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Elbert Bede, of the Cottage Grove Sentinel, has been announced for the legislature on the Republican ticket. In the last issue of the Sentinel, he makes this explanation and excuse for his candidacy. He says that a delegation consisting of several automobile loads of prominent citizens of Eugene came down to Cottage Grove, held a dinner at which Mr. Bede and several other citizens were invited guests; and when they had him in that defenseless situation, they took advantage of his weakness and demanded that he become their candidate; and he just could not resist. This looks like a plain case of the office seeking the man, and having but little difficulty in finding him.

In a summary of building prospects for Portland, in the Oregonian of Saturday, the amount of building to be done in that city in 1922 was estimated at thirty million dollars. What will Springfield's building budget for this year be? It ought to be \$100,000 at least.

Saturday's Oregonian quoted a big mill manager of Portland as estimating the lumber shipments from the northwest to

Japan and the Atlantic seaboard during 1922 at 750,000,000,000 feet. That seems pretty large, but whatever it is, it is so much of a contribution to the prosperity of all lines of business in the northwest.

Former Emperor Charles, of Austria, who was banished to the Portuguese island of Madeira, after two attempts to recover his throne, died last week of pneumonia. One more source of danger to the peace of Europe removed.

The coal operators and the coal miners are beginning early in the season to boost the price of coal to the highest possible level. In previous contests, they did not give themselves time enough.

Six hundred thousand coal miners idle means 600,000 more unemployed men, whom somebody must feed by hard work, perhaps under what he considers hard conditions. The people who furnish the food may be pardoned if they make a difference between the man who is out of work voluntarily and the one who is out involuntarily.

A New York school boy has been married by his 45 year old



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## In Society

A new ladies' club has been formed, and held its first meeting last Friday at the home of Mrs. M. J. McKlin, who was chosen president. The name Minnehaha was chosen for the club. A delicious lunch was served. The hostess was assisted by Miss Edna Diggs.

The following members were present: Mesdames Carl Wyman, E. K. Morrison, H. McCollum, I. A. Valentine, W. L. Long, E. O. Browning, D. B. Murphy, Gen. Perkins and R. G. Masters. Mrs. L. May and Mrs. L. Rhoads were present as visitors.

The club will meet bi-weekly. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. I. A. Valentine, April 14.

Bishops museum is an interesting place where the real native woods birds and primitive condition are all depicted in statuary. There are no native birds living, as the Minor bird from India has destroyed all the beautiful birds. The native Koa is also almost gone, and the polished souvenirs are very expensive, as it is becoming so scarce. We were fortunate in seeing the huge cloaks made of feathers of the tiny Oahu bird, which were worn only by the kings.

We were loath to leave on the return trip after seeing so many beautiful places. The wonderful foliage ever green or red, the hedges of hibiscus and bougan villa vine with the gorgeous coloring, oleanders as high as the houses and the poinsettias. To think of the precious little plants we cherish at Christmas time, and they are an ordinary hedge shrub there.

The children, who are mostly Japanese, were barefoot and bareheaded, going to school. We had no idea there were so many Japanese on the islands, and were told the 46 per cent of the population were Japanese. The Hawaiians are refined, mild and courteous, easy going and never in a hurry. Most of them very good looking people. The old ladies were still wearing the long trailing dresses, mother Hubbard fashion, that have been in use since the first missionaries taught them the mode of dress. Of course the younger generation have the latest American styles, and are very attractive.

We were scheduled to return February 22nd; but the stevedores would not work on a holiday, so we were obliged to sail February 21st at five o'clock. The leaving of the vessel is just as gala a event as the arrival, with hundreds at the dock bidding farewell with bouquets, leis, and gifts. A truly thrilling time. Again the Royal Hawaiian band plays the Aloha and the Star Spangled Banner when the gang passage way is rolled back on the dock; the last rope is unfastened and the boat is ready with its wealthy cargo, which consisted of 70,000 bags of sugar, 19800 crates of canned pineapple, and 1000 bunches of bananas for the mainland, as the states are called, ready again to plunge into the deep blue sea.

The last view of Diamond Head is the memorable event of the trip until night falls and the tropical moon again aids the great boat.

The return trip was much smoother and the weather warmer until a day and a half out from San Francisco, when we change from white to dark clothing and from straw hats to velvet or whatever the winter hat may be.

One most interesting event was meeting the sister ship "Matsonia" at mid-ocean and taking two stow-aways on board as well as exchanging the mail, an event which only occurs in favorable weather. Most of the passengers will agree with me that the islands are truly called the "Paradise of the Pacific", but it was hell getting there.

Inspection of baggage before entering San Francisco takes about an

teacher. She'll be putting the dunce-cap on him before many days. And the public will see that he wears it, too.

**FLORENCE COFFIN WRITES OF HAWAII**

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ed. Thursday afternoon we left at 5 o'clock on the Maui for Hilo, a city of 10,000, on Hawaii island—arriving at 7 a. m. The trip was so warm we only needed very little bedding, as we had door and window wide open and electric fans going in the stateroom. Upon arriving, the trip consists of a three hour ride by narrow gauge rail through the 2 immense sugar plantations; wonderful scenery and always in view of the sea. After lunch the trip is made by auto to the Volcano House at the edge of the active volcano Kilauea, a distance of thirty miles from Hilo city. At the elevation of 4000 feet there were the most wonderful fern trees, wild roses and century plants all along the driveway. At four o'clock we left for the volcano, first stopping to see several extinct volcanoes, going through the lava tube, which years ago fed the mighty volcano. We remained until seven o'clock to see the great spectacle of the fire pit in the volcano, a distance of 300 feet down. The coloring is wonderful, and the boiling, moving mass of red hot lava flowing in streams twenty feet wide at intervals of ten or twenty minutes, gives one a feeling of awe, and the fumes from the great blazes of steam and gases nearly choke one. If you can imagine a huge bed of live coals being in the liquid state, you have the exact coloring of the hot lava as we saw it. In order to get to the rim of the crater we walked for a quarter of a mile across the lava bed that has cooled and formed a hard crust which overflowed two years ago. We were told by scientists that the lava is rising two feet per day. The great crags formed by the cooling lava look rather ghostly and uncanny.

Leaving Saturday eve at 5 o'clock we returned at 7 a. m. Sunday morning. The days were lovely—sunshine every day, and 80 degrees was the warmest day we noticed, while the natives said that was very cold. We were wearing our summer clothes and straw hats, which seemed funny, as only a short time before we had left such terrible cold weather.

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hour. The immigration officer and quarantine officer take up all the time, so it is a great hustling, excited crowd that again plant their feet upon solid terra firma, and greet again familiar faces and friends. All agreed upon the one great idea of some day again returning to the island and one of the most interesting trips ever taken.

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