

SOCIETY

Music and Cards—Miss Maud Barnes delightfully entertained the members of the younger set on last Thursday evening. The evening was enjoyably spent in dancing and cards, the latter being the main feature of the evening. A number of grand opera selections were enjoyed by all. Thursday being Edison day, an Edison phonograph furnished music. At a late hour a dainty luncheon was served by the hostess. The guests of the evening were Misses Hallie Smith, Maud Barnes, Muriel Grant, Helen Loughary, Naomi Scott, Helen Casey, Lucile Hamilton, Pearl Smith, Lucile Loughary and Gladys Loughary.

Entertainment—An enjoyable entertainment was held Friday night at the Mountain View school house in Polk county, under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher association, which was the first meeting of the year. Miss La Vonne Coppock and Charles Dillard, pupils from Mrs. Anna Rogers Fish's school of expression, gave a number of splendid dramatic readings. There was also an old-fashioned basket lunch, the funds raised being used for a piano fund. The next gathering will be held November 19, and will be a business meeting.—Statesman.

MRS. DUNIWAY HONORED.

Throng Gathers to Pay Respects to Memory of Great Woman.

A stirring public tribute was paid on Sunday to the late Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway, who for 41 years championed the cause of women suffrage in the United States, laboring all the while in the face of prosecution and criticism for an ideal. And Mrs. Duniway won her fight. She died perhaps before the great throng of her admirers awakened to a realization of her great worth to the citizenry of the state, but that multitude who hold her memory dear did justice to her name on Sunday. She lived to see the sentiment of her state recast, and the criticism of even her own brother turned to admiration and profound respect, and it was this same profound respect that characterized the big memorial celebration at Portland.

The speakers were all men who had known Mrs. Duniway many years. Some had helped in the work she made her life end. In their addresses they recalled the courage with which she had overcome difficulties, her devotion to the principles of liberty and justice, and the qualities that will cause her to be remembered as Oregon's greatest woman.

Governor Withycombe, with ex-governors, United States senators, congressmen, judges and other notable men and women gathered to pay their tribute to Mrs. Duniway's memory and works.

PRISONERS TO HAVE SCHOOL.

Warden Minto Proposes Plan of Education of Convicts.

One of the most important progressive movements in the line of prison administration taken in this state in many years is contemplated by the penitentiary authorities at Salem. Occupation and education will be the by-words of the plan to be established and has to do, as those words would indicate, with the education of the prison population. A system of education for those confined within penitentiary walls will be worked out and convict schools will be started with the idea of improving the condition of the men and developing them so that they can take the best advantage of their imprisonment. The details of the prison school are being worked out by Warden John Minto and regular classes should be started soon with classrooms, desks, wood-working tables and all the requirements for a real school very much in evidence. Occupation and education of the prisoners have been practical prison reforms ardently favored by Governor Withycombe since his inauguration. As assistance toward securing employment for the idle prison population, he secured from the last legislature an appropriation of \$50,000 to be utilized in establishing methods of employment, so far as the laws prohibiting prison manufacturing would permit.

HOP GROWERS AWAIT RISE.

Non-Members of Independence Association Confer.

Several of the hopgrowers of the Independence vicinity, who are not members of the association, met Saturday night in that city to confer with members of the hop association in regard to the situation at this time. They have decided finally to either withdraw their entire crops amounting to about 4000 bales from the market, or else go into the association, and in any case to be guided largely by the action of the association. This was the unanimous decision of all those present. Last week several offers have been made for better than 11 cents, but no one seemed inclined to sell at these prices.

Wedding Date Is Set.

The wedding of President Wilson to Mrs. Norman Galt will occur shortly before the Christmas holidays. It will probably be December 20, and will take place at Mrs. Galt's home.

Swat the Hand Bill.

Evidently having concluded that to further swat the county fair would be doing things out of season, the Independence Monitor now turns its attention to swatting the hand-bill and

the following from that source has the endorsement of The Observer:

"Hand bills thrown around in the streets and yards of a town are unsightly and are a bar to a 'city beautiful.' Many towns, filled with local pride, forbid their distribution. While the Monitor prints them, we would willingly and gladly suffer the financial loss in order that Independence might take its place among the clean towns of the nation."

TO BUSINESSMEN.

The businessmen's mass meeting, announced elsewhere in this issue of The Observer for Friday night at the W. O. W. hall, will be held tomorrow night, Wednesday, at the Library hall. This meeting is called to discuss and plan for the public market and sales day.

BINGHAM LAW IS INVALID.

Attorney Brown Says Statute Does Not Concern Cities.

The Bingham law which limits the tax levy to a six per cent increase over either of the two previous years has been declared invalid, so far as incorporated cities are concerned, by Attorney General Brown. In the opinion handed down the attorney general says city taxation is a local matter with which the people of the state at large have nothing to do. Under section 2, article 11 of the constitution and criminal laws of the state, cities and towns are empowered to enact and amend their charters, subject only to the constitution and criminal laws of the state, and this makes them supreme as to legislation pertaining to municipal and local matters, says the attorney general.

CAPTAIN STAFRIN TO SEE FAIR.

Governor's Military Staff Leaves For San Francisco.

As a member of Governor Withycombe's military staff, Captain Conrad Staftrin left this morning for San Francisco to participate in the ceremonies and festivities in honor of the governor on Saturday. A great program has been prepared for Governor Withycombe, and throughout he will be attended by his military staff in full uniform. Captain Staftrin will remain at San Francisco about ten days to enjoy the fair as a private citizen. Other members of the governor's staff who will make the trip are Colonel Cleland McLaughlin, commanding officer of the Third Infantry; Captain George Schumacker, Captain L. A. J. Piron, Captain Vance and Captain Molene.

MOTOR HAS ACCIDENT.

Runs Onto Wrong Track Over Thrown Switch, Hits Logs.

A serious accident was fortunately escaped yesterday afternoon when Southern Pacific motor number 55 smashed into a carload of logs near the mill. The motor had started for Falls City at 5:30 p. m. and close to the mill it ran onto the wrong track over an open switch and hit the load of logs. The only damage done was to the front of the motor, which will cost about \$75 to repair. Claude Stout was driving the motor and succeeded in cutting down the speed of the machine before the crash came.

Courts and Public to Meet.

A joint meeting of the Polk and Marion county courts will be held in Salem this afternoon at 2:30, when the public is invited to attend. It is hoped to form some plan from opinions advanced for the operation of a ferry across the river as a means of handling traffic since the inter-county bridge is closed. The rural mail for Polk county emanating from the Salem office is being delivered as usual, the wagon and horses being kept in Polk county and the mail taken across the river in boats. Dairies located in Polk county are making their regular deliveries by keeping their wagons in this city and bringing the milk across in boats.

Doctors and Dentists Meet.

Disease of the mouth received major attention at the meeting of the Tri-County Medical society at the state insane asylum at Salem last Tuesday evening. The dentists of Polk, Yamhill and Marion counties were guests of the medical men of those counties who are members of the association. Drs. L. A. Bollman, V. C. Staats and B. H. McCallon of Dallas attended the meeting and had as their guests, Drs. M. Hayter and C. L. Foster.

Knights Initiate Larc Class.

Knights of Pythias from all parts of the state gathered in Portland on Sunday to participate in a special initiation of a class of 29. The official ceremonies were followed by a banquet at the Portland hotel at which the short talk of H. Meyers of Dallas was one of a series. Mr. Meyers responded to a toast by Dr. Ben Norden on "New Members."

Miss Canfield Buried.

Miss Lenora Canfield passed away at the state hospital for the insane on Thursday morning and was buried in Dallas on Friday. Miss Canfield spent most of her life in Dallas until she was confined to the hospital for treatment for her malady. She was a sister of Mrs. Claude Lynch.

Mrs. Edward J. Himes and little daughter returned home last evening from Salem, where they have been visiting friends for ten days.

A CHINESE JACOB.

His Willy Scheme by Which Hsien Feng Reached the Throne.

How Hsien Feng, winning his father's favor after the manner of Jacob, reigned in his stead and hastened the swift decline of the Manchu dynasty in China is told by Messrs. E. Backhouse and J. O. P. Bland in "Annals and Memoirs of the Court of Peking."

Toward the end of his reign Tao Kuang, concerned as to the succession, had almost decided to confer it upon his favorite son, Prince Kung, a young man much superior in character and intelligence to him who eventually became heir to the throne. It happened, however, that the latter's tutor, Tsao Chenyung, knew of the emperor's predilection and, desiring to enhance his own position, cast about for some means of inducing the sovereign to change his mind and confer the succession upon his pupil.

The emperor, following the dynastic tradition, had given orders one day that his sons should go hunting in the southern park. Etiquette required that a prince who had not completed his studies should ask his tutor for permission to absent himself for the day. Hsien Feng therefore attended at the lecture room in the palace and found his tutor there alone. The prince went up and, making the bow that ceremony requires, asked for leave.

Tsao asked for what purpose, and he answered: "The emperor wishes me to take a day's shooting."

Tsao whispered to him: "Ako (the Manchu word used in speaking of or addressing princes meaning, literally, elder brother), take my advice: When you reach the park sit you and watch the others shooting. Do not fire a shot and give orders to your hunsmen not to set any traps. If the emperor asks you for your reason tell him that at this spring season it is not right to take life because both birds and beasts have their young to take care of, and such slaughter is a violation of natural harmony. Take care not to quarrel with your brothers, but do not endeavor to emulate them. If you, ako, will remember this, you are certain to win his majesty's approval, for I know his disposition. On this hinges your whole future. Be careful; do not forget."

When the princes returned in the evening and reported to their father only Hsien Feng had an empty bag. To Tao Kuang's questions he replied exactly as his tutor had told him to do. The emperor was delighted and said, "This is the conduct of a superior man," and from that day he decided to make him his heir.

In later years, when Tao Kuang had passed away, Hsien Feng raised his tutor to the rank of assistant grand secretary, but he died before attaining to still higher honors.

When Tosti Kissed Melba.

The first time I sang "Goodbye" it was in Tosti's studio, and he played the accompaniment himself. The lines "Hush—a voice far away," "Listen and learn," it seems to say: "All the tomorrows shall be as today!" "The cord is frayed, the cruse is dry; the link must break and the lamp must die," I sang throughout pianissimo, with only the two slight crescendos that he had marked in the music. Stopping suddenly at the end of those phrases, Tosti kissed me and exclaimed, "That is the way I heard it!" I knew what he meant. The desire prompted by imagination in its composing had been realized. And I was very happy. —Mme. Melba in "Woman's Home Companion."

Turn the Children Loose.

Turn them loose. That is the best way to develop the muscles of boys and girls. Turn them loose and let them live wild—climb trees, jump fences, chase squirrels, play with the dogs, dig in the garden, pick flowers, hop, skip and jump and do all sorts of things that a natural human animal wants to do. The trouble is, our boys and girls are tamed too much. We are all born wild and in the civilizing process have to be tamed more or less. Most of us, however, get tamed too much. We become so tamed that we are spoiled.—Good Health.

Norway Hotel System.

There is a capital hotel system in vogue in certain parts of Norway. In villages where no hotel exists one of the more prominent inhabitants is subsidized by the Norwegian government and in return is bound to provide accommodation for not fewer than four travelers. He may take in more if he chooses, but four is the minimum. The accommodation and food supplied are excellent and the charges moderate.

Garden Society.

"Why is the fly so naughty?" inquired the mushroom. "She barely nods to the rest of us." "She is very proud," explained the ivy. "She regards you as an upstart and me as a climber."—Kansas City Journal.

Leatherback Turtle.

A marine creature hard to keep in captivity is the leatherback turtle. The leatherback is a sea turtle, and is the biggest of all the turtles. It grows to weigh a thousand pounds or more, six or eight times as much as a man.

Quite the Contrary.

"Does your wife husband your resources?" "Not while she's trying to husband our daughters."—Baltimore American.

Good luck is but another name for common sense.

MAN AND HIS LAUGH.

Self Restraint and Its Effects Upon Human Emotions.

Laughter is a sign of high development. The nearer one is to the animal the less one laughs. The more highly developed we become the more do we perceive humor. For laughter, it must be remembered, is a sign that an emotion has suddenly been set free. It is like a touch on the trigger of a gun, the gun being self restraint.

No one ever tells an animal (in the wild state) that there are certain things that he must not do. There is no direct prevention of an act that the animal wants to perform. Consequently the animal has no self restraint.

Man, on the other hand, is surrounded by commandments from babyhood onward. He is always being told by some one, first by his parents, then by the laws of society, that there are things that he must not do. The desire to do these things, coupled to the knowledge that he dare not do them, causes a tense emotion. The animal lives as the occasion rises. Man is keyed up by the continuous conflict of occasions.

It is the relief from this keying up that gives rise to laughter. The greater the tension caused by the delay between impulse and act the funnier does the thing seem which releases it. Something which would seem only moderately funny if it happened in the street becomes screamingly ludicrous in church because of the tension of feeling that one must be solemn. When a snowball hits a silk hat the sight makes one laugh because of the feeling that, whatever else a silk hat might be intended for, it was not as a target for snowballs. Exaggerations are often funny, because they twist our emotion from a usual to an unexpected channel.

A story teller who laughs at his own jokes always spoils his stories. It is the man with the mournful face whose quips seem the merriest. It is an old saying that one must "laugh and grow fat," but modern science has learned that we must "laugh and grow wise."—New York American.

OLD MAN HARE.

The Actor's Meeting With Gladstone Outside the Theater.

John Hare, the eminent English actor-manager, said that the most delightful compliment he ever received was from Mr. Gladstone. It was a double ended compliment. Whichever way you took it it was satisfactory.

Mr. Hare earned fame playing old men's parts, his character as Mr. Goldby in "A Pair of Spectacles" being a good example. Added to this was a horror of having his picture taken.

Mr. Gladstone had never seen a picture of the actor, but he knew him well behind the scenes as well as before the footlights. The premier's favorite play was "A Pair of Spectacles," and he always went behind the scenes to chat awhile with the actor. The really old man and the made up old man would sit there and talk in the most delightful way for an hour after the show.

One day the Earl of Rosebery had Mr. Gladstone to dinner, and he also invited his friend John Hare. The actor came in smooth shaven, looking about thirty-five. He was presented to Mr. Gladstone, and the prime minister shook his hand most cordially and said:

"My dear sir, I am very, very glad to meet you. I know your father very, very well. Splendid actor! Fine old man!"

It took the whole evening for the earl and Mr. Hare to convince him that this son was really the father.—London Tatler.

Taxicabs in 1711.

Something over a couple of centuries ago the principle of the taxicab was known, remarks an exchange. An advertisement in the London Daily Courant of Jan. 13, 1711, announces that at the Sign of the Seven Stars, under the piazza of Covent Garden, a chariot was on view that would travel without horses and measure the miles as it goes. It was capable of turning and reversing and could go uphill as easily as on level ground.

A Subdued Vocalist.

"Pa, you sing bass in the choir, don't you?" asked Bobby Smithers. "Yes, my son," replied Mr. Smithers. "And ma sings soprano?" "That's right." "Well, there's one thing I don't understand."

"What is it?" "Mrs. Tompkins says you sing mighty big in public and mighty small at home."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Portugal.

Portugal obtained its name from port, the haven or port where the Gauls landed their stores. This is Oporto, called by the Portuguese O Porto (the port). The town was given as a dowry to Teresa when she married Henry de Lorraine, who styled himself Earl of Portugal because the place was known as the portus Gallorum (the port of the Gauls). The name finally extended to the whole country.

Sons in China.

China one can always borrow the strength of having a son, but one would advance a penny to the father of a dozen daughters. The father is responsible for the debts of their sons, but the sons are responsible only for the debts of their own husbands.

An At.

"Your son, sir, has very effective touch." "So's he's been borrowing from you too?"—Baltimore American.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, S. S. Duncan, has been by an order of the County Court of Polk County, State of Oregon, duly appointed as the administrator of the estate of Irvan Dunn, deceased, and he has duly qualified as such administrator.

Therefore all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same properly verified, to the undersigned administrator at his office in the County house at McMinnville, in Yamhill County, State of Oregon, or to said administrator at the residence of H. L. Fenton, at Dallas, in Polk County, State of Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Dated this 25th day of October, 1915.

S. S. DUNCAN, Administrator of said estate.

FRANK W. FENTON, Attorney for said estate.

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