

# SOCIETY

By La Von Coppock

**I**MEDIATELY after church Sunday the "Live Wire" class of the Leslie Methodist church gathered at the home of their teacher, A. C. Bohrnstedt, 1775 Fairmount avenue, made bright with garden flowers, for their annual "get-together" meeting. A cafeteria dinner was served on the lawn, after which a social afternoon was enjoyed. About 130 members of the class and their friends were present to arrange for the new year. Leslie Springer is president of the class.

Jack Lucker, who has been in eastern Oregon all summer, returned to Salem the first of the week and will enter Willamette university soon.

Miss Ruth Barnes has gone to Seattle to attend the University of Washington this winter. Miss Barnes was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. E. T. Barnes, who will return after a few weeks.

Salem friends of Miss Lella Ruby will regret to learn that she

has been seriously ill. Miss Ruby is, however, recovering and expects to enter Willamette university. While here she will make her home at Lausanne hall.

Miss Eleanor White had as her week-end guest her mother, Mrs. G. F. White. Miss White is a student at Willamette university.

Mrs. James G. Leonard of Portland was a week-end visitor here.

George Pilkington, who has been spending the summer in Guntario, Ore., is the guest for a short time of his mother, Mrs. G. G. Pilkington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ferguson who were week-end guests of their daughter, Miss Martha Ferguson of Willamette university, motored back to their home at Hood River Monday.

Miss Frances Hodge spent the week-end with friends in Corvallis.

Tuesday about 30 of the friends and neighbors of Mrs. J. A. Hunt gathered at her home south of town to celebrate her 80th birthday anniversary with a dinner in her honor. Mrs. Hunt, who

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Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Sears had as their week-end guest at their home on Lee street, George Woodricks of Rogue River, who may make his home here this winter.

With the arrival of autumn comes renewed interest in college and university social functions. One of the most attractively arranged affairs recently was the dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Dean Vincent, Saturday. The Portland Journal says concerning it:

"Mrs. and Mrs. Dean Vincent were hosts for a dance Saturday evening at their home in the Alameda for Oregon Alpha chapter of Pi Beta Phi sorority. The rooms were adorned with autumn leaves combined with bright hued fall flowers and the occasion was a delightful one. At the supper hour small tables were placed on the balcony, where dainty crested cards marked places for the guests. The affair was given in honor of a number of students who will enter the University of Oregon this year.

Receiving with the host and hostess were Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Linn, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Beck, and Mr. and Mrs. William Dunlap. Among the guests were: Miss Nell Warwick of Eugene, the house guest of Mrs. Vincent, and the Misses Ruth Dial, Mildred Steinmetz, Dorothy Donoh, Marjorie Kruse, Thelma Stanton, Laura Kato, Lorna Meisner, Bernice Alstock, Margaret WinBigler, Eunice Cowgill, Estelle Modlin, Virginia Pearson, Helen Ball, Frances Manser, Vera Prudhomme, Leona Hauser, Margaret Mathieson, Georgia Shipley, Louise Wilson and Howard K Kelly, Clarence Gray, Allan Mann, Arthur Base, Ernie Williams, Alfred Krohn, Allan Smith, Ned Twining, Eugene Murphy, Edward Edlands, Paul Smith, Lloyd Carter, Willis Barker, K. K. Smith, Martin Parelous, George Senechic, Gene Kelly and Howard Staub."

crossed the plains as a girl in 1842 and was married in 1858 to Mr. Hunt, has many friends among the pioneer families here.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Kantner have as guests at their home, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. White of Enterprise, who are old time friends.

Gordon McDonald, who has been visiting relatives in Roseburg during the summer months, spent Monday with friends in Salem before leaving for the east. Mr. McDonald will continue his studies in Columbia university, New York, this winter.

Mrs. F. P. Talkington and Miss Cora Talkington have returned from a brief visit with friends in Portland.

Miss Rita Reid, daughter of Mrs. Cora Reid of the Court apartments, returned Saturday from a two month tour of California. Miss Reid will be a student in Salem high school this winter.

Another Woman Mentioned

On cross examination by Attorney McNary, of counsel for the defense, Mr. Steiger was asked if he was not a fact that the trouble existing between him and his wife originated through his relations with a neighbor woman by the name of Martha Peterson.

"In it it," queried Attorney McNary, "that you gave this woman money as well as assisted her through other channels?"

Attorney McNary then produced two checks, one in the sum of \$150 and another for \$100, both of which were made payable to Mrs. Peterson and were signed by Steiger. Mr. Steiger identified these checks, but in explanation said the money was loaned to Mrs. Peterson. Further questioning brought out admissions that Steiger and Mrs. Peterson had entered into partnership for the drying of prunes, and that the former had sent his men and teams to the Peterson home on various occasions to assist in the operation of her ranch. It was also admitted by Steiger that he had once employed Mrs. Peterson as "lady boss" on his loganberry ranch over the protests of his wife. The insinuations by the defense attorneys that Steiger had passed many evenings at the Peterson home and had left there as late as 2 o'clock in the morning were denied by Mr. Steiger.

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before their marriage 19 years ago. This revolver, Mr. Steiger said, had been missing from their home for some time, and he had sold it at auction last year. It was carried by Mr. Steiger on the night of the shooting and was also exhibited before the witness and later introduced in evidence. This purse shows a dent, which the prosecution alleged was made by one of the bullets fired by Mullinix on the night of the shooting. Mr. Steiger identified the purse as his property, and said it was in his trousers pocket when he was shot. A flashlight, alleged to be the property of Mrs. Steiger, and a picture postal card which the district attorney alleged was purchased by Mrs. Steiger, also were identified by Mr. Steiger.

Following out the theory that Mullinix and Mrs. Steiger entered into an agreement to get rid of the purse, Mr. Steiger testified that he was allowed to testify regarding his wealth, over the objection of counsel for the defense. Mr. Steiger said that he valued his Salem ranch at between \$25,000 and \$40,000, while he had a quarter section of land in eastern Oregon which he had never visited. He was unable to place any appraisement on the latter parcel of land.

Domestic Trouble Arises

Steiger was further questioned with regard to lending a gun to Mrs. Peterson in August of the year 1918, and whether she had repaid to him the money represented in the checks. The witness said that Mrs. Peterson came to him sometime during the year 1918 and said that some person had been prowling about her ranch at night and that she wished to borrow a rifle or some other weapon. On that occasion Steiger said he gave her the gun. With regard to the return of money represented in loans to Mrs. Peterson, Steiger said a part of it had been returned a few months after the original transaction, and that the remainder of the sum was paid to him by Mrs. Peterson's guardian after she had been committed to the state hospital for the insane on Christmas day in 1918.

Steiger admitted during his testimony that he had called his wife vile names on several occasions, but not until Mullinix had invaded their domestic life following 17 years of married happiness.

Jesse Mullinix, now serving a term in the penitentiary for his part in the Steiger shooting, was accompanied into the court room by Sheriff Needham, and was the object of close attention during his examination on the witness stand.

"I became acquainted with Mrs. Steiger nearly four years ago," said Mullinix, "but after my discharge by Mr. Steiger two years later I was told not to return to the ranch. I did return there in August following my discharge, however, and was told by Mrs. Steiger at that time that I had better remain away as Mr. Steiger had threatened to kill me. Later I met Mrs. Steiger on the public highway some distance from her home and she gave me a pistol."

Hotel Register Exhibited

The revolver previously placed in evidence by the prosecution was then presented to Mullinix who identified it as the one given to him by Mrs. Steiger. Later in his testimony Mullinix said he had met Mrs. Steiger several times following his discharge from the ranch, that she had embraced him in the most affectionate manner. Several of these meetings took place in Mullinix's home on Shipping street in Salem, he said, while on other occasions they had met at a local hotel. More than once during these meetings, Mullinix said the defendant had informed him that she was being ill-treated by her husband and that she desired to leave him. The witness denied, however, that anything was ever said with regard to his marrying Mrs. Steiger. It was also admitted by Mullinix that on one occasion Mrs. Steiger told him that she desired to get rid of her husband, and that plans to that end later were perfected. Just before the noon recess a hotel register was exhibited, and upon being examined by Mullinix he identified the name of "J. Smith and wife" as being in his handwriting. The first of these registrations occurred in May, 1919, and covered nearly a year. On the occasions of these registrations at a local hotel Mullinix said he was accompanied by Mrs. Steiger, although they did not always enter the hotel together.

Planned to Be Away

In his afternoon testimony Mullinix told the court that he and Mrs. Steiger had discussed a proposal to get some one else to do the shooting. Also he told of a plan of Mrs. Steiger to be away at the time of the intended killing and he said further that she had given him \$50 to pay his board

and railroad fare "until the work had been carried out."

"Did you and Mrs. Steiger agree on any certain time for the act to be committed?" asked District Attorney Helzel.

"We agreed to wait a certain time," replied the witness. "I don't remember how long. She was going away to Eugene, I think."

"What was she going away for?"

"We thought it best for her not to be present."

"Was any time fixed for her to go?"

"Yes, a date was set. I don't remember just when."

"Did you agree then when you could do the act?"

"No."

Reconnoitre Described

Questioned as to his own movements, Mullinix said he went to Portland, remained awhile, and then came back to Salem.

"What did you go to Portland for?" asked Helzel.

"More to put in the time than anything else."

"When did you come back the first time?"

"In about four days."

"What did you do when you came back?"

"Nothing in particular. I rode about town on my wheel a good deal and then went back to Portland."

Relative to a visit by Mullinix to the Steiger place prior to the night of the shooting, Helzel asked:

"What time did you get to the Steiger place on that particular day?"

"About 5 o'clock."

"Why did you go?"

"Just to look around, see if there was a light in the barn and if he was working about the place."

Wreck Frustrates Plan

"Did you have the gun?"

"Yes."

"What prevented you from trying to kill him that night?"

"A wreck on the railroad."

"What did you do the next morning?"

"Went back to Portland."

"How long did you stay in Portland?"

"Not over two days."

"And you came back how many days before Steiger was shot?"

"The day before, I think."

"Where did you stay the following day?"

"I didn't get up till about noon. Then I stayed in a pool hall all day."

"What time did you go to the Steiger ranch?"

"About dark."

"Where did you find Steiger?"

"He was coming out of the barn, carrying a lantern and a bucket of milk."

Exhibits Identified

"What did you do?"

"I shot him."

"What did he do?"

"He grabbed me and grabbed the gun."

Mullinix said he did not know how many times he shot Steiger. Questioned as to his movements after the shooting, he said he rode back to Salem on his bicycle, throwing the gun into Mill creek at Fifth street and the cartridges in the same vicinity. He identified a piece of cloth found with the cartridges as having been torn from a larger piece obtained from Mrs. Steiger about two years ago when he bought from her a stove and some camping utensils. Both

pieces of cloth were introduced as evidence.

The witness admitted to correspondence passing between himself and Mrs. Steiger, saying that he had burned the letters with the exception of one which was introduced at the trial. This one he said he had neglected to burn. The defense objected to introduction of the letter as having no bearing on the case, but the prosecution

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"I refused to give my consent."

Gun Identified

The revolver, which the prosecution alleges was in the hands of Mullinix on the night of the shooting was then presented to Mr. Steiger for examination. He said he recognized the weapon as the one which Mrs. Steiger said she had received from her cousin

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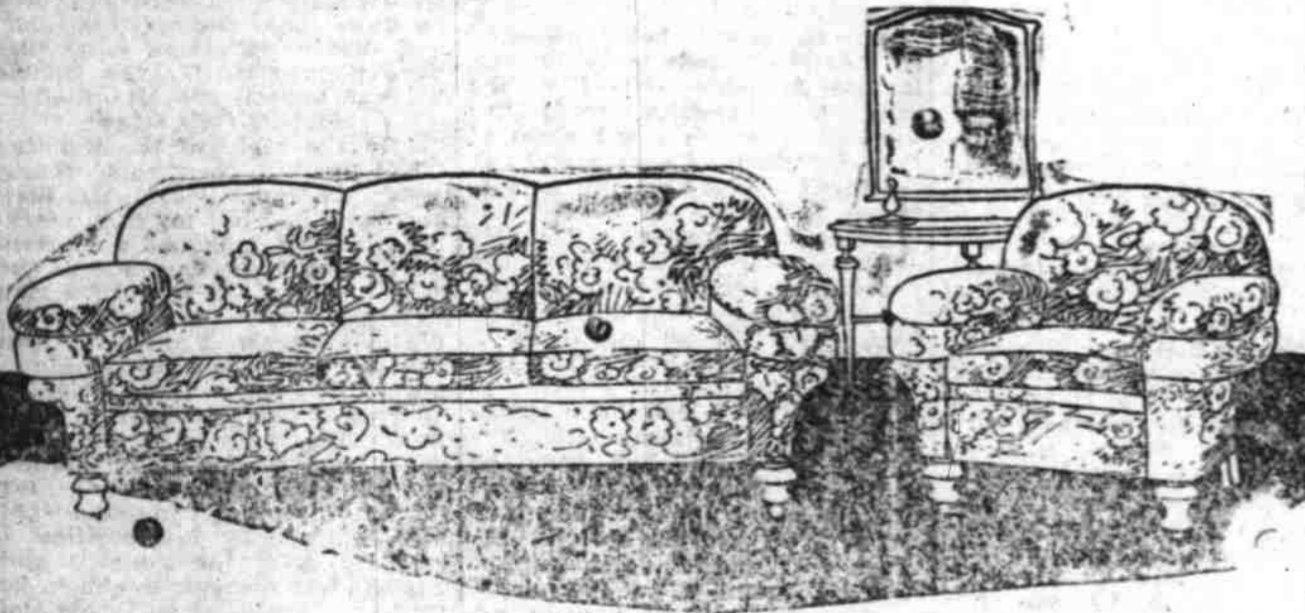
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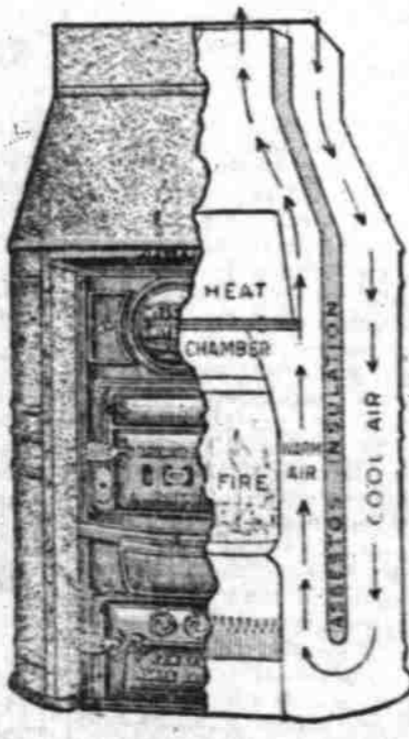
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