## Books, Art, Gardening and Current Opinion Gain Attention

# Electric Shock

Recent Tragedy Reminder of Necessary Caution Savs PGE Manager

W. M. Hamilton, division manager of the Portland General Electric company, has written The Statesman to warn users of elec- Again we begin a New Year's trail. tricity against some of the hazards, as follows:

"The recent tragic death of Ralph McCullough in Portland, Things may be better or not due to his coming in contact with an electric circuit while standing in water in a flooded basement, prompts me to write you suggesting precautions that should be observed by everyone to guard against the possibility of having a similar tragedy overtake them or

"Electric energy has a strong tendency to go into the earth. This tendency is most graphically demonstrated by lightning when it strikes a tree, a building, a person or an animal.

"It should always be borne in mind that practically all plumbing fixtures are connected with the earth by pipes, which are excellent conductors of electricity."

Pipe Is Conductor "Therefore, as the insulation of ordinary electric lamp sockets and fixtures may become defective in time, a person should never take hold of a lamp socket, fixture, or wall switch while also touching in any way a plumbing fixture or piping, as by doing so, one may complete a circuit from the electrie wiring to the ground and receive a shock.

"This applies to washing machines, ranges, and other appli-

"Likewise, one should never touch any electrical circuit, fixture, or appliance while standing on the earth, particularly if it is many people, practically all of wet or even damp. It is, therefore, obvious that one should not sion of spirits, on Sunday nights touch any such electrical equip- and seldom on other nights, I have ment while standing in water. even though the water may be in a fully concreted basement be- known a country editor in the cause water is a good conductor of middle west who wrote a column electricity, and water-saturated for his paper each week, which concrete is also a conductor.

Therefore, one should avoid contacts with electrical circuits ly dribbled melancholy. that are not thoroughly insulated standing on top of the concrete it is frequently impregnated with moisture from the earth."

"The safety rules for electric installation issued by the state department of labor contain special rules for the installation of electrical equipment in basestructures where the concrete floor is in direct contact with the earth. If such equipment is installed and maintained in accordance with these rules, there is practically no danger of a person eceiving a serious electric shock from contact with electric appliances and fixtures as are normally used in such places.

'As an ilustration, all electric lamp sockets used in such places should be of the porcelain shell type instead of the ordinary brass

Should Be Grounded "To secure the highest degree of safety, washing and ironing ma- tion, and a letting down of the chines and ranges should be bars, so to speak, to thoughts perthoroughly "grounded" to water taining to other days. piping which extends into the earth, when used in a basement, and the wiring should also be enmed in conduit and the conduit thoroughly grounded where a person might otherwise come in contact with the wiring while standing on the concrete floor.

'The foregoing are some of the incipal precautions which should taken, but if one wants to take full precautions, they should have the wiring and equipment in their inspected by a thoroughly competent electrician who can advise them in detail what should be done to make their electrical installation safe.

Similar warnings to this have een issued before, but occasional epetition is needed to prevent rearrences of such tragedies as and others who have suffered sim-

## Program Planned,

PIONEER-The Pioneer Sew-Brown Thursday for an extra eting to make up for last The members brought milt blocks and decided on a new ttern. The club is planning on The committee o work on it is Mrs. G. C. Dornhecker, Mrs. Johnnie Keller ir. Mrs. Fred Fox had charge of the strivers for justice. Quests of the meeting were Mrs. Walter Kruger of Libnotice. The next meeting will be hostess. The with a favorite flower and the hiswere served by the hostess

S. S. Aydelott of Eugene is ending this week at the Robbins me pruning the orchard.

### Peril Stressed Sage of Salein Speculates

By D. H. TALMADGE

A January Toast And what we plan we may do or

In the same old way: good, And few will do as they would they could.

But some day they may. So here's to him whose courage is strong, Who keeps his faith as he goes

And yields not to fear: The planets swing true around

And our works will count when they are done, And what is a year?

A venture or two to win or fail. And will end the quest: So again to him who falters not. Who makes the best of whate'er

> his lot, And death's but a rest!

More days of plodding along the

Sunday Night Sadness

What quality there may be in Sunday night that makes it different from other nights of the week I do not know. Years ago model. Hers is the best story I on a warm day. All under forced I attributed the sadness of Sunday night to too much food and too little exercise during the day, With the years has come much testimony to bear out the belief that physical causes do not lie at the bottom of it. It is something else.

I have spoken of the matter to whom have a sadness, a depresread of characters in books who were thus affected. And I have "Sunday Night," and which fair-

Aunt Eliza Tinkham, I remem-And she declared that there were tempt." Sunday nights when she thought she'd fly into smithereens before the sun set, so she could relieve the sadness of her spirit by getting the family clothes ready for wash day, which, of course, was Monday. And there, you see, it is

O, well, it isn't a very sad sadness. There are times, in fact, hen it is rather a sweet sadness. Perhaps it is a creation of relaxa-

I reckon it doesn't greatly A "Flu" Item

A chill and a hot water bottle Battled for two solid hours, And which one the other would throttle.

which would be sent the showers. Was settled at last by a blanket, Which quite discouraged the

chill. Which muttered a shivery "Blank And doc' he sent in no bill.

Accounting for the Delay It is sometimes said in a grieved tone of voice that it is a shame a man or a woman must die before death of Ralph McCullough frequently many years, does fame come, and the famed one has long By Pioneer Club an interest is taken by tempera-criticize the volume because a few mental people. It is wrong, of the reproductions are not percentaged and the production of the reproductions are not percentaged and the production of the reproductions are not percentaged and the production of the reproductions are not percentaged. the genus homo, and there is ag club met at the home of Mrs. probably no remedy for it. If any anybody made up from strivers for higher attainment, choose one inserving of praise he or she is not productions are splendid. tetting up a play and program to being accorded, and publicize this others of like ambitions. The re- view, any of the originals, this

"No person can tell what he know." Indeed! You ne with Mrs. Johnnie Kel- What is a bedtime story? The "I's

firsty" of a child when he or she after all, one of the most popular answered to roll call has been served with four or five drinks of water after being put swallows, and Wilson's snipe are to bed. . . . Query: Is a hot water exceptionally good. bottle still a hot water bottle after . . Item from up in the hills: First color of a cold nose, red; troduction, also by Voget, gives of the cemetery buglars, one after your home in double quick time? next color, bine; third color, white a brief biography of the pioneer another, echoed the wailing notes A fast growing tree that has none Shaw Schoolhouse to Be

Scene of Party Tuesday

Shaw—A card party will be given in the schoolhouse Tuesday night, January 11. This is the first party of the series since Advent, and the parties will be continued every two weeks until Leat. Everyone cordializ invited.

—at which point the national naturalist. The idea, that Audubon was the Dauphin, an idea usually brought at Audubon was the Dauphin, an idea usually brought out by a biographer, is definitely denied. The history of the plates is touched but little upon by Vogt.

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—at which point is read the Dauphin, an idea usually brought out by a biographer, is definitely denied. The history of the instruction in 1925, has required into the big time regular army in 1908, and passed like the Poplars, is a Chinese elm. It is as hardy as an oak and its required in the book of the instruction in 1925, has required in the book of t at which point the national naturalist. The idea, that Audubon of taps."

average as a piece of entertainment, is chiefly notable for the evidence it gives of the growth of Claire Trevor. Not physical growth. She is still the same old five feet three inches, and I reckon she weighs not much over 100 pounds. We recall a series of films she made for the Warners, and another series for Fox. Neither especially notable. But, coincidence or not, with the coming of Twentieth Century into the Fox limbs, small pieaffairs has come a new Claire Trevor, a rather glorified one, a which visited here recently re- better actress and singer and a turned briefly last week. It is definitely changed stage personalthought the goose dropped some- ity. I am not accounting for it. thing here, Eighty motion picture I am telling you, that's all. . . . editors of the country give "The A certain Salem man is still read-Life of Emile Zela" as the best ing "Gone With the Wind." May picture of 1937, with "The Good finish it. Young yet, and in good Earth" a close second, . . . Jan- health. . . . Who is the busiest as uary sales. . . . Man on the street, well as the best natured man in whose Christmas dinner appears Salem? Opinions may differ, but are cared for to have given his disposition a County Clerk Grant Boyer is a now, care in ear-

while being somewhat above the

shove in the wrong direction, says good guess. . . . Another busy and ly spring where Lime Madsen he has noticed that newspaper somewhat less good natured inthe rush season gets under way 'open forums" are usually open dividual is a boy who received a will be much easier. againstems. . . . I don't know ex- watch for Christmas. He calls it A weather-eye should be kept actly when the government began Humphy-Dumpty. Cannot put it printing return cards on stamped together again. . . . Confession: envelopes, but I reckon it was not When "Anthony Adverse" was less than 50 years ago. And since raging around these diggins I took should be cut away at once. Not that time local printers and pub- him on, as the pugilistic gents only cut away and let lie on the lishers have been howling be- say. Was knocked out in the first cause of the injustice of it, and round. . . . The people of the lawn, but also carried away. I hope you sprayed your roses with Bordeaux before the first of mouths. nobody with authority has given Willamette valley are about equalthem any attention. There is prob- ly divided as to whether weather the year. Now in January get out ably a reason. . . The Cedar Rapids is cold or warm, Funny. There is your lime-sulphur, winter-strength and give a good spraying to your (Iowa) Gazette tells of a woman never any doubt as to genuine in that state, widowed 45 years cold or genuine heat. . . . A junior rose hushes. While you are about it, also spray your lilac bushes. ago, and without money or prop- high school student tells me he your wild currant (if you have erty. She reared three children likes Shakespeare pretty well. But one on your lawn.) A dose for from infancy. She worked at what- he thinks the book would be more ever she could get to do. Put the interesting if it had more limyour flowering cherry and other kids through the public schools ericks in it. . . . Street note: Many flowering trees will also prove and college. Built and paid for a more pipes are visible between beneficial. In pruning, be very sure to home. Just an old-fashioned Iowa men's teeth on a cold day than

#### Among the New Books

have read this week. . . . "Big draft. Nose and throat warmers Town Girl," picture at the Grand, presumably.

Reviews and Literary News Notes By CAROLINE C. JURGEN

In the January "Hygeia" is list- the Man. By Charles Winslow lutions for the New Year." The list of hazards is compiled from turned somewhat to Winfield Red Cross, National Safety counhe printed under the heading, cil, Metropolitan Life Insurance company and other sources.

Once, in the gloaming of a Sun- zine is another appropriate article authoritive, although A. D. Howwhile standing on concrete, par- day night, I met up with a hobo called "The Common Cold," and ticularly the floor of a basement, in Portland. He was standing, a written by Lowell C. Wormley. the tracks of the O. R. & N. He know its approach and why it can ography is dull, but it does take was watching for an eastbound happen to you. No disease, says freight train, and his heart was the author, "incapacitates more heavy in his bosom. He said he people during March and October" had the mulligrubs. Always had than does the common cold. Some 'em Sunday nights. Didn't know of the preventative suggestions includes getting proper rest, avoiding overeating, and drinking sufber, could hardly wait for the sun ficient water. Eight precautions to set Sunday night. Aunt Eliza are given. In closing, the author held to the belief that the Sab- says, "Remember that though the bath day, in the meaning of the common cold may be 'familiar,' commandments, ended at sunset, it should not be treated with con-

> We are also reminded of health programs sponsored by the American Medical association and the National Broadcasting company. The program on January 12 deals with modern attitudes toward and prevention by community cooperation of scarlet fever, measles and whooping cough. The Hygeia gives the entire list of programs.

> Colour in the Canadian Rockles. By Walter J. Phillips and Frederick Niven. Thomas Nelson. and Sons. 1937. \$4.00.

The Canadian Rockies have challenged many great artists and it is fairly safe to say that seldom has the challenge been answered more successfully than by Mr. Phillips. Not only the color, but the form, the topography and the very atmosphere are faithfully

In the text, Mr. Niven has wisely avoided word-pictures, and tells us of journeys made by car, by pack-horse, and on foot, along lonely mountain trails, as well as in haunts beloved by the tourists. His story is full of old-timers, trappers, cowboys, campfires, the tap of horses' hoofs and the murmur of mountain streams.

The Birds of America. By John James Audubon. The MacMillan company. \$12.50.

Some readers may remember since been in the grave. This, I early in last fall we made menthink, is particularly true of the tion of this book to come off the ones who have accomplished great press. It is off now and one of the finest of its kinds. We have noperamental people, these, in whom ticed that there are some who an interest is taken by tempera-criticize the volume because a few course, quite unjust. But it is in fect, that in a few places they full keeping with the nature of have lost the "Audubon touch." And these same critics are a little say that for the most part the re

For those who have not been individual to the exclusion of all fortunate enough to own, or even suit of such an experiment will, I book is a delight, for the Auduad Mrs. Dariel Bird. President am sure, be illuminating to the bon manner of presenting paintings of birds was totally different he died May 29. from that of most artists of nature. The settings add much to the beauty of the cuts.

Some plates offer more appeal than do others. There is the one of the bronze turkey, which is, of Audubon's paintings. The barn

William Vogt supplies the leg-

ed a group of 28 "Rational Reso- Elliott, MacMillan, 1987, \$5.00.

Scott and his time. Mayor Elliott's biography is the second within the In the same issue of the maga- current year, and by far the most den's "Old Fuss and Feathers" some concentrated reading and thought to complete its 736 pages. The average reader of biography may find it a little dull in the opening chapters but soon he will the plants have been washed out Scott, the man, that he finds the story moves along of its own

that the story has been done with painstaking thoroughness. There is no guessing or changing facts a lot of time if given a start now. to make them more colorful. most colorful figure in himself. Major Elliott has appended an exstudent. The bibliography will dered at once. Frequently there sively Elliott has studied his sub- these All-Stars. ject. He has worked on this book since May, 1932, and has traveled over 3,000 miles visiting libraries, Petunia Salmon Supreme, a light historical societies, searching for salmon in color, and the plant itoriginal source material. He is the self grows about a foot high. It is only biographer of Scott to utilize the immense unpublished corre- tunias. The flowers have white spondence of Scott in the files of

the war department. Scott's long career is of interest tory. The story spans the formato the Johnson administration. It covers most of the important events of our country's political history from 1807 to 1865. Scott was brought in personal contact with every president from Jefferson to Lincoln, and was himself defeated for that ofice.

While still in his middle twenties, Scott became the outstanding rieties. hero of the war of 1812. He com manded in the Seminole Creek and Black Hawk wars; he averted the threat of war over the Maine oundary dispute.

He led the American army that creations from Holland. took Vera Cruz in 1847, stormed the castle of Chapultepec, captured Mexico City, and achieved Crown Calliopsis. It is much larthe treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ger than its predecessors. (an achievement which set even the historical blographer off in a maze of colorful phrases.) In 1852 he was nominated for president by the whig party, the last whig nominee for the presidency. At prone to add that quantity is the beginning of the Civil war. bound to sacrifice quality. But Scott raised the northern army there are others, who have viewed that McClellan was to lead and some of Audubon's original work, train. And after General Scott's retirement from active service. continued to play a part in the drama of Civil war. Following the Civil war, he spent some time in themum, flowered marigold; Golthe south, and in May of 1866, in den West Marigold; the forget-'very feeble health," he returned me-not, Ingrid; another petunia, to his beloved West Point where

snapdragon, Psyche. Major Elliott manages to give Scott's funeral the same colorfulness he gave the general in life: "In the little cadet chapel on Friday, De French now read the cause you bought it last year." Of burial service to a congregation that packed the building to suffomous soldiers, sailors, and statesmen present that the cadets them- verb, "Nothing ventured, nothing selves had to remain outside." The ends under the plates and gives names of the pallbearers were also. the routine information. The in- given, and "from the four corners

Attention the past year has at planting time. I believe that it to a clump. is also beneficial to add a handful ticularly the floor of a basement, in Portland. He was standing, a written by Lowell C. Wormley. as although there may be no water disconsolate figure, on the acque. It tells its readers how to combat might as a whole make lighter den, visit the nurseries now to large, fringed petals on the fragduct at 42nd street. Beneath were a cold, what to avoid, when to reading. Not that the Elliott bi- make your own selections of those rant rose-colored to white flowers lus) is useful in a border or rock-

that carry their berries long on Inspect Rock Garden Following the heavy rains, make a thorough investigation of your rock gardens. Likely, some of

become so interested in Winfield and these should be reset at once. Those of you who start seeds in small greenhouses or in indoor flats, should get your delphiniums One realizes from the beginning and other perennial seeds underway. Anchusa, snapdragons, sweet

come later. Now just cut away

broken branches or branches you

Add Rose Bushes Now

know to be diseased.

The all-America seed awards There is no need of giving color for 1938 are now out. There are a to Scott, for Scott was always a number of gardeners who wish to tensive bibliography which will also others who have the same give the book real value to the thought. The seeds should be oralso serve to prove how inten- isn't an oversupply of seeds of 1938 Seed Awards

This year's awards went first to one of the very best budding pethroats, are about one and a half him required installment plan payinches in diameter and the petals ment, for it is recorded that this are unruffled. It did not win the to every student of American his- gold medal award as did the 1936 Flaming Velvet petunia. Those

tive period from the Washington who have not yet grown the latter should order some seed at once. Second on the 1938 list is a snapdragon, the Celestial, Strangely enough it is not of the rust resistant variety, so if you order it (and many will) prepare to spray. It, too, is salmon in color, but of a deeper salmon than the petunia. Celestial is of the larger dwarf va-

New Yellow Pansy Coronation Gold is a grand new rellow pansy which occupies third

These first three on the list are England has developed the fourth lister for us. This is Golden

The Calendula, orange Fantasy, seal-brown growing 20 inches tall, and Orchid Beauty, another names. It happens that the pic-Petunia, a light Hiac, frilled and heavily veined, are other awards of merit choices.

Special mention goes to Galety, fringed, rose colored petunia; Dwarf Red Bedder, and Topaz Rose, both petunias. The recommended list includes the salmon-rose aster. Illusion: the 100 per cent double chrysan-Blue Gene; the golden, dwarf

Adventure in Garden Don't just turn the pages of your seed catalog hurriedly, and and what stands as unornamented make the same old purchases "becourse the products you found entirely satisfactory you will want to repeat, but do a little adventuring, too. You know the old progained." This applies to gardening Jan, son of Heyndrick, and Mar-

A fast growing tree that has none Vermeer, cellbate, living at the of the undesirable root charactar- market place married to Catharine

All-American Seed Awards Reviewed tained a height of 40 feet. About Chinese Elm Tree

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Gardens Have "Winter Beauty" if not Neglected;

By LILLIE L. MADSEN

Too many gardens are entirely

neglected during January. Too

frequently, in driving through

the country we

ces of paper or

other debris ly-

ing about the

lawn just where

the last gust of

wind has left it.

Cardens have a

certain beauty of

their own in win-

Chinese elm was the only one that | Plant, equipment .... survived the severe drought in 1000 persons with a one experiment.

Things to be considered in trying to start holly from cutting A soil of one-half sand and one-

half peat moss by volume, is good for holly cuttings. To Start Holly Cutting Cuttings of evergreen hollies

leaves are removed. Four to six inch cuttings of current wood only are better than those with four to on all trees and shrubs. Broken five inches of current wood plus branches or diseased shoots portion of 2-year wood. Though some cuttings might root in as short a period as three

> not root in less than three or four dally temperature range of 65° to it is a good investment. 750 is satisfactory.

Cuttings may be taken from parent stock from October through January. Cuttings should be set firmly about three inches deep in

In reply to an inquiry: The lilyof-the-valley is native in the Appalachian mountains from Pennleave no jagged edges. Cut away sylvania into South Carolina, as clean and cut more from the inwell as in Europe. It is adopted to side than the out. This gives the all the cooler portions of the garthe tree more chance at air cir- den where there is plenty of mois- In every beauty lowing heart in the distinction and gentle breedculation. Remember, I am not ture and shade at least during all the world. The waves of ing that Van Dyck saw! What suggesting a general pruning at the sunnyest part of the day. this time. Such a pruning should Sun for Lily-of-the-Valley

However, it will thrive in full sun in well-prepared beds if supplied with moisture and annual top-dressing. Usually, to do well, During good January days lily-of-the-valley must be replantyou'll be adding an extra rose ed every four years. In replanting, bush or an extra shrub. Do not selections should be made from overfertilize when you plant. If the strongest rots, and these the soil is very much on the clay should be separated, so that there order, add some sumus to the soil will be about half a dozen shoots

The grass pink, garden pink, of bonemeal to soil in which you hardy garden pink, Scotch pink, are planting your lilac shrubs. or pheasanteye pink, (Dianthus Yes, if you intend to add a new plumarius) is an easily grown, full sun and soils not too rich-lilac for the spring, do so now. satisfactory border plant—6 to 12 It is useful for rockwork, dry If you want to add brightly col- inches tall, with spreading grass- walls or banks, edging to borders To the Editor: ored berried shrubs to your gar- like habit of growth, bluish fol- and is nice for cutting. mer. This pink (no matter by than does the hardy pink, but which name you call it) must have watering should not be overdone.

In 1798 one of Vermeer's lum-

nous masterpleces was sold for

1550 florins. Fifteen years later

is was again offered for sale. This

time it commanded 2,125 florins.

And its value continues to rise.

Today this small picture of a milk-

maid, or any other canvas from

his hand, could not possibly be ac-

quired for less than a million dol-

lars. Their posthumous prices are

in vivid contrast to the sums that

were a grave concern to the young

painter of Delft. Six florins with

fee was paid by him to the Guild

Once, the story goes, Vermeer

quarreled with a man named Hou-

braken. Unfortunately for Ver-

meer. Houbraken became no less

than the compiler of an exhaus-

tive history of Dutch painting-

that was exhaustive but for the

single painter, Vermeer. If the

omission was made with malice

aforethought and the quarrel in

mind, it came close to accomplish-

ing its pretty purpose. The Hou-

braken book was regarded as au-

thoritative. Vermeer, left out,

meant he was of no importance.

And within 50 years of his death.

False Cines

By the time a more interested

biographer sought to discover the

details of his life, it was 1816.

There were a thousand false clues

to confuse him, for Jan Van der

Meer, as it stood in his lifetime,

is the most common of Dutch

man, Vermeer. We only know

simple, earnest and honest worker

whose craftsmanship achieved per-

fection. There are only 37 extant

canvases of his today. It is not

likely that there were many more,

for the care and loving tenderness

of his brush must have meant long

painstaking hours and days. And

heart and daily life of Vermeer

There is first, "On October 31,

1632, a child Joannes. The father

is Reynler, son of Jan. The mother

Dingnum, daughter of Balthazar;

the witnesses are Pieter Brammer,

Then 21 years later, "On Apri

5, 1653, Johannes, son of Reynler

tha, daughter of Jan."

as we know of his hand and eye

Vermeer was quite forgotten.

of Painters "within two years."

Safety Valve

To the Editor: establish an art school here, there there, this mother was. arises occasional talk of what house or fifty, five hundred or ingly drought resistant. Of a a beet sugar factory we could are the stones beneath their group of trees consisting of a snswer readily. At any rate, let feet." weeping willow, Lombardy Pop- us try, the figures pointing to It is not argued that because lar, cut-leaf birch and Chinese the close of a five year period: elm, planted in fall of 1935, the Prestige to Salem .... \$ 750.000

thorough art culti-

appreciators of art 1 ho would usually will not root when all the holding companies without suspicion, will have been formed to look after that class of capital. But if we wished to liquidate auction block. Listen! "How much for this culture-youngweeks, most of the cuttings will vigorous-sound in every particular? How much do I hear? \$5000? I hear \$5000. Going at For most practical purposes a \$5000. Go-go-goooo-ing, once-

> But there is another view, and the past rises before us like a dream . . . . That far off town of Athens—its stainless art is white and shining still. Still Or-. . . And Venice, queen of all seas—where is its boasted trade? Ask phantom ships on painted oceans where! Where is Bellini,

The clove pink (D. Caryophylborne in spring and early sum- ery. This one takes more moisture

VERMEER AT WORK (By himself)

cnowledged as such, meant it was

necessary to have completed six

ears of studious apprenticeship.

Vermeer attained that desired

status at 21, and married in the

pay six florins into the guild at

St. Luke's, and become an accept-

this point that the six floring

were paid in installments. Later

in 1662 at the age of 30, the

guild of St. Luke's was to honor

Vermeer and elect him its head.

Studio Point of Interest

sand pages made its appearance in

1667 among the civic minded

dwellers of the city of Delft. Its

title was, impressively enough,

35, then, there is ample proof in

his work here, that in his own

time his city was proud of him.

His studio, too, was a place that sightseers checked off on their

list of points of interest. It is Ver-

meer's painting of this studio with

himself at work and a model be-

fore him that is, with its cool,

Czernin collection of Vienna to-

day. And it was to this same stu-

dio that Balthazar de Monconys,

a Frenchman and a traveler, came

and wrote later. "At Delphe I saw

the painter Vermeer who had no

single one of his works but we

who had paid 600 livres for it-

only one figure."

saw one at the home of a baker

The above painter is among

whose pictures are offered in

reproduction form by this news-

They are divided into 12

of four, one set a week for only

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er-48 masters of art in or-

48 great masters represented

tures speak more eloquently. But The Description of the City of

what is lost is the story of the Delft. Though Vermeer was only

from his work that he was a the long and glowing account of

his life was short. We might have filtered light and jewel-like per-known as much of the mind and fection, the chief glory of the

An enormous book of one thou-

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Master Painters

by HOWARD SIMON

touch and feel the walls, to make Coincident with the effort to sure that there, and there, and Another point in its favor is good will this do Salem? How five thousand, these are true citthat the Chinese elm is surpris- will it benefit us? If this were les on high. Urbes Beatae, "Soft

> we may have art classes, or an art gallery, because we may have 50,000 are lectures or traveling exhibits that a Titian will arise, palette and oils. Nor even a Whisvation ..... 5,000,000 tler or a Sargeant. (Yet who is thy servant to limit creation!) Total .....\$5,800,000 But suppose this - suppose we This is a low estimate and bred a half score artilists of disdoes not include the artists who tinction; not masters but artists might be developed, nor the many of eminence! And suppose when we went to New York and met fringe the outer circles of culti- strangers, they would say, "Oh, vation. The security is sound and from Salem! Isn't that where unassailable. And by that time Jamieson lves? We've lost our heads over his picture of Mt. Jefferson, the Monatan That Was God. And believe it or not, it was. We're all comng out to see immediately there is always the it next summer. Will see you there." Or suppose 1000 people in Salem became conscious of Corot, and saw in each day his gay, dancing, marvelous light, his "glistening, glittering lightfloods of light-pale, wistful, loving light; touching, beseeching, grateful light!" Euppose we saw our cathedral firs with the eys of Keith: the dim and shadowed halls, the hallowed halls shrouded in mystery, then saw them awakened, but aslant, ilpheus turns-Enrydice departing lumined by great shafts of yellow light! What if we saw the faces upon the Salem streets, the tender, wistful, seeking faces that Giorgione saw, the heroic beau-Giorgione, Titian, Paul Veronese? ty and strength that Angelo saw, Venice break upon the shores of if in all this valley we saw the England—and there is Turner. dignity of labor, the fair seren-In Spain a young man copies ity, the order and permanence Titian: a gift from Titian to that Constable saw; if we had Velasquez . . . And Barbizon, for one hour Whistler's obserthat straggling village of Barbi- vation and power of selection, zon-because Corot and Millet his quiet grasp of all the moods and Diaz and Daubigny painted of night! If for one hour we there—is lifted high above mor- saw beauty and love in as many tality, and is one with Athens manifestations as Raphael - if and Venice . . . And Lowell, the Salem Art school should Massachusetts. In Worthing bring these possessions to us, or street in Lowell in a little house, a tenth of them, then it will was born the painter who paint- have given the imperishable ed My Mother. And people come things, and brought to reality the dreams of its promoters. W. C. DIBBLE.

No Alliance Proper

In answer to an editorial of the Capital Press dated December 13 and headed "The Grange Election," it was stated that the issue seems to be over the alliance of the grange with organized labor. That is partly true but what the granges of the rural districts are opposed to is the alliance with any political group. We have no right under grange law to unite with such, and I think a very foolish move to take sides in a battle between two opposing labor unions. I have in my possession a letter addressed to me as master of Salem grange, No. 17, and signed by Ben T. Osburne, as ex-

ecutive secretary, in which he says (I quote:) 'We particularly desire that the farmers of Oregon shall understand the issues in the present struggle for their interests." I wish to quote further from an address of National Master Taber in the January Country Gentleman in his article, "The Long Look Ahead," in which he says, "In regard to political alliance with organized labor the thought that the farmer could better achieve his objectives by forming a political alliance with organized labor is not, to my way of thinking, sound or practical."

That is just what the farmers in Oregon are thinking today neither practical nor advisable. I have no quarrel with organized labor, in fact, I believe in it; but am opposed to the grange forming an alliance with labor.

You know that the national grange will meet in Oregon in November so, friends, sisters, and brothers, let's be able to meet the national master and all the visitors from the 35 states with clean same year. He was permitted to hands and pure hearts and not be smeared with some political alliance that will take years to overed master of painting. It was at come.

Yours, truly, M. E. TOWNSEND, Master Salem grange

#### **Husbands** Dinner **Guests of Guild**

LEBANON-Members of the fellowship guild of the Presbyterian church entertained the husbands at a dinner Wednesday night at the church, with 100

Mrs. Homer Dowd was chairman of the dinner committee and was assisted by Mrs. Ella Sanders. Smith, Mrs. David Reed, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Harry Fredericks. Each woman present was presented with a lovely fibre flower corsage made by Dowd.

A number of out-of-town guests were present, including Dr. Q. Breen of Albany college and the church pastor, and Mrs. Breen. Mrs. E. L. Clark and Mrs. Ed Bohle had charge of the social program.

#### (about \$120)-although it had Appoint Lee Stillwell Marshal for Monmouth

MONMOUTH - Lee Stillwell was appointed night watchman and city marshal of Monmouth at a special council meeting last night. (Friday night.) There were 12 applicants for the post.
Stillwell is a member of the American Legion. He has lived in Monmouth and at Dallas for several years, and is a son-in-law of

39c and a coupon from this newspaper. Each week's set contains a lesson in art appreciation and persons who obtain all 12 weekly sets will get a free Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mason of this city.

The death of Verd Schrunk Dec. 19, created the vacancy.