

## Society

By Florence Elizabeth Nichols.



**Miss Ada Miller** Who has delighted numerous audiences with her singing at recent affairs. Among them was the formal Magers' Musicales last Friday, when she appeared on a program with Ralph H. Zereker, Baritone, of New York City, and Mrs. Lois Lucille Junk, song writer and musician of Berkeley, California.

wander down the aisle to something less classical than the old standards may be as happily married as those who march to Lohengrin harmonies.  
One never can tell!

**W**HATEVER success John Phillip Sousa may have in composing the all-American wedding march, it will be some time at best before it really becomes established, so while we are awaiting the results of his efforts we can fill in the time watching the progress of Lois Lucille Junk, a former Salem girl, niece of the Joseph Alberts' and Dr. John Griffiths, who is visiting here, from Berkeley, California.

She is rapidly gaining recognition in the musical world, and is destined to occupy a place uniquely different in it. Salem folk guessed of her talent when as Lois Peebles she took an active part in various local musical endeavors, but it has remained for us to discover her real genius during her present visit.

Since her return north she has been featured on numerous programs, always with the highest criticisms following her performances.

Like Sousa Mrs. Junk "has to await the artistic impulse," but unlike him, (at least judging from the tardiness with which he meets America's most recent request—the impulse seems to be more frequent in its appearance, she having written the words and music to three songs this week.

She already has eighty complete poems to her credit, most of them being set to music. Her work is reaching the public through the Zimmerman Publishing house, and Groby of San Francisco.

One of her most notable efforts is "A Love Rosary," a group of songs under the titles of "Love's Rosary," "Yearnings" and "Faithfulness," which is dedicated to the memory of her husband. This group will be placed shortly at the local music houses.

Another cycle finished this winter was "The Butterfly," containing six descriptive songs of the life of a butterfly. The words are exquisite, and the music of great beauty. It is the next of Mrs. Junk's work to be published and wherever sung has aroused the utmost enthusiasm.

The big impressive thing about her work is its girderence. It suggests Carrie Jacobs Bond, but has a depth and vividness that that writer's songs do not have, to so great an extent. Mrs. Junk's poems deal with life simply as it is—and the result is always unique and delightful. All the old, sweet, familiar themes are dealt with in a way that reaches the heart directly, and the music to which her poems are set is the kind that sings itself.

Mrs. Junk reveals her own personality in her work. To her a poetical idea has just as vivid a musical setting as it has sentiment to a less versatile reader. Her attitude in life is the inspiration of the moment. She is always natural—never affected in her work, whether in composing, playing or singing.

Mrs. Junk passed ten years in California, studying all the time and mingling with artistic folk. Many honors were accorded her there, one being a request to sing at the exposition in San Francisco. Some of her poems were published in San Francisco and Los Angeles, the most capable critics praising them unstintedly.

She plans to give several concerts on the coast before leaving for the East where she will take up her residence. On her way she will visit in Chetek, Wisconsin, at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. W. Cook, who will be remembered here as Virginia Griffiths.

One of her latest poems, with timely and subtle appeal, and of great charm in its arrangement is entitled "Light." Here it is:

Just for today, Ah! let me live,  
Not in the darkness I have known,  
But in the light of truth to rise,  
To feel the power to stand alone.

To see things clearly as they are,  
Not living in a mystic haze,  
But to my heart, to life, be true,  
And fearless of all questioning gaze.

To break these chains that hold us fast,  
Which through the ages man has borne,  
To cast them off and all be free,  
To feel a joy with each new morn.

For every life that comes to earth  
Should have its right to live,  
To bloom, to shed its light afar,  
And of his life to freely give.

To give to all the light of truth,  
Too long in darkness we have been,  
To lift each other from the mire,  
And free our lives of selfish sin.

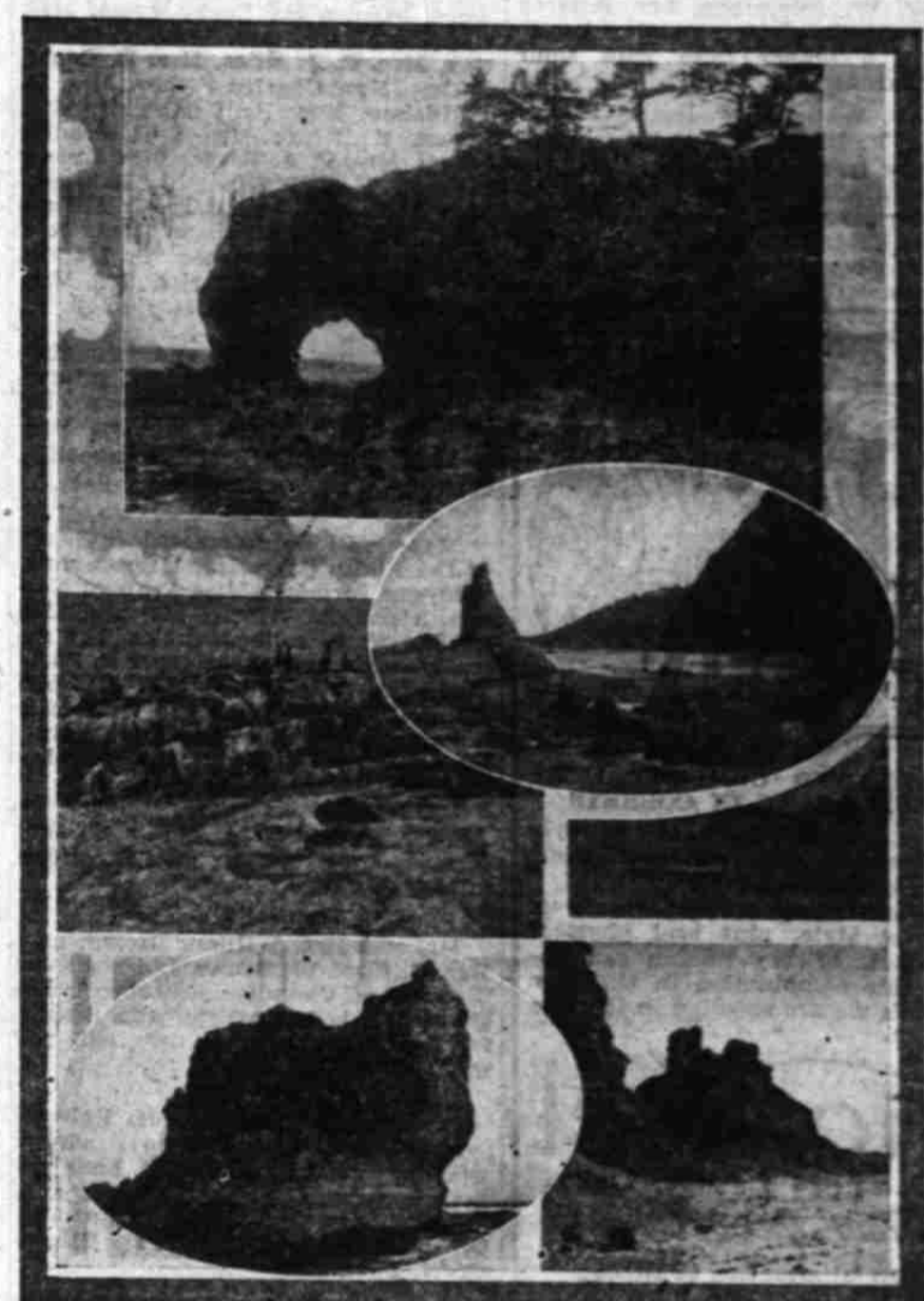
To stamp forever in the dust  
The cruel guns which savage roar,  
To dry the tears, to heal all hearts,  
To dwell in peace forever more.

**T**HE tragic death of Mrs. Charles L. McNary, this week, has not only cast a gloom over society circles but over the entire city as well. Her list of friends was an unusually large one, the continuous stream of messages of condolence pouring into the family, from both near and far, telling of the general feeling of sadness which her death has caused.

Governor and Mrs. James Withycombe have returned from a month's absence, the time being passed on the government's experimental farm at Union, Eastern Oregon. Their son, Robert Withycombe, is in charge, under the direct supervision of the

Oregon Agricultural College. Coming as pleasing news to the Withycombes, as well as to all their friends is the news of the steady improvement of their son, Sergeant Early Withycombe, whose illness in Washington, D. C., has covered a period of many months. While convalescing he is to remain at a country place near the national capital, and it is confidently expected that he will be able to return to Salem within a very short time. Miss Mable Withycombe, who has been with him during his illness, will return with him. The Withycombes plans for the summer are indefinite as yet, awaiting Sergeant Withycombe's arrival.

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Mrs. William C. Knighton returned from Portland Thursday evening. (Continued on page 2)