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Mrs. Charles Kirk, president of Capitol Hill Parent-Teacher Association.

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By Vella Winner.

THE activity of the Parent-Teacher associations of the city during the summer months has been unusually interesting and general. Home meetings, picnics with races, athletic stunts, addresses, band concerts, camp fires, community sings and other instructive and enjoyable events have characterized the gatherings. The association is doing more interesting work than the Capitol Hill association which makes up in enthusiasm and good feeling all that it lacks in numbers. Its evening meetings have, since its organization, been the big community gatherings of the neighborhood and at the evening campfire and picnic held Thursday evening on the grounds adjoining the schoolhouse. A large crowd of both adults and children enjoyed a delightful musical and literary program given by the children, followed by a community sing in which all joined heartily. A picnic luncheon was enjoyed. The affair was so successful that other similar gatherings will probably be held in the near future.

An evidence of the splendid spirit that pervades the association was the social afternoon given recently by Mrs. Charles Kirk, the newly elected president, in compliment to Mrs. H. E. Reeves, the retiring president. The hours were spent in social converse after which refreshments were served. The association presented Mrs. Reeves with a beautiful brooch set with her birthstone, the sardonyx, in appreciation of her faithful and untiring efforts during her term of office. Those enjoying Mrs. Kirk's hospitality were Mrs. H. E. Reeves, Mrs. S. G. Lathrop, Mrs. R. P. Marshall, Mrs. S. J. Smith, Mrs. T. Crowbridge, Mrs. Thomas Whitmer, Mrs. C. C. Shafford and the hostess.

People's Institute Work.—The initial presentation of the People's Institute film, "Veda, the Vampire," at the Majestic theatre today for the benefit of the People's Institute brings to mind the many praiseworthy activities of this well known center of social uplift. The general object of the institution is to extend to women and children educational, industrial, social, medical, religious and friendly aid. The institute maintains a free kindergarten for little children, housekeeping classes which give training in all lines of housework for girls, a cooking school which furnishes for girls a course in elementary cooking and sewing, a sewing school which furnishes a complete course in sewing and dressmaking, a gymnasium for both boys and girls, a story hour, a home nursing class with lessons in sanitation and first aid, classes in handwork for boys and girls, a music class, a millinery class for ladies and a union Sunday school. Monthly entertainments are provided for the parents. There are two clubs for the mothers of the children and for working women, clubs for young women, a club for young girls, a club for young girls of 14 and 15 who have left school and are now employed, illustrated talks on morals, manners and principles, dramatic clubs, boys' clubs for all ages, Campfire Girls, Boy Scouts, these clubs maintain a personal friendship and exert a personal influence which is a protection from temptation and vice and a source of inspiration and strength in the lives of these girls and boys. Last year 30 clubs and classes met each week with a total enrollment of 275.

Other lines of work include a branch of the public library, employment secured for women, relief work, friendly visiting, services of a visiting nurse, placing of children in the homes of the poor, a free dispensary, tuberculosis and a high sisterhood to provide personal friendship and assistance for young girls. Last year the number of families reached, exclusive of those assisted in the dispensary, were 655; number of patients treated in the dispensary for the year, 2580; number of treatments given, 7593.

Girls' Camp at Sunset Beach.—The Women's Cooperative league camp for girls at Sunset Beach, near Gearhart, is proving very attractive to the girls who have gone there for their vacation. This camp is modeled along the lines of the Campfire Girls' camps, insofar as that the girls assist in caring for their own comfort, thus reducing the cost of help. This makes it possible for girls to have a vacation who do not care to spend all their win-

easterners seldom think so in the first place, there is Arkansas itself, which has the only diamond mine in the United States, and the largest quantity of fresh water pearls in North America. Ninety per cent of the diamonds of the world come from Arkansas. Nature has done wonders for us; the last score of years we have done much more for ourselves, and the women of Arkansas have been in the lead. At the time this is written it is understood that the council looks most favorably upon Arkansas as next biennial state, and it is likely the board will make a look over the grounds. They will find there, the clubwomen of Arkansas say, hotels that can house 15,000 people with the best accommodations outside of New York itself, and also an auditorium in which all accredited delegates can be seated and in which they can hear—a most necessary item to consider.

Cooperative League Meets.—The Women's Cooperative league met at the home of Mrs. John Shull, Twenty-second and Thompson streets, Tuesday afternoon. A large number of interested women were present. The growth of the league since its inception has been very encouraging, and the women taking up the work are women who are accustomed to carefully consider and weigh any matter before giving their support. The matter that was considered at length and finally decided upon was the support of the Kirmess to be given by the children. If the demand is sufficient this first production will be followed by others of similar nature. The idea is to give any and all children of the city who wish to take part in such a production a chance to do so. It is purely voluntary on the children's parts, and in exchange for their interest they will receive their training gratis. The work will be done out of school hours and the children will be given to children's institutions. The children are much interested in the production and it is intended to give them the best of instruction and to inculcate a love for the esthetic and beautiful. The whole production will be kept along natural lines, much as the playground plays are given, special effort being exerted to prevent any artificial element creeping in. Children love to dress up and take part



Miss Hortense Williams, who is directing the children's kirmess. "The Butterflies," to be given under the auspices of the Woman's Cooperative league.

ters savings. The girls take their own bedding, pillows, towels, knives, forks and spoons. They care for their own tents and assist in the dining room. Food is furnished at cost and a competent cook prepares it. This reduces the cost enough to make it possible for almost any girl to be able to take advantage of the camp, and without sacrificing her own independence and self respect. Cooperation is the keynote of the entire plan, and it is certainly one of the big ideas of the day. There is no limit to what may be accomplished by cooperation, and it is felt that the girls themselves will make it possible to have a larger camp next year, and make it possible for more girls to have a vacation. Girls wishing to be met at the camp should write Mrs. G. J. Frankel, Warrenton, Or., at least five days before the camp opens, so that they can get the word in time to have some one at the station. Girls who cannot go this year but are interested in helping with the camp another year should get in touch with the league, and give any assistance, information or suggestion they can.

Arkansas Wants Biennial.—Arkansas wants the biennial of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1918. The state has 8000 women and 2000 girls in its federation. Mrs. John L. Moore, president of the State Federation, in asking for the biennial at the first national park in the world, said: "There are 8000 club women in Arkansas, and the most important thing to all of them at present is that the 20,000 women of this convention should be held at one in the million gallons of hot water that flows there in 24 hours. Besides, the new \$120,000,000 sanitarium and bathhouse will be completed by then. Hot Springs was the first national park in the United States; it has the finest and most picturesque roads, leading over mountains that are unsurpassed for their scenic beauty any place in the world. And there are other places in Arkansas besides Hot Springs, although the casual

sent a truck load of 25 people besides several auto loads. Dinner was served in the beautiful grove. A recitation and musical performance under the morning program by Booth Holmes was a very popular number. Mrs. Kem spoke at Medford Monday, Eagle Point Tuesday, Prospect Wednesday, Crater Lake Thursday, Fort Klamath Friday and on Saturday addressed the Klamath county W. C. T. U. convention.

Women Send Telegram.—The following telegram was sent Wednesday evening to the Woman's party convention, Colorado Springs:

"In non-suffrage states the minds of men are still divided as to advisability of conferring suffrage on women. At the time this is written it is understood that the council looks most favorably upon Arkansas as next biennial state, and it is likely the board will make a look over the grounds. They will find there, the clubwomen of Arkansas say, hotels that can house 15,000 people with the best accommodations outside of New York itself, and also an auditorium in which all accredited delegates can be seated and in which they can hear—a most necessary item to consider."

Pleasures at Nehalem.—The clubwomen of Clatsop county, to tell of many interesting fishing trips, hikes and excursions of various kinds. Recently H. M. Lull and family and R. P. Monaghan and family returned to camp Monday morning bringing with them 25 large mountain trout.

Mrs. Joseph Foxton, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Oates, Judge and Mrs. Weigh and Mrs. James Westbrook, and Miss Sue Bell are among recent arrivals at the clubhouse.

Miss Ellen Carr and Miss Helene Oates are enjoying the opportunity of studying art with Mrs. Weiss at the Nehalem district in the charming spots for sketching and is quite the paradise of the Oregon coast among artists.

Joint Parent-Teacher Picnic.—The Parent-Teacher association of Clatsop county, Woodlawn, Vernon and Kennedy schools are planning a picnic to be held Thursday on the new Vernon playground, corner Nineteenth and Klilwood avenues. The picnic will begin at 2 o'clock and will include drills and other exercises by the children. At 5:30 there will be a basket supper, to which the husbands of members are invited. At 6:30, Calvin (Cory) Brown will give an address on "Sanitation," and will be followed by a band concert interspersed with solos by Mr. Skougren.

Mount Tabor to Have Picnic.—The Mount Tabor Parent-Teacher association will hold a picnic at Mount Tabor park Friday afternoon. There will be a program of sports and stunts of various kinds, in charge of Dean Finn and Miss Ruth Harty. Refreshments, supper will be served at 6 o'clock, after which there will be a band concert. All the people of the neighborhood and their friends will be welcome.

Emerson Study Circle Picnic.—The members of the Emerson Study Circle, injured by the warm weather last week, gathered on the banks of the Willamette and spent the day rambling in the woods and enjoying the refreshing waters of the beautiful river. A beautiful luncheon was enjoyed amidst seasoned with jolly stories and amusing experiences. Favorite quotations, given at the sunset hour, marked the day and marked another epoch in the life of this interesting circle.

The Alberta Day Nursery.—About 15 months ago the Alberta Woman's Improvement club decided to establish a day nursery on a self sustaining basis, but no woman could be located until recently who was willing to assume the responsibility. Now instead of one woman, three home-makers are to be taken care of by the week, day or half day. For further information phone to Mrs. Sharp, 2-2683, or to Mrs. Durst, Woodlawn 237.

National W. C. T. U. Officer Coming.—Mrs. Ella A. Boole, national W. C. T. U. vice president and the president of New York state, will be in Portland September 1 and 2. Elaborate arrangements are being made for her entertainment. Mrs. Boole made the request that she be allowed to see the Columbia highway so the committee has planned that a highway trip will be one of the events of her trip west.

Civic Welfare Club to Meet.—The Attitude of the School Board Toward Labor will be the subject discussed tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the library hall, William S. U'Ren and Eugene E. Smith of the Central Labor Council will be the speakers. Isaac Swett will act as chairman. The meeting is held under the auspices of the Woman's Club.

Newberg Campaign Conference.—The citizens' campaign conference of Newberg is holding meetings in the city park evenings. Prominent business men and citizens are making speeches and the local W. C. T. U. is helping to provide musical numbers. The three C's, as they are known, are: Clean, Civic and Character.

New Thought Club to Picnic.—The Woman's New Thought club will visit Oregon City Wednesday by the boat. Kitty Moran leaving Alder street at 9 a. m. for a basket picnic. Members and friends are invited to take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy a most delightful outing along the picturesque shores of the Willamette.

Temperance Programs at Seaside.—Mrs. Bertha Haley, president of Seaside W. C. T. U., reports that excellent temperance programs are put on in the Sunday school at Seaside the first Sunday of each month.

Vernon Has Picnic.—The Vernon Parent-Teacher association held a most enjoyable picnic at the new Vernon park Thursday afternoon and evening. The afternoon was spent in enjoying the playground and at 6:30 there was a picnic supper. At 8 o'clock the Albert band delighted everyone with the fine concert, which was listened to by 2500 people. A feature of the afternoon was an address by Mrs. H. H. Bushnell on the "back to the home" movement. A meeting of the executive board is called for Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of the president, Mrs. E. H. Worky, 1102 East Eighteenth street.

Mrs. Kemp Tours State.—Mrs. Jennie Kemp, state president of W. C. T. U., is having great success in the meetings she is holding throughout southern Oregon in the cause of defeating the brewery amendment. Mrs. Kemp was invited to be the principal speaker at the big all-day temperance rally held at Merlin on August 6. People in large numbers came from all the surrounding towns. Grants Pass



Portland's Municipal Park band, Percy A. Campbell, leader, which has completed a successful season of 30 concerts. Upon the city council depends whether or not the season will be extended to the usual number of 60 for the summer.

By J. L. Wallin.

UNLESS Commissioner Bigelow alters his position, Portland will have no more Municipal Park band-concerts this summer. Mr. Bigelow says it would be perilous to appropriate more money, because the band has run short before the end of the fiscal year.

Thirty concerts were given during July and the early part of the present month, and if the usual appropriation of \$10,000 had been made there would remain 20 concerts for August and September. The appropriation recommended by Commissioner Baker at the board meeting was \$10,000, but in the pruning process that followed, it was slashed in twain. This left \$5000 and the amount has been expended already.

The concert series was attended by thousands in spite of the rather unseasonable weather, and were successful in every way under the direction of Conductor Percy A. Campbell, who was appointed for the season.

Supervisors Are Being Prepared.—The Newark Institute of Arts and Sciences is giving a series of courses this summer for the preparation of high school music. The courses are credited toward degrees in New York University.

The course of study for supervisors of music in the primary and grammar schools includes a study of subject matter in great detail; a discussion of various textbooks and methods, with particular reference to the course of music; and a study of the music department of the New Jersey State Teachers' association, melody writing, from the standpoint of supplementary work of the lessons given, the object being to develop in the teachers the ability to invent melodies illustrating the classroom problems in music; the problems of voice production as applied to the children's voice; the psychology of music teaching; the theory and practice of conducting; ear training; and practice teaching. Opportunity is furnished for the supervisors to observe on the part of the students taking the course and for actual experience in teaching the children. Two afternoon sessions are devoted to practical work of this kind.

Community Sing in New York.—Six thousand persons heard the New York Community chorus sing and joined in the song "The Star-Spangled Banner" in the Madison Square Garden. The bandstand in the Madison Square Garden was the scene of the singing.

Denver writes that it has an annual appropriation of \$25,500. says the "Denver Post." Baltimore has 15 weeks of park concerts. St. Paul has three bands playing every day from June until September.

Chicago, Cleveland, Buffalo and many other cities have been heard from, and all have accepted the responsibility of providing public band concerts. Some have three months of these concerts.

The prices paid to musicians in St. Paul are the same as in Portland. It is \$10 per hour, and \$14 per man, for single concerts, and \$14 per man, for double concerts.

Some of the best players in the orchestra are engaged in the Midland band in "Colorado Springs." In Denver, some with John Philip Sousa, and three or four in Arthur Pryor's band at Ocean Grove.

It is not unlikely that they may have been in the city for some time. Instead of paying railroad fare back to Kansas City, if Kansas City would good musicians, it should try to give them engagements in summer as well as in winter.

For the information of those not acquainted with the facts it may be said that the price fixed for park concerts is \$4 with \$1 added for each of ten or more chairs. To it may be said that practically all of the wood wind and brass players of the Portland Symphony orchestra are members of the park band this season.

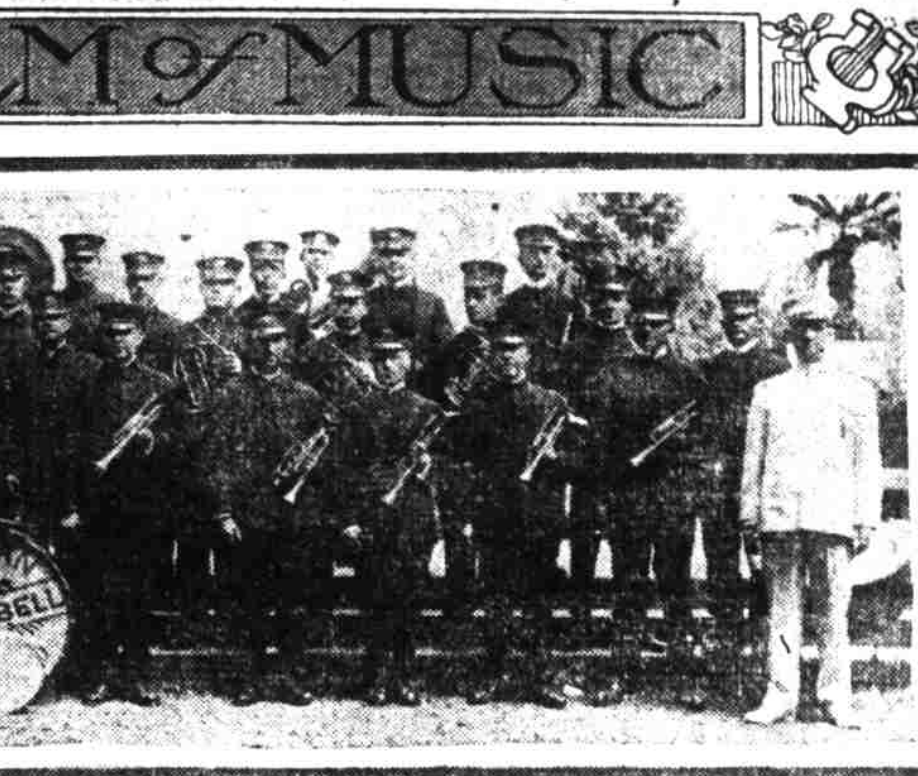
New Discovery at Tacoma.—Philip Peizer, the former Russian bandmaster and orchestra conductor, but for some time a resident of Portland and Seattle, has been engaged as a music festival under the auspices of the Tacoma Commercial club, which organization by the way has done much to further the development of the sound city. He brought with him what the critics declare a splendid aggregation of performers. They appeared in brilliant Russian uniforms, far trimmed and all that, it is said, and were heralded as the band that had enthralled the czar in the Winter palace.

But alas, it so happened that someone who had traveled perhaps not as far as Petrograd but anyway to Portland, had recognized the band. The familiar faces and upon closer investigation discovered that the soloists from the "Winter palace" were really and truly musicians from the metropolis of the neighboring state.

Tacoma, however, is perfectly satisfied, according to latest reports, the imported soloists have fully equalled all requirements and in addition there is no danger of becoming lost in the "labyrinths of the strange city." They are perfectly at home with the "variety and not answer with a blank stare, a shrug of the shoulders and a husky "Roosky, Roosky."

Those who think the "startling" revelation a huge joke at Tacoma's expense need not chuckle, for let it be stated that Portland has many musicians on par with any that could be imported from the "variety and not answer with a blank stare, a shrug of the shoulders and a husky "Roosky, Roosky."

The Tacoma incident brings to mind the tour of the Ladies' Kliffes band a couple of years ago. The Kliffes, a new Portland organization, was heralded as composed of talented lassies from the land of the thistle and as such drew a fairly large and representative audience at a price of admission that local bands of professional performers under their true colors would not have dared entertain in their dreams.



John Brown's body lying in a casket. The casket is surrounded by flowers and other decorations.

present still another novelty at the Mammoth show house.

Venzel Kopia, the well known California violinist, died at Venice, near Los Angeles, a fortnight ago. He was born in Prague, Bohemia, in 1844, and came to America when 20 years old.

Clara Tippet, one of Boston's best known musicians, died recently at the Massachusetts general hospital, following an illness of more than a month. Mrs. Tippet for years held rank as one of New England's foremost vocal teachers. A singer of sweet and sympathetic voice, she filled with distinction the position of soprano soloist at the New Old South church for almost a score of years.

Plans for the season of the Bracale Opera company as now arranged call for an opening of the latter part of October at the Court theatre, San Francisco, followed by a stay at the Auditorium in Los Angeles and then a series of performances at the French Opera house, New Orleans. The company will then sail for Havana, where there at the Teatro Nacional on December 23.

The principal delight of General Joffre, so asserts a biographer, is to listen to or participate in music in his hours of relaxation. The general's wife is an accomplished pianist and he himself has an agreeable baritone voice and a thorough knowledge of the French classic repertoire.

As a result of an offer of a guaranteed Scandinavian tour that will embrace 30 appearances, Kathleen Parlow has called London "Charlton" that she has decided to put off her next American tour until 1917-18, instead of coming to this country next season as she had planned when she sailed two months ago. The violinist is at present in Middlesex, England.

Ernest Bloch, conductor, composer and lecturer on music at the Conservatory at Geneva, is now in America. This is Mr. Bloch's first visit to this country. Mr. Bloch will conduct the Maud Allan Symphony orchestra this season on the second American tour of the dramatic drama. Prior to the opening of Maud Allan's season in September, Mr. Bloch will direct the rehearsals of his new orchestra.

Mr. Bloch recently was the conductor of the "concerts classiques" at Lausanne and Neuchâtel and professor of composition at the Geneva conservatory. At present Mr. Bloch is at work on a symphony, "Israel."

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic," by Julia Ward Howe, should be sung upon the battlefield of every Christian nation, writes Alton Hurlburt in "The Foyer." "It is too grand to be personal, too great to be confined to any nation or locality. Like that of all truly great poems, its inspiration comes from a source too high to be other than universally human. Its symbolism is not of one religion, but reflects the spirit of all independent or race, blood, geographical bounds or national ideals or prejudices. Every American should know it by heart. It should be sung in every church, school and home throughout the land. It should become the everlasting keynote of American loyalty."

In December, 1861, Julia Ward visited an outpost of the army in Virginia, witnessed a splendid band of soldiers as they returned to camp, singing their favorite marching song.

American Students in Paris.—American music students are beginning to find their way to France again in spite of the war. According to one American teacher who remained in Paris when the war broke out, "things are beginning to look up, Americans coming back to Europe." According to this teacher one steamer that arrived recently brought 200 Americans. With an abundance of European teachers in New York now, and American students crossing the ocean, it appears that after all it is the foreign atmosphere the students seek.

Miscellaneous Music Notes.—Enkelberg, Portland, will be solo cellist of the New York Symphony orchestra for the coming season.

The Metropolitan Opera company is considering the revival of Delibes' charming work, "Lakme," during the coming season.

Sousa and his band will go on tour next fall with the Hippodrome production of "Hip-Hip-Hoorays." In the meantime a new piece is to be produced at the Hippodrome and following that the touring company will return, plus Sousa and his forces, and the students seek.

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