

W. C. T. U.

At the Christian Citizenship meeting Friday, an interesting program was given, consisting of instrumental music, recitations and readings. The L. T. L. met at 4 o'clock and an instructive and pleasant session was held with the little tots.

The next meeting will be held in the W. O. W. hall on Sixth street at 2:30. The subject is "Mercy and Rescue," and Mrs. Graham will have charge. Let every member be present and help to make the meeting the best we have yet held. The L. T. L. meets in the same place at 4 o'clock.

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1. Because we believe that the saloon and its allies are the greatest obstacles which lie in the way of the triumph of Christ and His church in the world.

2. Because there is a stultifying lethargy on the part of the average church member regarding the evils of the saloon, and a disposition to evade responsibility.

3. Because, while the evil of the saloon is almost universally acknowledged by the churches, yet there are weapons which must be wielded against the saloon before it is abolished which now cannot be freely advocated under the auspices of the church without dissension, which would be deplorable to many, even of our white ribboners.

4. Because the W. C. T. U. wipes out denominational lines in Christian work against this common foe to all, and realizes the Savior's prayer that "they all may be one."

5. Because the Woman's Christian Temperance Union stands for the ecclesiastical emancipation of woman.

Wanted—A Christian Citizenship.—L. F. Additon.

Christian Citizenship is to get the nation on the Lord's side. Never in our history have we faced issues fraught with more vital importance. We are compelled to face the fact that, with our highest tribunal controlled by unscrupulous combines of capitalists, with vile men placed in many public offices; with courts and grand juries shielding the wrongdoer; with jails for the man who steals bread and acquittal for the man who steals millions; with government legalizing, protecting 250,000 saloons, sending from 60,000 to 100,000 souls into drunkards graves yearly and governmental sanction to ship-loads of liquor sent to heathen lands; with a traffic in girls which would disgrace any people or country; with thousands of the young manhood of America swearing, smoking, heading straight for the gambling den, the brothel, and the saloon; with an industrial warfare which is making bitter enmity between capital and labor, a public press given over largely to party worship; a pulpit often too timid to

speak out boldly against public sin; with all this array of undisputed fact, it is too evident that, unless these evils are checked the life of need and what Christian Citizenship will bring about, is a legislature where every official will join voice and heart in opening its every session with a united petition beginning "Our Father." We need an active working Christianity. When we pray "Thy Kingdom Come," we need that prayer worked out by votes of righteous men. The child who became alarmed and grieved when she found out her brother had set a trap to catch birds, illustrated the grand principle which should actuate the citizen when he sees the traps set to catch the souls of men. When the child was asked what she did about it she said, "I prayed that the traps might not catch the birds." "Anything else?" "Yes, I prayed that the Lord would not let any birds get into the traps and then I just kicked the traps all to pieces, I did." Hope, pray, work, vote that the Christian Citizenship movement may dominate the elections.

Erdman-Guthrie.

Adolph Erdman, a wealthy farmer of Willow City, N. D., and Winifred Guthrie of Stady, N. D., were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. M. L. Holey at the Lutheran parsonage in Williston, N. D., at 10 o'clock, Thanksgiving day. The bride was attended by her sister and the groom by Paul Field.

The bride belongs to one of the oldest and most prominent families in Carroll county, Indiana. She is a graduate of the Holy Angeles academy, of Loganport, Indiana. She is generally endowed with those accomplishments which constitute to domestic happiness. For the last four years she has been a successful and popular public school teacher in Carroll county, Ind., Grants Pass, Oregon and McHenry county, N. D.

The happy couple expect to reside on the bride's homestead, four miles west of Stady, until August 1, beautiful home near Willow City. 1908, then remove to the groom's. The newly wedded pair have the best wishes of their many friends for a long, prosperous and happy life together.

MERLIN CORRESPONDENCE.

There'll Be Something Doing in Merlin Very Soon.

An election will be held in this town on the 19th to vote on the proposition of building a new brick school house to be used for high school purposes. The present building is somewhat antiquated, but has been tolerated for some years in the hopes that the town would soon be in position to support a structure that would be a credit to a city of larger proportions.

H. E. Gale, the recent purchaser of the Crow ranch at Helligate, has received a carload of horses and machinery and will put in 50 acres of Tokay grapes and 35 acres of apples and pears. His new four-horse team is said to beat anything in Josephine county. About 20 acres of the land that is to be planted is yet to be cleared, and this will give employment to many of the idle men who are in the district at present.

Merlin is banking on the irrigation project which is being talked of up in Grants Pass. There is a large body of fine land here which only needs water to make it the best in the world.

The Flannigan ranch, consisting of 720 acres, recently owned by Mrs. Chas. E. Short, has been sold to Omaha parties, who intend to improve it by clearing and planting to fruit trees and then sell in small tracts. The same parties also purchased the McCaslin ranch of 240 acres which will be treated in the same manner. These two tracts will provide fine homes for a large number of families.

Adam Schaffer has fenced in the five lots which he recently purchased, making his home look like a suburban farm.

W. W. McElroy, of Helena, Mont., has purchased the 40-acre tract belonging to Chas. Reynolds, just north of town. This is an ideal grape ranch and it is expected that Mr. McElroy will put it into cultivation in the near future.

There will be a grand mask ball in Merlin on Christmas night.

Mrs. Lathrop, who has been in Roseburg the past three weeks, has returned.

H. L. Keyte has recently pur-

chased a gasoline engine which he will use to run a small saw mill and cut shingles and fruit boxes this winter, but in the early summer it will be connected with a pump for irrigation.

Merlin has lived up to its pledge to be a "dry town" and asserts its intention of remaining so, but is annoyed a great deal by the ease with which liquor can be procured in Grants Pass. Many of us were indulged to vote for a certain candidate for sheriff at the last election by the assurance that in case he was elected the law would be rigidly enforced. But Alas!

Mrs. Chas. E. Short is visiting in Seattle and Portland and will be gone a couple of weeks longer.

W. E. Crandall, of Medford, has opened up a barbershop in the old postoffice building and is having a satisfactory patronage.

Mr. Griggs, of Eureka, Utah, who recently purchased the 80-acre tract belonging to A. W. Springer, just north of town, has let a contract for clearing and planting to Tokay

Mrs. Richards, who was badly burned in the recent fire, is improving quite rapidly, though it was thought at first that she was seriously injured.

A. L. Edgerton, the saw mill man, has purchased two lots in the west part of town and will at once begin the construction of two cottages thereon.

Merlin needs a doctor, and needs him bad. There is scarcely a day that a rush order is not sent in to Grants Pass, and very often a long wait is necessary before relief can be had.

J. H. Messler, of Medford has located in Merlin, having leased a store building for the purpose of conducting a temperance saloon.

J. W. Brown, a contractor of San Francisco spent a couple of days in Merlin looking over the district, and expressed his intention of returning soon and picking up some of the many good buys laying around loose.

Work on the smelter of the Alameda mine being put in on Rogue River, 16 miles west of town, is nearing completion. The machinery is all on the ground and the teams are

now engaged in hauling distillate to run the gasoline engines. The starting of the smelter means a great deal to Merlin, as all the hauling of supplies must be done from this town.

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