

## SOCIAL EVENTS

### Last is Over Now and Parties and Entertainments Increase in Number.

Last Monday was the birthday of Mrs. N. N. Neiman and a pleasant surprise was arranged for her at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. J. Longston.

Mrs. Neiman was lured from her own home in the afternoon on some clever pretext. When passing the Longston domicile she was called in "for just a moment." Entering, she found the rooms tastefully decorated with the flowers of the season and a bevy of smiling woman friends with a table in the midst thereof heaped with presents. The surprise was complete and the recipient cried a little on the shoulder of the friend who chanced to be nearest. But such tears are always mixed with smiles and followed by smiles unmingled.

Next followed a cheery interval devoted partially to needlework, but more to conversation with the many pretty and useful gifts proving a rich mine of themes.

At five o'clock a delicious repast, consisting of salads, wafers, pickles, cakes and coffee, was served by Mrs. Longston assisted by Mrs. J. S. Barton. The birthday candles were lighted with due ceremony by Mrs. Neiman after which the cake was eaten with all the good wishes that can spring from the hearts of friends.

The invited guests were: Mesdames J. S. Barton, H. Lorenz, M. J. Hartson, L. H. Hazard, J. L. Smith, R. B. Rogers, J. A. Lamb, J. A. Collier, O. C. Sanford, T. M. Dimmick, H. W. Young, Walter Sinclair, G. E. Barrow, E. E. Fraedricks, N. Johnson, R. H. Kern, A. N. Gould, C. A. Howard, T. B. Currie, Tracy Leach, Archibald Walker, G. E. Low, F. C. Pursley, S. V. Epperson and Misses Allie Phillips and Marian Young.

### Mr. and Mrs. Cary Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Cary were hosts last evening at their home on First street to a "500" party. The principal event of the evening was the first appearance of A. J. Sherwood in the complete dress suit outfit which he won from Mr. Cary on last fall's election, including a silk tile.

Refreshments were served at the close of a very enjoyable evening. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames J. A. Collier, A. J. Sherwood, L. H. Hazard, C. A. Howard, Hal Pierce, Z. A. Strang, Chas. Evland, T. B. Currie, L. P. Branstetter, W. Sinclair, N. N. Neiman D. D. Pierce, Geo. A. Robinson, Paul L. Sterling, F. B. Phillips, Mesdames N. Lorenz and N. Tyrrell, Misses Hoffman and Mackey and Messrs. J. W. Noblet and A. Huling.

### Afternoon Party by Mrs. Collier.

Last Tuesday afternoon Mrs. J. A. Collier entertained delightfully in honor of Mrs. Ferrar, mother-in-law of City Engineer Kellogg, and Mrs. Newell, mother of Miss Ada M. Newell, of the city high school. The hostess served a delicious luncheon at 1:30 in which she was assisted by Mrs. Kellogg and Mrs. Currie. Those present were Mesdames Ferrar, Newell, Maury, Lawrence, Evland, Fred Belloni, Longston, Phillips, H. W. Young and Wickham.

### Celebrates Tenth Birthday.

Tuesday evening after school Warren Brandon celebrated his tenth birthday by giving a party to a number of the Fifth grade pupils. The little fellow enjoyed themselves with out-of-door games until 5:30, when they were called in for refreshments. Ice cream and cake were served. Mrs. George Battey assisted Mrs. Brandon in caring for the little guests. The following friends were present:

and helped to make Warren's birthday a very happy one: Tuddy Beckst, Layton Nealer, Allen Young, Walter Paulson, Lyle Byers, Noel Hanscom, Harry Varney, Charlie Cunningham, Walter and Numbard Culin, Calvin Slagle, Meris Landreth, Robin Broad, Travis Terry, Clara Belle Mintoyne, Gladys Peart, Crystal Woodruff, Edna James, Alleen Wilson, Rosalie Peart, Lois Morrison, Arthur McAdams, Jewel Peart and Edgar Emery.

### Past Matrons Entertained.

The Past Matrons were delightfully entertained by Mrs. J. W. Laird Saturday afternoon, April 14. A delicious three course luncheon was served at 1:30, after which the guests spent a pleasant afternoon with their fancy work and chatting. The house was beautifully decorated with cut flowers, Oregon grape and flags. The place cards bore hand painted flags. Those present were Mesdames Rose, Kime, Lamb, Lyons, Barrow, Maury, Lawrence, Lorenz, Collier, Folsom, Evland, Sherwood and Laird. Mrs. Newell was also a guest of the occasion. The hostess was assisted by the Mesdames Kennedy, Spencer and Bay.

### Womens Study Club.

At the meeting of the Womens' Study club last Friday afternoon, the time was given to business. The annual election was held, a large pile of correspondence was discussed and several resolutions were passed. Among the latter was a resolution approving the Womens' National Economy Movement, headed by Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—Mrs. H. O. Anderson.  
1st Vice Pres.—Mrs. H. W. Young.  
2nd Vice Pres.—Mrs. R. B. Rogers.  
Secretary—Mrs. S. V. Epperson.  
Treasurer—Mrs. W. L. Kikstner.  
The club will meet next on May 4.

### Entertains Wednesday Club.

Miss Allie Phillips entertained the Wednesday card club this week in a most delightful manner. Mrs. Hal Pierce won the prize, an embroidered collar. Those present were Mesdames N. N. Neiman, Hal Pierce, G. E. Low, M. J. Hartson, F. E. McKenna, Tracy Leach, Archie Walker, T. B. Currie, Fay Jones, Misses Smith, Esther Asplund, Edna Harlocker and Marian Young.

### Musical Club Meets.

The Musical club met at Mrs. Hawkins' on Monday. Selections were given by the following: Muriel Landreth, Dena Ellingson, Mary Esther Johnson, Harriet Gould, Georganna Johnson. The Star Spangled Banner was played by Adrienne Gardner and afterwards the members of the club talked about its author, Francis Scott Key, and how he came to write it. Bach was also studied. Genevieve Chase, Sec.

### Military Ball Tomorrow.

The Ko-Keel Klub has issued invitations for a Military Ball at the Club rooms tomorrow (Saturday) evening. The rooms have been very tastefully decorated with the national colors. The committee in charge are J. W. Miller, Chas. Baxter, Chas. Harlocker and Walter Oerding.

Mrs. C. A. Howard delightfully entertained the lady teachers of the Coquille schools at her home Saturday afternoon. A two course luncheon followed a very pleasant afternoon spent doing fancy work.

### Marriage Licenses.

April 21—Radford Thompson Allen and Nora Nygreen.  
April 21—William E. Dietz and Elsie B. Strang.  
April 21—John C. Noble and Elsie V. Wolfe, of Bandon.  
April 22—Aloysius J. Foster and Viola Micklem, of Marshfield.

## STAYS DECIDED

### Supreme Court Sustains Itself in Land Grant Case... Upholds New Law.

The United States Supreme Court at Washington, without dissent, last Monday affirmed the decree of Judge Wolverton in the Oregon & California land-grant case, and sustained the action of Congress in passing the Chamberlain-Ferris bill prescribing terms on which the unsold portion of the grant shall be disposed of by the government.

The court briefly finds that Judge Wolverton's decree was in accord with the Supreme Court mandate, save on the one non-essential feature of costs; that Congress, in passing the act of June 9, 1916, was entirely within its rights and stayed within the limitations fixed by the Supreme Court; that "the interest under the granting acts conferred upon the railroad company was \$2.50 per acre," which the railroad company gets under this law.

**Trust Company Rights Defined.**  
The Union Trust company was found to have no rights in excess of those of the railroad company for the court holds that the railroad could use the lands as a basis of credit "only to the extent of its interest in them," namely \$2.50 per acre.

Once more the court points out that the applicants represented both by Lafferty and Pater have no standing in the case.

The decision seems to leave the way clear for the carrying out of the provisions of the Chamberlain-Ferris act.

Justice McKenna, who wrote the first opinion, wrote the opinion handed down today. He firmly rejects every contention set up by the railroad company.

### Grant Not Absolute

Dealing first with the railroad's contention that it should be permitted to cut the timber before disposing of the land, on the ground that the railroad had absolute ownership of the lands, the court says:

"The grant was not absolute, but was qualified by a condition in favor of the settlers, and that if the lands granted carried by necessary implication all that was above and below the surface to the railroad company, they carried such implication to the actual settlers."

The court reviewed briefly the history of the litigation and in a foot note says of the applicants and intervenors that "this case has no further concern with them."

Taking up the provisos of the granting act, the court repeats that the provisos were enforceable covenants which had been breached many times. It was not intended, says the court, that these breaches should be overlooked and the railroad company merely be enjoined against future breaches, although this was the railroad's contention.

### Time of Sale Up to Railroad

How the railroad sold in large tracts, ranging from 1000 to 45,000 acres and for prices ranging from \$5 to \$40 an acre, is related to show how the railroad company disregarded the law and to sustain the previous ruling that an injunction against future violations of the covenants would not afford the measure of relief to which the government is entitled, nor was the railroad's response that its remaining lands are not suited for settlement, regarded as justification for its refusal to sell to those who honestly applied, in face of the record of sales contrary to law.

### Law's Validity Not Involved

The fact that the remaining lands are worth \$30,000,000 and the fact that they are more valuable for the timber than for settlement moved the court on the first occasion to enjoin the railroad company from cutting the timber pending action by Congress.

### The decision continues:

"The railroad company says that the legislation directed was to have its consent, and that such consent was essential to the valid resumption or alteration of its vested rights, and that this was what this court meant when it said 'that any legislation in the premises by Congress should secure to the defendants all the value the granting acts conferred upon the railroads.'"

"We have already answered the contentions. The railroad company, by putting into view the rights conferred by the granting act and putting out of view the wrongs committed by it, can easily build an argument upon and involve the inviolability of vested rights, and to say this consent was necessary to legislation is to say that it could dictate the remedy for its wrongs, preclude or embarrass the policy of the government."

Of the attacks the railroad and other attorneys made on the Chamberlain-Ferris bill the Supreme Court says they are based on the assertion

that the rights of the railroad are "vested and inviolable." Of this contention the court adds: "To yield that covenants violated are the same as covenants performed—wrong done the same as rights exercised—and, by confounding these essential distinctions, give to the transgression of the law what its observance alone is entitled to."

### Boutin's Great Luck.

Noting the arrival of Frank Boutin, one of the big timber men of Coos county, with his wife and daughter at the Bay last Monday night to look over his holdings, the Coos Bay Times thus tells about the way in which a fortunate investment in Coos county land made him wealthy:

His visit recalls the lucky investment he made near Marshfield not so many years ago and which has made him independently well to do as well as giving him a nucleus for additional operations in the lumber game that are said to be paying well. He bought the big tract of timber extending practically from Coos Bay to the Coquille west of the railroad at about \$18 per acre. It had long been on the market, but because it contained so much spruce wisecakes in the timber game spurred it. Boutin has since sold hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of timber off it and has a big area left. The flying machine demands for spruce which has acroplanned the prices of that lumber has added immensely to the tract's value. Now the North Bend Mill & Lumber company, and Aasen Brothers are logging the tract.

### The May Day Program.

The pupils of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades have been working for several weeks on a May day program to be given on the school grounds at the main building next Tuesday afternoon, May 1, at two-thirty. A May queen has been elected by the pupils of the classes and she will be crowned with elaborate ceremonies. There will be drills and songs and three May poles will be wound. The possibility of bad weather is the only hindering feature. However, unless it is actually raining the program will be presented and all friends of the little folks are cordially invited to be present. The order of ceremonies will be as follows:

Opening song—"We welcome the May."  
Song—"Search for the May Queen."  
Song—"Crowning Song."  
Winding the May-Poles. (three).  
Soldiers.....Drill and Song.  
Flower Drill.  
Japanese Song.  
Song....."The Butter-Fly."  
Operetta....."The Garden of Iris."  
The Grammar clowns.  
Flag Drill.

### Gold Medals Ordered.

Gold medals have been ordered for the Sixth Annual Declamatory contest of the Coquille schools which will take place near the close of school, probably May 24. As in previous years, there will be three sections to the contest with a gold medal as the prize in each section. In the first section, the fifth grade will be represented by Merle Landreth and Travis Tyrrell, while Kathleen Siler and Charabel Peart will speak for the sixth grade. In the second section, Kenneth Stanning and Chester Howard will represent the seventh grade and Beryl Woodruff the eighth. The list of high school contestants has not been completed, but the following have signified their intention of entering: Marvel Skeels, Ruby McDonald, Katie Price and Nellie Johnson.

### Two S. P. Agents Here.

Two Southern Pacific special agents, W. J. Jeffries, of Medford, and R. C. Scott, of Ashland, were in here Monday looking for men with military experience ostensibly to guard track and bridges of the company in this county. Don Donaldson and James Grush were secured and ordered to report at Beaver Hill Tuesday. When they got there they found a bunch of strike breakers at the S. P. mine there were being brought in from Portland and all their guarding was to consist in protecting the newcomers. Grush and Donaldson immediately hit the ties for home and didn't go back.

### Tug Captain Drops Dead.

Capt. John Johnson, of Bandon, who for years was master of the Coquille river tug Klyhiam, dropped dead of heart trouble while the tug was crossing out over the bar Saturday. Two steam schooners were off the bar waiting to be towed in. When the tug was nearly over the bar, Capt. Johnson was seen to fall and when a member of the crew reached him life was extinct. The mate promptly brought the tug back to port. Capt. Johnson was 58 years old, and is survived by his wife, one son and a daughter.

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The Sunday School at 10 a. m. G. D. Hudson, Supt.  
Sermon by the pastor at 11 a. m.  
Epworth League at 7 p. m.  
Sermon by the pastor at 8 p. m.  
Prayer service at the M. E. Church Wednesday evening at 8 p. m.  
Everyone urged to be present.  
H. Marvin Law, Pastor.

### Methodist Episcopal.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Mrs. Georgia Richmond, superintendent; H. O. Anderson, musical director.  
The church service at 11 a. m. The theme of the sermon will be, "The Joyful Sound."  
The Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. The topic is, "Symmetrical Versus Lop-Sided Development." Myron Varney is the leader.

The evening service at 7:30 p. m. The theme of the sermon will be, "Christ and the Woman of Samaria." The union prayer meeting in the M. E. Church, Rev. H. M. Law leading.

The observance of a self-denial week this year will be first week in May.

Beginning the first Sunday in May our evening services will commence at 8 p. m. instead of 7:30.

A cordial welcome is extended to all.  
T. H. Downs, Pastor.

### St. James Episcopal Church

Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11 a. m. Subject, "A Forgotten Duty."  
Evening Prayer and Sermon at 8 p. m. Subject, "The End, the Test of Life."  
Tuesday—May 1st—Feast of Saint Philip and Saint James. Morning Prayer at 9 a. m. Evening Prayer at 7:30 p. m.  
Rev. F. G. Jennings.

### Christian Church.

Bible School at 10 a. m.  
Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.

### Presbyterian Church.

Teaching service from 10 to 11 a. m.  
Preaching service at 11 a. m.  
We extend a hearty welcome.  
F. S. Shimian, Pastor.

### Christian Science Society.

Services next Sunday at 11:00 a. m. Subject, "Probation After Death."  
Wednesday evening meeting at 7 o'clock.  
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.  
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In order to have the question settled as to whether "shiners" come under the provisions of the State law regarding salmon fishing, Game Warden J. M. Thomas shipped a small batch to the Fish and Game Commission at Portland last week. Mr. Thomas has heretofore held that they were not young salmon, but it is now put up for official decision as to whether or not they are young silver-sides.

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