

Local and Personal

Mrs. A. E. Davis of Medford, who was on her way home from visiting her daughter in Michigan, N. D., stopped off here to visit Mrs. M. Cornelius a few days last week leaving Saturday. Mrs. Bowersox took Mrs. Davis as far as Independence in her car. Mrs. Cornelius and Helen accompanying them.

Miss Mary Murdock came home from Yamhill Thursday and remained under the parental roof until Sunday afternoon when she autoed back to Yamhill being accompanied by Earl White, her brother George Murdock and wife, who have been visiting here for some time, and her sister Mrs. Ruth Griner, who is here having her neck treated. Mr. White, Mr. Murdock and wife and Mrs. Griner returned in the evening and on Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Murdock left for Marshfield to visit the latter's brother after which they will return here for a longer visit with Mr. Murdock's parents.

Birthday Anniversary

Mrs. Ella Moran Thorp entertained a few of her friends the 16th in honor of her birthday. Among those present were Mrs. L. J. Powell, Grandma Bedwell, Mrs. Monroe Mulkey, Mrs. A. A. Catron, Mrs. Force, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Mack, Mrs. McClellan, Rev. and Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. P. H. Johnson, Mrs. S. Coats, Dr. Laura Price, Miss Marianne Feour and Pearl Kohnke, Virginia Coats and Master Halley Johnson. Mrs. Thorp was especially pleased to hear the elderly ladies, all pioneers, recall stories of their earlier adventures. She received many congratulations and several remembrances.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS; PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

The social conditions of any country determine the character of its citizens. The pages of history reveal this to be an undisputable truth. When the Roman Eagle soared victoriously over all the world; when the sturdy Phoenician sailors braved the stormy seas for the purpose of commerce; when the Spartan soldiers were making for themselves at Thermopolae an undying name for bravery; when all nations of ancient times were struggling for their existence under the motto "Might makes Right" the social conditions were determining the character of their citizens. When the Barbarian tribes had settled in France, in Germany, in England and elsewhere and the Normans had conquered England the social conditions determined the character of the citizens of those countries. When the famous Napoleon had been defeated at Waterloo and his ambitious plans and hopes had been dashed to pieces and he had been sentenced to the Isle of Elba; when the thirteen original colonies had thrown off the yoke of England and had become an established nation; when daring pioneers of the nation blazed their way through western forests and prairies and settled territories which soon became states; when the war of 1812 showed England we were not her weakling but her equal; when the Civil War rent our country and saw our loved president a martyr to his cause and the nations bowed in mourning; when the story of the sinking of the Maine provoked a superheated people into war against Spain; when national and international wars were shaking

the earth, and finally when the European War, the most unique war in History is shaking the pillars of civilization as they have never been shaken before, social conditions were determining the character of each country's citizens. These are only a few of the many striking historical facts that go to show that social conditions determine the character of a country's citizen.

Now transport yourselves for a time back to the time when the Roman Eagle soared victoriously over all the world. What were the social conditions then? Their form of government will answer the question. It was monarchical. It was founded on comparative equality but developed into human slavery, with the Plebians (the Poor) and other slaves ever struggling against the Patricians (the Rich.)

Right social conditions must not then have existed. They must have been wrong for in any nation where slavery exists in any form social conditions are wrong. Political conditions were also wrong and when political conditions are wrong social conditions must be necessarily so. True, Rome earned for herself an illustrious name from her roads, her education and her statesmen but it was necessary for the few who oppressed the many.

Now go into Phoenicia, into Sparta, into Greece, into all nations of those ancient times and we find the same social conditions as we found in Rome—slaves held in subjection by heartless oppressors who built up a false civilization which fell and crumbled as inevitably must all nations fall and crumble whose basic principles of foundation are wrong or which develop into social conditions that are wrong. Go next to those countries that were settled by the barbarian tribes. Go to England after the Norman Conquest. See there as elsewhere feudal slavery in all its forms. Its form of government is monarchical and as in Roman times was founded with human slavery as its basis. True, the flower of knighthood, chivalry, sprang up in feudal times but still the people were held in feudal or land slavery in subjection to heartless oppressors—lords and kings whom in life or in death, in peace or in war, the oppressed people were obliged to serve.

Next see yourself a member of an army with the indomitable Napoleon on his white charger at the head. Watch him as he cheers and praises his men who think not of defeat or of their dying but only of meritorious service to their commander. Again, see Napoleon at Waterloo. See his army defeated and himself taken prisoner and the entire world saved from the horrible fate that he had planned for it.

Go back to the cause of the Napoleonic Wars and you will find that wrong political conditions and wrong social conditions offered to Napoleon a chance to gratify his personal greed for power and conquest. Not yet had right social conditions, come for wars were never absent and we may never expect to have right social conditions in any country till the laws of the country make it impossible for wars to exist.

Cross the ocean. See our mother country, England, being whipped by her daughter. See us throwing off her yoke and becoming an established nation. See our brave pioneers preparing the way for settlements of territories which become states of the nation. See ourselves shaken by another struggle with the mother

country, with an internal strife which rent the nation in twain and leaving it a seemingly shattered wreck. But no, we have survived and still hope to push on and on. Another war looms up and we fight with Spain. Again we come out the victors. Truly, ours has been a remarkable history—remarkable that in such a short period of a little over a century that a nation like ourselves should be the prominent factor that it is among the nations of the world today.

(To be concluded in next issue.)

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were served the guests at daintily appointed tables in the living room and study.

DELPHIAN

The Delphian Literary Society held its regular meeting Friday evening, May fourteenth. The Delphian's contributed to the joint musical program was a Spanish serenade, in costume, by the Misses Baker and Cooke. After the other Societies had adjourned to their respective rooms, the Delphian program was opened by a violin duet by Misses Gentle and Rogers. This was followed by a most entertaining story telling contest. The participants in this contest were two members from each class, who had won this distinction in their respective "Class Try-Outs."

The Judges, Miss Hoham, Miss Cohoon and Mr. Gentle, found it very difficult to award the prizes as the stories were all so well and so widely varied in subject. They finally decided that the prizes, which were given by Miss Parrott, should go to Miss Pollow and Miss Kautz. The dramatic rendition of "Helene Thamre" by Miss Pollow is to be greatly commended. Miss Kautz told in her inimitable manner, "The Sing Song of Old Man Kangaroo," by Kipling. The stories were interspersed by vocal solos, by Miss Baker and Mr. Gilmore and a violin duet by Misses Gentle and Rogers with Miss Kreamer at the piano. The last number of the evening was an unique Dutch drill.

This is the second Story-Telling Contest held in the Delphian Society and those who listened to the students could not help but realize what this work would mean to prospective teachers in that art so dear to the heart of the child and the youth. For it gives practice and presentation impossible in regular class-room work. We hope these annual contests may become an annual custom.

Mr. Butler was in charge of the joint session of the Literary Societies, Friday evening, when they met in the chapel of the Normal building. The program was opened by a vocal duet "Samson and Delilah" by Miss Gretchen Kreamer and Miss Gertrude Parker of the Vespertine Society. Miss Eunice Webber of the Vespertine Society played an instrumental solo. This was followed by a very interesting illustrated lantern talk on May Day events by Mr. Gilmore. In this way, we were able to see ourselves as others see us. The Spanish serenade by Misses Baker and Cooke of the Delphian Society was enjoyed by all. The Societies then adjourned, the Delphians remaining in the chapel, the Vespertine and Normal Societies going to the gymnasium.

Roll call was responded to by "Characters I Like in Books"

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and showed a variety of opinions. In the number, "A Night in Hawaii," the stage setting, music and acting proved to us that we were in reality enjoying a night in Hawaii. The names of the two pantomime pictures were evidenced by the pictures themselves. The "Bridal" scene was as entertaining as the "Bridle" scene was amusing. The Misses Wells and McKee, and Mr. Byron White sang and dramatized the "Gypsy's Warning." Since this was the last separate session of the Vespertine Society for this school year, Miss Kennon gave a brief summary of the work during this time, and the meeting adjourned.

Real Estate Transfers

In Polk County.

The following is a list of realty transfers recorded during the week ending May 13, 1915, and reported to the Herald by Sibley & Eakin, Abstracters, 515 Court street, Dallas, Oregon:

Mrs. M. A. Stump et al to Mary C. Tedrow, q. c. d., Frac. sw 1-4 of sw 1-4 of sec. 13, tp. 9 s., r. 5 west, \$1.

Tiras S. Brown and wife to Phil S. Brown, w. d., 20 acres in A. Leonard d. l. c. in tp. 6 and 7 s., r. 6 west, \$1.

R. A. Harris and wife to H. M. and Grace E. Buell, w. d., 27 acres in sec. 7, tp. 7 s., r. 3 west, \$10.

Emily M. Vandevort to H. M. and Grace E. Buell, q. c. d., 1 1-2 acres in sec. 7, tp. 7 s., r. 3 west, \$1.

M. C. Munson and wife to John B. and Anna Teal, w. d., 47-100 acres in Falls City, \$1200.

S. K. Crowley to Hannah R. Crowley, w. d., 170.68 acres in secs. 9, 10, 15 and 16, tp. 7 s., r. 4 west, \$5.

Lowman H. Conner to Geo. A. and Lillie M. Woods, w. d., 25 acres in Claim No. 54, tp. 6 s., r. 5 west, \$2500.

F. W. and Ellen A. Royal to Peter Cook, w. d., Block 7 in Ballston, \$10.

T. C. Swartz and wife to Geo. F. and Sarah Toevs, w. d., w. 1-2 lots 6 and 7, Block 2, Fairview Add. to Dallas, \$3,000.

J. A. Baxter and wife to Geo. A. and Lillie M. Woods, w. d., 83.44 acres in Claim No. 56, tp. 6 s., r. 5 west, \$10.

J. A. Baxter and wife to Geo. A. and Lillie M. Woods, w. d., 314.07 acres in tp. 6 s., r. 5 west, \$10.

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