and pepper, slip in a frying basket, and fry one at a time, in deep fat. A very nice sauce to serve with the fish is made by heating one-fourth cupful of taragon vinegar until boiling hot. Beat the yolks of four eggs, and add one-half cupful of cream and a dash of pepper; heat over hot water, stirring constantly until the mixture is jelly-like, taking care, however, that it does not cook too long, lest it curdle. Take from the hot water and, when cool, add the hot vinegar, a little salt and one tablespoonful each of minced parsley and chopped olives.

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Sweetbread and Mushroom Dainty.

Parboil a pan of sweetbreads by simmering forty-five minutes in salted water, with only two bay leaves. Drain, cool, remove membranes with silver knife and cut into dice. Chop very fine. Heat a cup of rich cream in a double boiler. Beat the yolks of three eggs with a pinch of salt and a dash of paprika, add two tablespoons of lemon juice and one tablespoon of Worcester sauce and stir into cream. Add sweetbreads and mushrooms and serve on toast.

HEADS WILL DROP IN CITY HALL TO MEET BIG DEFICIT

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ing reduction be made in the estimate of $329,000 for the street cleaning department. But even with these reductions, we will not be able to meet the deficit. Others must be made, in addition.

"Salary increases have been asked for in all departments, depending on the general fund. But far from being able to grant these I fear that we will have to cut down the number of employes in all departments, just how many I can not say. That is the problem we are working on.

Explains Deficit.

"The deficit is due in a large part to the increases of salaries that became effective this year, to the establishment of a milk inspection service and the installation of chemical laboratories and creation of new offices in the health, engineering and other departments.

"The only solution of our difficulty that will ever give satisfaction is the adoption of an amendment to the city charter providing for the support of the city engineering and street cleaning departments by special tax levy. The marvelous and unprecedented growth of all branches of municipal activity has caught us unawares. The general fund could not keep up with this growth."

P. R., L. & P. CO. TO OPERATE HILL MT. CALVARY CARLINE

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of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company."

Tracks Are Laid.

The United Railways has been prosecuting construction on its part of the line with all possible haste and most of the bridges are in and the track has been laid. The line will have six trestles and many cuts, but as the country becomes developed these will be removed, the owners of the adjoining land, in some instances at least, planning to improve the land by cutting down knolls and filling ravines where possible.

That section of the line to be built by the King's Heights company will wind along the streets leading to the addition platted some time ago and intended for fashionable homes. It will follow Barnes road for a short distance and then zigzag up the hill at an easy grade.

President Wetherbee stated this afternoon that plans for the construction of the heights company's section of the road are now completed, and that the contract for the construction work will probably be let soon. At any rate it is intended to have the road ready for operation early in the spring.

U. R. to Retain Ownership.

That the United Railways will retain ownership of the Mount Calvary branch is believed since the line forms part of its system included in the franchise obtained from the city, but the fact that it will be operated as a part of the street railway system is taken to indicate that the United Railways does not for the present at least plan to connect it with its line in the Tualatin valley, as was supposed at one time, although it would give a shorter route to Tillamook than by way of Burlington which line is now practically completed as far as Glencoe.

The fact that the Mount Calvary extension is narrow gauge and the United Railways Burlington line is broad gauge, too, would indicate that the idea of running Tillamook trains over the Mount Calvary line has been abandoned, if it ever was seriously considered. However, there is nothing to prevent the extension of the Mount Calvary line as a part of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. system, should traffic make it inviting.

At present it appears that the plans are to make the transfer of passengers from the city to the Mount Calvary lines at the head of Washington street.

MR. W. G. LLOYD APPOINTED

Three Insurance Companies Jointly Appoint Well-Known Adjuster to Appraise Damage to the Wiley B. Allen Co. Stock of Pianos.

Mr. W. G. Lloyd has been jointly appointed by the Aetna Fire Insurance Co., The New York Underwriters Insurance Co., and The St. Paul Fire Insurance Co. to make the adjustment with the Wiley B. Allen Co. for loss sustained from fire in the Phoenix bldg., 304 Oak street, on Christmas night.

In an interview yesterday Chief Auditor R. O. Quesnelle stated that the greatest damage was from water used to extinguish flames on the floor above their main piano warerooms, which came through, injuring the varnish work on the exterior of practically every instrument in their entire stock. It will likely be several days before the total loss can be determined.

WRECK ATTRIBUTED TO AMBITION OF CAPTAIN

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 29.—That the steamer St. Denis, which is reported to have foundered on her way from Vancouver to South America, was the victim of a young captain's ambition to make a record for carrying a large cargo is the opinion of well informed marine men of this port. Captain Davis, of the St. Denis, was a young man and had informed many of his friends that he was going to load his ship to the guards. Many of them advised him against this and were not surprised to hear of the disaster. The vessel carried a crew of 14 men.

Up to the present time nothing in the shape of news beyond the finding of the wreckage has reached Victoria.

J. HAMILTON LEWIS APPEARS FOR M'CANN

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Alleging that Police Inspector Edward McCann's conviction in connection with alleged protection of vice in the tenderloin was the result of deliberate perjury, Attorney J. Hamilton Lewis today filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus in the federal court.

Lewis charged that McCann was tried before a "picked" jury and that Lewis and Joseph Frank, the principal witnesses for the state, conspired to "railroad" him to the penitentiary. Lewis also argued in his petition that the indeterminate law, under which McCann was sentenced, is unconstitutional.

The question was taken under advisement by Judge Carpenter and meanwhile McCann is being held at the county jail.

CONVICT FALLS DEAD IN YARD OF PRISON

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Dec. 29.—Charles Wright, a convict at the state prison, while exercising in the yard with a gang of convicts Tuesday suddenly reeled and fell down and died before he could be carried to the hospital. The physicians who examined him assigned the cause of death to heart failure. Wright was serving a term of seven years for horse stealing and had been committed from Marion county. He is survived by a son, who lives in Oklahoma. Wright had previously served three terms in the Oregon penitentiary.

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