

The Sistine Madonna.



REPRESENTING the Virgin, not as a mother, but as the all powerful queen of the heavens, descending from clouds which are themselves composed of thousands of cherubs, Raphael's Madonna di San Sisto, more commonly known as the Sistine Madonna, ranks by universal consent, as the greatest painting in the world.

In the Virgin's arms there is the Christ Child, whose thoughtful eyes make it appear that he is fully conscious of his destiny as Saviour of the world. On either side St. Sixtus II. and St. Catherine kneel in adoration of the queen of the heavens and the Christ Child. St. Catherine is looking down at the two cherubs, which form the base of the picture and which are familiar in popular reproductions. Sixtus II. was bishop of Rome from 257 to 258 A. D. and was martyred under Valerian.

Raphael Sanzio or Santi was born in 1483, and this picture, his masterpiece, was completed two years before his death in 1520. Thus the artist was thirty-five years old when the greatest picture of all times was completed. It

was his last Madonna, although he painted others prior to this time. The Madonna was the favorite theme of painters in the renaissance era in Italy, starting with Fra Angelico, Fra Bartolommeo and others of the first painters in this period and reaching its height with the completion of the Sistine Madonna by Raphael.

This Madonna was painted as an altar piece for the church of San Sisto at Piacenza. In 1754 it was purchased by the elector Augustus III. from the Benedictine monastery and is now the property of the Royal gallery at Dresden.

Raphael, the artist, died of a fever at Rome when but thirty-seven years old. He was the son of an artist and studied at one time under Perugino. In 1504 Raphael went to live in Florence, where most of his Madonnas were painted. His fame rapidly spread until he was called to Rome to decorate the Vatican.

Toward the end of his life, about the time the Sistine Madonna was completed, the artist developed his own style and did his greatest work. Aside from his ability to paint, Raphael was a talented architect.

Rockwood

Mr. and Mrs. Linstead moved a few weeks ago to Portland for the winter.

The two Olson brothers have rented the Linstead place for a year and moved their families there.

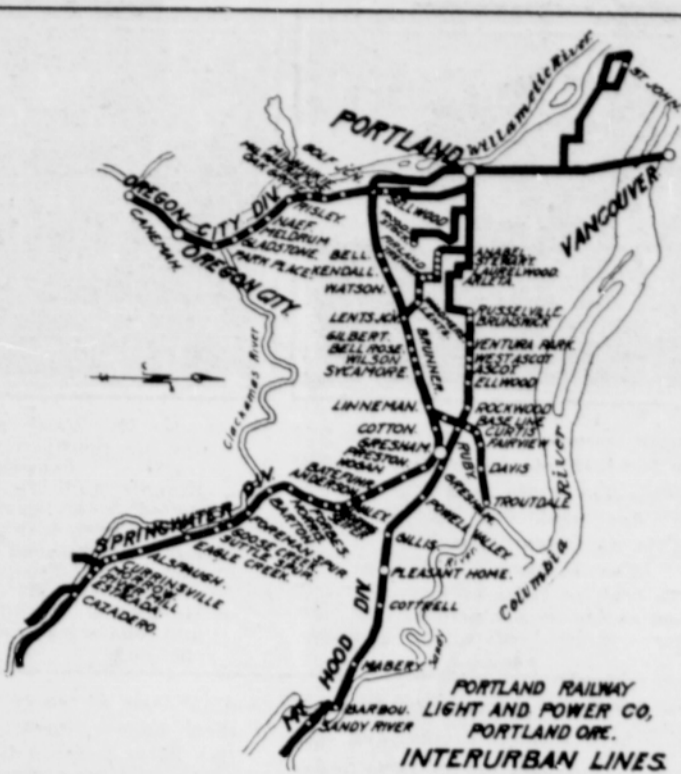
Mrs. Frank Leise and daughter have returned from a visit to Mrs. Leise's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Nicholls and

little son, Horace, Jr., were in Portland Saturday.

Fit His Case Exactly.

"When father was sick about six years ago he read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Tablets in the papers that fit his case exactly," writes Miss Margaret Campbell of Ft. Smith, Ark. "He purchased a box of them and he has not been sick since. My sister had stomach trouble and was also benefited by them." For sale by Gresham Drug Co. and all Dealers.



PIONEER DAYS ARE RECALLED

Emerging from a back woods cattle trail, with corduroy plank on the highway and the steady ox team making the trip to Portland to get our mail and buy a few necessary groceries, etc; and taking some vegetables to market, a few dozen eggs and several rolls of butter, topping off the load with a few thousand shingles to complete a load for the city in exchange for other commodities—only the early settlers can relate the disadvantage of hewing out a home in the timber, such as were conditions in those days. No luxuries those days, only necessities, to keep soul and body together. The men folks made hand-made shingles rainy days and when it was fair cleared land.

The women lent a helping hand by putting the baby in the wash tub and by help of the husband carried their precious first born to the clearing; where both were strenuously at work day by day, burning the huge trees to make ready a country we today enjoy. The real log schoolhouse stood on the hill where the Methodists had preaching once a week, if only a class meeting. Nothing was thought of going to church with a sun bonnet and calico dress to adorn the body. Rather than puzzle mother's mind what to do for dressing the children (for there were many large families)—mother wit would make a good pair of trousers and coat from dad's old clothes and shoes also were made by mother from old boot tops and saddle girths. That was real invention.

As a careful observer we see where if people would be taught how to save the little things, there would be no cry to high cost of living. Keeping pace with the styles is making shipwrecks of many who can ill afford it. But we are a progressive people. It's in the air. We have outgrown our former clothes. We move on, have modern homes, telephones, auto. Our clubs and teas, our very being is absorbed by that which oft times brings no real happiness to the fireside. It all costs to maintain these luxuries. Are we financially able to endure them? If so well and good. The farmers in these parts realize the only regular cash in sight is in the dairy business. All are building up good herds, up to date. The soil is the very best for raising anything you want to

plant. Financially the country is prosperous.

W. E. Markell, Denny & Knowlton and L. F. Shinaman are in the mercantile business. Three separate stores, all doing well, a chop mill which is patronized by the farmers; one restaurant, one bakery, two blacksmith shops; a laundry, operated by a woman; a butcher nearby, a church and large hall to accommodate the public. The cow trail is broken up, by horses. Every where you look houses have been reared. We are drifting towards an incorporated town. Every toiler is welcome to our midsts to help in building up an honest community; where all can live on their own lot or acre and enjoy their own vine and fig tree. Greater possibilities are before us, the coming years will only echo what were the early settlers visions.

Another feature that has made it easier for the few remaining pioneers is the electric system that crosses the country where they toiled and traveled by ox teams in the years ago. They have replaced the trail and the footlog and the newcomer finds a wonderful change in the methods of travel, not only on the trains but over the many fine thoroughfares where the auto is seen speeding its way every day. And the rural letter service should not be forgotten—it spans the distance and in as many hours as it took weeks in the days of fifty years ago before the postoffice was brought to our very doors making the home brighter and the tedious days more endurable for the patient settlers who have taken the heritage won for them by the early pioneers.

MRS. J. A. STEPHENS.

Pleasant Home

Miss Lizzie Hunter of Oregon City, visited over Sunday with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jules Collins, of Portland, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Otis Sunday.

Mrs. Lennartz, of Sandy, and Mrs. Lansdown of this place were business callers in Portland Thursday.

Minnie Shriner, of Gresham, visited at home over Sunday, leading the Epworth League for the young people in the evening.

Lydia Saettler and Frank Knowlton were Portland visitors Saturday.

Little Hortense McLaughlin had the misfortune to be scratched in the eye while playing with a cat one day last week. Mrs. McLaughlin is having to make regular trips with Hortense to an eye doctor in Portland. It is feared her vision will be affected.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovel accompanied the pastor to Iliff Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Markell was calling on friends in Gresham Wednesday, also attending the missionary meeting.

The finance committee are busy soliciting money for the children's treat for Christmas. Any one wishing to contribute may hand the same to the chairman, Mrs. Hale.

In connection with the League lesson Sunday evening, the Leaguers voted to send a fruit cake to the M. E. Old People's Home at Salem.

Mrs. M. D. Williams, of Portland, is giving a farewell visit at the McKinney home before starting east where she expects to spend the winter.

Mr. Denny's residence is receiving a new coat of paint.

Do your Xmas trading at Shinaman's, Pleasant Home, where you get big value, and at the same time get a chance on a 42-piece dinner set with every 50-cent purchase.

With a bad cold and the women suffragists after him, the president will feel thankful for the Christmas holidays.

Have you heard about the \$7.00 dinner set that Shinaman, at Pleasant Home, gives away on Xmas eve? A number with every 50 cent purchase. You may be the lucky one.

Weekly Oregonian subscription offer extended.

Orient

The road supervisor has had teams hauling gravel and rock from the depot to the Powell Valley road all week, and has made a great improvement.

Mrs. McAlpine was a Gresham visitor on Wednesday.

The Parent-Teachers' meeting was held in the school on Friday. There was a large attendance. A Portland lady addressed the meeting. Mrs. McAlpine and Mrs. Johansen had charge of the tea.

Austin Buoy, a land owner here, but who stays east of the mountains has been in the district for a day or two.

Mr. Northrup has left for his place on the highway and has leased his place here to Messrs. Nelson & Johansen.

Mr. and Mrs. Knight, who have been for the last year in the McDonald place, have moved into Mr. Northrup's house.

Roy Walters and Mrs. Walters were Gresham visitors on Saturday.

Charles Wheeler is cutting cordwood for John Nelson.

Land clearers are at work in the Robert Smith place behind the school and are making a good showing.

Mr. Waldrip's son is now home for the winter and helping his father with the janitor work at the school. Quite a number of children are absent from the school with colds.

Mrs. Johansen and daughter Mabel were visitors in Gresham on Saturday.

T. Haraguchi, on the Rook place, has bought cows and is going into the dairy business. Everyone would like to see Hara make a success of it, as since coming to the district he has shown himself to be an honest Jap, and not imbued with the lying and thievish propensities so common in some of the others.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Eagle Creek were in the district on Sunday.

There is a report that a new road is proposed to Pleasant Home, going through the Cline place here. It would be better if the commissioners instead of making new roads that are unnecessary would devote their attention to repairing the Powell Valley road from Elliott's store to the county line and which they promised would be done to a deputation from here nearly two years ago.

Bert Cline and Clarence Jackson are loading wood at Pleasant Home.

Real Shaker Sweater Coats, the eight dollar kind, for \$5.50, at Shinaman's, Pleasant Home.

Scenic

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Altman attended the international stock show in Portland last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoover were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hunter last week.

G. E. Jamison was a guest at the Altman home Sunday. He left Monday for San Francisco where Mrs. Jamison is now visiting.

Mrs. Al. DeHave spent a couple of days in Portland shopping and visiting her daughter Ellen. Business and pleasure combined.

Mrs. Geo. Bauder and little son, Edgar, were Portland visitors a couple of days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson visited Mr. and Mrs. Gust Larson in Gresham Saturday.

Miss Elizabeth Steur, of Portland, was a week-end guest of Miss Hilda Beyers.

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Peterson were visitors at the Gust Carlson home Sunday.

Elmer and Carl and Miss Hilda Beyers and Mrs. Theodore Linster and daughters were very pleasantly entertained at the home of A. R. Goger Sunday evening.

A number of the band boys met at the home of H. G. Mullenhoff a few evenings ago for practice. Considerable progress has been made and the members feel greatly encouraged.

Wm. Beyers, Jr., was a Portland visitor the first of the week.

The little friends of Freddie Erz tendered him a surprise party in honor of his 10th birthday Saturday. He received several nice presents. Refreshments were served and all enjoyed a delightful afternoon.

DEATH OF S. W. FISHER AT SACRAMENTO

A telegram from Sacramento on Sunday morning last conveyed the intelligence that Solomon W. Fisher had died there early that morning of an exploded appendix. An operation was performed for its removal on the 8th. He was 40 years of age, single and was a brother of Mrs. Mary F. Crane living on the Sandy road. He leaves two other sisters and six brothers.

The body has been shipped to Portland and is expected to arrive there tomorrow. The funeral will be held at the Powell cemetery upon its arrival.

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