

Women's Clubs

SOcial service and the Christmas spirit. There is much that is synonymous in these terms. Both bring visions of the joy of doing for others; of the forgetting one's own troubles in bringing sunshine and cheer to those who are alone and helpless. Both mean understanding and sympathy; not mere cold philanthropy or charity or the exchange of gifts, but the actual exchange of personality, of heart interest.

When the angels sang of "Peace on earth, good will to man," perhaps they knew something of the coming day when as some one said recently, "There is no longer pride in wealth but in the stewardship of wealth" and when humanity really means brotherhood. Mingled with all the joy of the Christmas season, with its numerous festivities, there has been in the last week many great notes struck here for social service and the genuine Christmas spirit and in these the Portland club women have played a conspicuous part. Cultural pursuits have given way to sewing bees, afternoons devoted to packing boxes and baskets for the sick and poor and the seeking out of those who need the helping hand. Practically all club work will be suspended this week while women devote themselves to their families, friends and the poor and needy "within our gates."

Monday Musical Classes. The class of concerted piano work of the Monday Musical club will meet at 10 o'clock Monday with Miss Abby Whiteside, 615 Weldier street. The French class will meet Monday at 10 o'clock with Aaron H. Currier, Ellers hall. The class of musical history will meet at 11 o'clock with Miss Dorothies Nash, Ellers hall, Monday.

Miss Martha B. Reynolds will receive the musical appreciation class Monday at 1 o'clock instead of Wednesday morning, Ellers hall. The choral class will meet Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Rose Coursen Reed, Macgley-Tichner building. The harmony class will meet Friday at 1 o'clock with Lucien Becker, 353 Multnomah street.

Christmas in Other Lands. "Christmas Customs in Other Lands," was the topic at last week's session of the Roseburg '65 Mental Culture club. The officers of the club were the hostesses and appeared in the costume of the country represented, and each gave an interesting talk on the Christmas customs and festivities of the country represented. About 75 members of the club were present and each drew a gift. A recess will be taken by the club until the first Tuesday in January.

Forest Grove Has Good Saleswomen The Women's club of Forest Grove is covering the town thoroughly in the sale of Red Cross seals. On the streets, in the stores, in the library, members are armed with the seals. Miss Florence Avery, who attended Pacific University here a few years ago, broke the record in stamp sales at the University of Oregon last week, selling 1202 in one day.

Portland Club Notes. The east and west side divisions of the Portland Shakespeare Study club will meet Monday at 12 o'clock at the Hotel Portland. The dramatic department of the club will meet Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Grace Memorial parish house, east Seventeenth street, between Weldier and Halsey streets, Broadway car, for rehearsal of "Othello," under direction of Adeline Alvord.

The last meeting of the Women's Political Science club it was decided to adjourn for the holidays, to meet the first Tuesday in January. The third lecture of Madame Henriette L'Huilier took place on December 12, at the Public Library. The subject chosen was "Le Voyage a la Lune," by Alexandre Dumas, Sr. The next reading will be given December 25, at 8 p. m. The public is welcome. Chapter A, of the P. E. O. Sisterhood, will not meet tonight, December 20. The next meeting Monday, December 22. On that occasion Miss Marjorie Lewis will be hostess, and the affair will be in the nature of a Christmas party. The regular business session of the Women's club will be held Friday afternoon of this month, December 20. It will be discussed by Mrs. H. J. Jackson. It is expected that there will be some original Christmas stories given by members.

Oregon Club News. The parents and teachers of Hermiston held an enthusiastic meeting in the high school room of the school building December 11, at which time subjects of vital interest were discussed. There were 50 in attendance. The regular meeting of the Civic Improvement club of Corvallis was held December 2 in the rest room. The attendance was large and five new members were received. Committees were appointed to see that the cemetery was put in good condition, also to attend to the beautifying of the path and grounds about the Southern Pacific depot. Some shade-trees will be planted along the downtown streets. The women are now engaged in selling Red Cross stamps.

The Parent-Teacher association of Baker is planning for skating rinks for the school children as soon as winter arrives in real earnest. Heretofore only indoor amusements have been provided for the children for winter and the new plan is meeting with hearty approval both from pupils and teachers. The Home and School association of Hood River held an enthusiastic meeting December 17. Professor N. E. Fertig, teacher of manual training, gave a fine address, in the course of which he dwelt upon the advantages of the present day educational system as compared to that of 100 years ago. An inspection of the manual training department followed the lecture. At the business session it was decided to cooperate in securing a series of films on masterpieces in literature.

The College Women's club of Medford gave a luncheon December 12, at which time it was decided to maintain a \$100 scholarship at the state university. The annual election followed the luncheon and resulted as follows: President, Mrs. W. G. Davidson; vice president, Mrs. J. A. Torney; secretary and treasurer, Miss Santes. The civics department of the Greater Medford club has just finished distributing 3000 dahlia bulbs. Bulbs were sent to Talent, Phoenix, Central Point and Rogue River. Violet plants were also distributed and in February chrysanthemums and quantities of rose slips will be sent broadcast in the Medford district. The literary department of the Greater Medford club, of which Mrs. E. W.

Streeter is chairman, met December 15. Washington Irving was the subject for the afternoon and there was a varied program including a sketch of his life and papers on some of his greatest works, interspersed with musical numbers.

The woman's tea room of Salem, conducted by the Woman's club, is proving a great boon to shoppers and business women as well as school girls, as it offers an opportunity to secure at nominal cost an appetizing hot lunch. Mrs. P. L. Blackerby is in charge of the room.

The Astoria Woman's Club met December 12. Hon. Herman Wise gave the principal address, his topic being "Essential Values of Commission Form of Government." Miss Wasserman of Portland, who is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Isaac Bergman, gave a comprehensive address on what Portland is doing to fight tuberculosis. Following her address a special committee was appointed to act in conjunction with the Astoria Reading club and the Astoria Humane society in the furthering of the aid Astoria is to render in this humanitarian movement.

The Seaside Woman's club met December 19. Longfellow is being studied by the literary department of the club and at this meeting "Evangeline" was studied, papers being given by Mrs. O. F. Godfrey, Mrs. A. S. Foster, Mrs. T. H. White and Mrs. E. N. Hurd. The Washington school Parent-Teacher association met December 12. "Discipline in the Home and School" was the topic of the afternoon. Mrs. Mears gave a talk on home discipline and Miss Ferguson spoke on school discipline. Miss Canode discussed discipline in the primary school.

More than 100 parents were present at the entertainment given at the Lincoln school in Salem December 8. Mrs. Penn gave a talk on "The Parents." Mrs. E. T. Moore spoke on "The Parent viewpoint." Mrs. Charles H. Jones spoke from the child's point of view. Delightful songs and exercises were given by the children.

General Club News.

San Francisco clubs last week celebrated Christmas with a number of delightful festivals of different kinds. The Channing Auxiliary gave an entertainment Monday evening, when a vaudeville tea was the principal event. The Kalon club entertained Tuesday with a program entitled "Cradle Land." Music, national dances and tableaux were the order of the evening.

Mrs. Georgia Shaw Trowbridge, for many years an active clubwoman of San Francisco, has given up her varied activities along social and civic lines and has entered the State University at Berkeley, where she will fit herself for teaching defective children, combining modern American methods with the now popular Montessori methods. Mrs. Trowbridge's husband is a prominent real estate dealer of San Francisco and is quite in sympathy with his wife's plan.

Citizenship club of Boise is doing an excellent, practical work this season by means of lectures on topics of live and general interest. These topics are interspersed with literature, music and art. Professor C. J. Broseman recently gave a lecture on "Printed Paper," when he divided literature into three sections, fiction, information and inspiration.

The women's clubs of Houston, Texas, have a very large and active federation and their special interest just now is raising funds for a clubhouse, which they feel the need of very much. Each of the clubs has its own plan for raising money, one sold pencils and another is having a public Christmas tree. Omaha club women have declared a boycott on eggs and have also declared themselves as opposed to the use of cold storage eggs. Several of the clubs of the city have gone on record in the matter of the boycott and there is a probability that a local circle of the Housewives' league will be organized.

At the last meeting of the Chicago Woman's club, the topic for discussion was "Colored People in Chicago." A review of the recent report of the Juvenile Protective association, compiled by Mrs. Louise DeKoven Bowen, was commented on by a number of prominent men and women.

ALBANY MUSICIANS FINISH TOUR OF EASTERN OREGON



Mrs. Wilma Weggener and Mrs. Ada Smith Flo of the Albany (Or.) Conservatory of Music, who have completed a concert tour of eastern Oregon.

Mrs. Adna Smith Flo and Miss Wilma Weggener, members of the faculty of the Albany Conservatory of Music, have returned to Albany after a successful concert tour of eastern Oregon. Mrs. Flo, soprano, is vocal instructor and Mrs. Weggener, pianist and organist, is the instrumental teacher. They were accompanied on a portion of the tour by J. C. Irvin, flutist, of this city. They gave concerts in La Grande, Baker, Enterprise and Wallowa.

PUBLICITY IS URGED FOR CLUB PROBLEMS

Wider Dissemination of Ideas Suggested by Mrs. Colista M. Dowling.

Mrs. Colista M. Dowling, president of the Oregon Press club, was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Coterie held Wednesday, her topic being, "The Press and Club Work," and she said in part:

"Publicity is the need of today. It is true of club work. Publicity is imperative if we wish to do the greatest good. Many fine themes are presented before clubs and only a handful of women are benefited. A lecture on temperance, for example, which is enjoyed by the good temperance people, fails to reach the poor fellow who needs it. Through the press all the world's activities are spread before us from which we may gather strength and inspiration. Perhaps only a paragraph starts a train of thought the crystallizes into a splendid work. We do not realize with what ease we can make our influence felt. It is the personal human touch that appeals. One's interest is aroused immediately if one reads a letter in the paper written by a friend.

"By watching the trend of thought in our local papers we may be of great value to them in stirring people to action, at least to thinking along the desired line of reform. When we see the newspapers are putting up a fight for a worthy cause let us support them by discussions and comments. No one can prophesy just when a good revolution of thought may occur, which will with one sweep carry away some condition that is shaming our civilization."

Blended Stock Received. (Special to The Journal.) Independence, Or., Dec. 20.—Chase brothers, prominent farmers and breeders of high grade stock, north of this city, recently received a consignment of 12 head of choice Guernseys from Wisconsin. Included in the herd was a cow related to "Dolly Dimple," which held the championship in the United States for a number of years.

SHAKESPEARE STUDY CLUB WILL MEET AT LUNCHEON



Discussion of "Othello" to be Feature of Monday Luncheon.

Monday at 12 o'clock the parlors of the Hotel Portland will be the scene of an interesting Shakespearean luncheon to be given by the Portland Shakespeare Study club, as a fitting close to their careful analytical study of Othello, which has been pursued under the direction of Mrs. Julia C. LaBarre. Upon this occasion, Mrs. T. S. Townsend, a charter member of the club, will act as toastmistress and responses will be given by the president, Mrs. Allen Todd, and the guest of honor, Miss Anne Shannon Monroe. Quotations of the play will be given by the members. During the afternoon the following program consisting of five minute papers will be given:

"Historical Setting of the Play," Mrs. Allen Todd; "Dramatic Construction," Mrs. Herbert Carr Reed; "The Moors as a People," Mrs. J. C. Elder; "Shakespeare's Genius as Demonstrated in Othello," Mrs. G. J. Frankel; "The Storms of Shakespeare's Plays and their Significance," Mrs. J. G. Callison; "The Duke," Mrs. Anton Giebisch; "Rodrigo," Mrs. E. Preble; "Emilia," Mrs. H. L. Chapin; "Cassio," Mrs. Mary Fowler; "Desdemona," Mrs. T. S. Townsend; "Comparison of the Characters of Desdemona and Juliet," Mrs. Harvey O'Brien; "Comparison of Desdemona With Other Heroines of Shakespeare," Mrs. Mabel Wallace Butterworth.

just barely a glimmer. My best government work is done just as the light is about to go out. One evening I went to call on a girl to discuss the Mexican situation. I started in by sitting clear across the room from her, but the first thing I knew I found myself on the same sofa with her. So deeply was I interested in the subject that the first thing I knew it was after midnight. Still I did not wish to go home as I had not yet thought up a good plan for the government to follow. I did not wish to know my plans for a better government. I was sitting there turning the plan over and over in my mind when I heard a deep, guttural cough just on the other side of the partition. I gave this only passing heed as I had not yet settled the Mexican trouble to my entire satisfaction. Again I heard the same cough, but still I did not wish to drop the subject, although one of my feet was fast asleep. Again came the same disagreeable cough followed by a step, but still I thought nothing of this and continued my plans for a better government. United States where we could all go to the theatre every night and have ice cream twice a day and that I was expecting a raise in salary. Just as I had finished telling her that she was the only woman who had ever understood me, I found myself on the creak of the door and in a moment I felt a hand on my coat collar. There were hands that I did not mind having around my coat collar, but I felt an immediate distaste for this one. The feeling was mutual, for in a moment I noticed that my feet were not touching the floor, and in another second I found myself in the yard sitting on my elbow. At the same time I felt a tightening at the seat of my trousers and turned to observe that Napoleon, their dog, was there. I arose to my feet as best I could, Napoleon hanging on and started home. A schoolhouse was two miles out; it seemed no time until we had reached it. There I left Napoleon behind, panting and discouraged, but he had put up a good exhibition of running. I had never before been thrown with a dog who was so good on his feet. In a few minutes I was home, although it was usually considered a good morning's drive. I am with the Missouri women heart and soul in their efforts to make it an established custom that young men callers leave at half-past ten. If this had been the custom a few years earlier, it would have saved much suffering on the part of a brilliant young student of the great questions of the day.

SCHOLARS SEARCH FOR SCIENTIFIC PROOF OF THE LIFE HEREAFTER

By V. W.

Sir Oliver Lodge's recent statement of his belief that the continuance of life after the death of the physical body is scientifically demonstrated only illustrates the general trend of thought of many leaders in the scientific world, according to L. W. Rogers of Boston, the scholar and lecturer on psychological and philosophical topics, who lectured before the Psychology club on Thursday, and who is giving a series of lectures before the Portland Theosophical society.

"The latest scientific views of matter are steadily confirming the hypothesis first enunciated in the western world by Mme. Blavatsky, that matter as such does not exist, but subdivided, is found to be only one manifestation of the universal life. Scientists have got to the point where they say that matter is a composite body of millions of electrons, each of which is a center of force, eternally in motion. Therefore, matter practically disappears and becomes merely an illusion.

"The experiments in psychic research of such scientists as Sir William Crookes, Lodge, Wallace, Zeller, Richet, Baralluc and many others of equal repute establishes the fact that the human being survives bodily death beyond any question of doubt. Most of these scientists were originally skeptics. They have been convinced in spite of their bias. They expected to find a completely different set of facts than what they did discover. Their work has been thorough. It extended over many years and was often repeated and so thoroughly tested at every point that no weak point remains.

"They found that the so-called dead man is quite as much alive as before he lost his physical body; that he exists in the immediate vicinity of the physical world in a body composed of imponderable and invisible matter which under certain favorable conditions can be sufficiently condensed to become visible; that he can thus and in other ways communicate with us.

"Sir Walter Crookes devised a method whereby he photographed materializa-



L. W. Rogers, who lectured before the Psychology club Thursday.

such men as Lodge, Crookes, Thompson and others of their kind. "Not long ago a British physician wrote a book in which he announced that he had discovered the human aura. It was a discovery—to him. The subject was taken up in the United States and in several large cities physicians were able, by means of an apparatus, to see radiations from the body of a living person. This was a discovery to all those who saw the aura in this way. But thousands of people in the world knew all about this long before the British physician. In fact the existence of the human aura has been known to many for ages. Charles Leadbeater wrote a book, "Man Visible and Invisible," years before the British physician announced his 'discovery,' in which the human aura is illustrated in colors. "But the British physician's 'discovery' is of the greatest importance, as it is a confirmation by scientific methods of a fact long known occultly. Sir Oliver Lodge merely sounds the call for scientific men to enlarge the sphere of their research and not be tied down to mere laboratory methods. Huxley warned his scientific brethren against the fallacy of assuming that the universe was limited by that only grasped by the physical senses. Lodge is doing practically the same thing."

CALLING ON A GIRL

By Homer Troy in Collier's. In Missouri there is an agitation among the farmers' wives to send the young men who come to call on their daughters home at half-past ten.

The mental prodigy who is penning these lines wishes it to be known that he is in favor of the movement. If this plan had been adopted a few years earlier, it would have saved him a great deal of suffering.

A few years ago, before my hair began to slide down my collar, there was nothing that I loved to do more than sit in a girl's parlor and discuss the great questions of the day. These great questions of the day usually consisted

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