

THEY SAID GOODBYE.

Reception in Honor of Departing Family, Tuesday Evening.

The handsome home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bell was the scene of a very pleasant social event Tuesday evening, when a farewell social was tendered Rev. and Mrs. Edward Forrest Green, who go to Ashland to reside.

The rooms were beautifully decorated with China astors in purple pink and white, and the evening was spent in social conversation, enlivened by vocal solos by Rev. Green, Miss Edna Allen and Mrs. Charles Peterson.

Two handsome pieces of cut glass were bestowed upon Rev. and Mrs. Green by the assembled guests, as a token of the high regard in which they are held. The presentation speech was made by Prof. F. Berchtold, who said that in the gathering on that occasion happiness and sadness were intermingled, as ties were being severed, and that in losing Rev. Green the Congregational church lost not only a pastor but a brother. He said that Rev. Green had stood by the church faithfully, and that when members were ill he was there to proffer his assistance.

In speaking of Mrs. Green, Prof. Berchtold stated that the church would feel keenly her loss, for never has there been anyone more faithful and efficient in the musical work of the church than she, and in other branches of labor she has ever been ready and willing to assist.

In responding to Prof. Berchtold, Rev. Green declared that while he left Corvallis with regret, he did not feel that the ties of friendship formed were being severed, as he should ever cherish for this city and her people the kindest feelings. He said that he expected to return, perhaps not as a pastor but as a friend, and that he should ever have a warm spot in his heart for Corvallis, and especially for the Congregational church.

Rev. G. H. Feese of the M. E. church was present and made a brief address, saying among other things, that one of the characteristics which he had observed in both Mr. and Mrs. Green was faithfulness. When a service was expected of them, they were always prompt in discharging the duty.

About 65 guests were present at the reception, every church in the city being represented, a fact which demonstrates more forcibly than mere words the high esteem in which Rev. and Mrs. Green are held.

In her position as head of the vocal department at the Oregon Agricultural College the past few years, Mrs. Green has proven herself a capable instructor and a thorough musician, and her loss will be keenly felt. She has aided in many public ways with her music and will be greatly missed also in this respect.

Rev. Green has been known always as a broad-minded, public spirited gentleman, as well as an able pulpit, and hosts of friends join in wishing he and his family success wherever they go.

About Poor Farms.

In view of the fact that there has been much discussion of late in Benton concerning the poor farm, an item from Albany, giving Linn county's experience is given space. It says:

Paupers don't make good farmers, and as a result Linn county will soon change its system of managing its poor farm. No attempt will be made to operate the farm as an industry hereafter, but the land will be rented, and the man in charge will be paid a stated price per month for the board and care of the poor. Heretofore the county has maintained the farm, paying a superintendent, and the system has not proved profitable.

IN SEATTLE.

What Has Been Done in Mitchell Creffield Case.

A dispatch from Seattle, Tuesday, gave the details of what had occurred up to that date in the trial of the two women in whom Corvallis people are naturally somewhat interested because of the local parties who are concerned in the trial. The dispatch says: Will H. Morris, the attorney who defended George Mitchell when tried for the murder of Franz Edmund Creffield, was the most interesting witness in the Mitchell-Creffield insanity hearing today. The session was very short. Aside from Morris, Mrs. Creffield and Dr. Snyder, the jail physician, were the only witnesses examined.

Mr. Morris testified to having seen Esther Mitchell when she came to Seattle immediately after the shooting of Creffield. He said that when he introduced himself as the attorney for her brother she refused to have anything to do with him, saying that she had nothing in common with her brother George. He declared that he and the other attorneys interested in the Mitchell case, including Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, John F. Miller, had conceded at that time that the two women were insane. He said also that during the trial of the case he had had those who were known to have some unusual interest in the case sworn in as witnesses, so that they could be excluded from the courtroom, as he feared a demonstration might be made.

Morris declared that in his opinion the women have such a weak mentality that it will be impossible to secure a jury that will convict them. He declared his belief that they are crazy, and will never recover. He said that he thought the girl had done the shooting because of a plan which had been arranged for a new "Christ," to which she was to have been a party, and which was stopped by the death of Creffield.

Mrs. Creffield was placed upon the stand during the session and questioned closely regarding her life and religious belief, and later Dr. Snyder told of the life of the women in the county jail. Nothing of particular importance was brought out in the examination of either of the witnesses.

Seattle, Sept. 18.—In answer to the question as to whether or not she was willing to undergo punishment for the murder of George Mitchell, Mrs. Maud Hurt Creffield made the following reply to the alienist examining her this morning:

"I am anxious to pay the penalty of the law. I would be glad to give up my life for the taking of George Mitchell's life. I have fulfilled the purpose for which God placed me in this world and I care not what happens to me."

Mrs. Creffield's testimony was as follows:

"After the killing of my husband I was so disturbed that I could not receive a message from God. After I prayed I entered into a state of prayer that God might witness to me what I should do. When I became composed, it was witnessed through my spirit that it was the will of God that I should kill George Mitchell. I feared that my desires and not the will of God was speaking to me, so I again entered into a state of prayer. Again God's word came to me that I should kill George Mitchell. There could be no mistake that it was God's will.

"My husband's spirit also spoke to me telling me it was his wish as well as God's that I should avenge his death.

"I was to fulfill the word of God that I would be subjected to the penalty of man's law. But then I never consider the laws of

men when the will of God has been made known to me."

After making this statement the medical commission inquired if she had been commanded by God to kill George Mitchell, why she let Esther Mitchell do the slaying. She said: "It was God's will that she should do the slaying."

In speaking of the possible consequences of the deed Esther Mitchell said:

"I wanted to see my brother punished for shooting Creffield. When I was told it was my duty to kill him I was glad. It was not hard to do, for I was given strength. When we planned to shoot George we made all the preparations beforehand. We did not plan to escape afterwards, for we did not want to get away. I am not insane and never have been."

They Were Wed.

The home of Rev. and Mrs. T. S. Handsaker on Eighth street was the scene of a pretty though quiet wedding Tuesday afternoon. The hour was two o'clock, the bride was Miss Lottie Butler and the groom Henry M. Ebbert, both of Benton county.

The bride's costume was a gray tailor suit. The knot was tied by Rev. Handsaker in the presence of a party of near relatives, and immediately after the ceremony the young people left for their new home, a ranch near Philomath.

The bride is a daughter of Martin Butler, residing about 12 miles southwest of Corvallis, and well known hereabouts. She is an estimable young lady. The groom formerly resided in or near Monmouth, Polk county, and is favorably known.

The guests were: Mrs. Frank Chalafoue, Bruce, Oregon; Mrs. J. L. Hastings, Roseburg; J. O. Bristow, Eugene; Sam Hackney, Kansas; Martin Butler, Philomath; and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Stevens.

BEGINS TUESDAY.

Greatest Convention Held on the Coast—Spokane the Place.

No convention ever held in the Pacific Northwest, not even excepting the very important meeting of the Irrigation Congress, recently in session at Boise, is of greater value than the convention that is to be held in Spokane Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. The shrewdest business men of this part of the Pacific Northwest are planning the program and propose a movement which will advertise the four states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana in a way which will rival the greatest advertising schemes ever known. Already many delegates are promised for the convention, assuring the important meeting desired.

The committees which are planning the meeting fight shy of everything which is for individual localities as against the entire Northwest. There is so much of vast importance upon which all communities in the four states can unite, that the convention will find that it will have all it can do to plan this work.

Among the questions which have been suggested for discussion are the placing of lecturers in the East, advertising the Pacific Northwest; opening of rivers and harbors; the establishment of a strong northwest press bureau; securing by united action national conventions for all the cities of the Northwest, which are large enough to entertain them; the placing of an immigration agent in Europe; securing of an appropriation by the legislature of each of the four states for the advertising of that state; the co-operation of the United States government for

forest protection, including the patrol of forests by United States cavalry troops, and the urging of leading cities to hold annual expositions and fairs.

Railroad officials are not only giving unusual rates for the benefit of this convention, but many of the officials are writing personal letters endorsing the importance of the movement and promising to be present.

The Corvallis Citizens' League received an urgent, personal invitation to send delegates to this meeting, which is of widespread interest.

TUESDAY'S TRAIN WRECK.

Collision in Dense Fog—Several Injured.

There was much discussion on Corvallis streets at noon Tuesday concerning a wreck that was reported on the S. P. which delayed trains and caused a general stir in rail road affairs. Full particulars of the accident are taken from Wednesday's Herald, which says:

The main line of the Southern Pacific was blocked all day Tuesday by a wreck caused by a southbound soldier-laden passenger train crashing head-on into a northbound extra freight, which was standing on the siding at Miller's Station, near Albany. The collision occurred at 7:40 in the morning in a heavy fog.

By the quick work of Bert Rose, engineer of the passenger, a terrible wreck was averted and great loss of life prevented. He applied the air-brakes in time to slacken the speed of the oncoming train but was unable to avoid a collision. The engine of the passenger was badly smashed up, the tender being pushed over the cab, and the head of the other engine was torn out. One box-car was telescoped and another damaged. The wrecked engines stayed on the rails and the track was not torn up at all.

Engineer Bert Rose was the only man severely hurt and there is no doubt but that he will recover from his injuries. Conductor H. C. Murphy, of the passenger, was looking out of the window and received a cut in the face and Fireman Bair was bruised and suffered a sprained arm when he leaped from the engine.

The troop train carried five companies of the Twentieth Infantry and many of the soldiers were cut and bruised when thrown out of their seats or berths by the force of the collision. They were en route from the maneuvers at American Lake, Wash., to Monterey, Calif.

Already at Work.

At a meeting of the student body in the college chapel on Monday afternoon, Grover Cate was named as the graduate athletic manager for the coming year, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Bert Pilkington. Up to the Gazette press hour yesterday no letter had been received from Mr. Cate, who is in Hillsboro, but it is hoped that he will accept the position proffered him. The name of Carl Steiwer has also been mentioned for the place, and in the event of Mr. Cate being unable to accept it is probable that Steiwer will be the man.

The first practice was held Tuesday afternoon by the football boys, and a second practice occurred Wednesday afternoon. Quite a large number of suits have been given out and a godly squad of men participated in the practice.

The field and weather are both ideal just now for practice, and there is every indication that the favorite game will have plenty of supporters again this year at OAC.



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