

Through the Mist.

The sky above the avenue was gray, soft perhaps and not impetuous, as it seemed, but reaching surely as far away as the sun and beyond, for the sun could make no worthy light through it. As always people passed indifferently in the streets, crowding each other at the theater entrances and at the crossing, the whole intricate mass of them changing constantly and constantly remaining the same. It made no difference who was down there. It, the crowd, was just the same. Between the clear sky directly overhead and the hidden sun down the avenue, buildings and chimneys reached into the gray and one towerlike smokestack shone white out of the depths of the dark mist. That was the thing that made it seem so strange when the birds disappeared. If that white towerlike thing had not been beyond them it might have seemed that they had flown out of sight in the ordinary manner. As it was, they just disappeared. The first one flew from the roof of the very next building. It was a gray blue pigeon and as it left the roof and went into the gray sky, it rose distinct and dark until it was gone. It was no gradual departure from sight. There was no apparent diminution in size. It flew into nothingness in the breath of an instant, and beyond it the white towerlike smokestack was outlined in the gray.

It was like watching the stars come out to watch the birds disappear like that, except that, of course, it was exactly the opposite because the stars appear. It is always a thrilling and comforting thing to be watching a dark spot in the sky and suddenly know that you are looking at a star; a comforting thing, to be sure, to know that the star was there all the time. It was thrilling, but not comforting, to watch the birds disappear in the same magical instantaneous manner. You knew they were there. They had been your neighbors before their flight. But suddenly they were gone and you did not know where they were or whether they really were any more at all. You felt that they were gone entirely. You hoped that they were only invisible against the dark background of cloud and smoke and fog. You wondered a little if they were beyond it in the sunshine.

There has been Asiatic cholera in Petrograd all this year, but the authorities have forbidden, with heavy penalties, the dissemination of the word "cholera" by print or in speech. It is called by a word signifying "chronic diarrhea." The disease seems to be gaining headway, as recently notices in big red letters have been posted up on shops and walls and fences all over the city warning the population not to drink unboiled water on any account.

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VICTORY

The Royal Embroidery club met with Mrs. A. Sutter Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Sutter are going away, so the club gave them a surprise and farewell party. There was a large attendance and a very pleasant afternoon was spent. It was voted that the club members continue paying dues. Miss Lena Cooley was elected secretary and Miss Henrietta Willes treasurer. The next meeting will be with Mrs. E. A. Easley on March the 14th.

Miss Laura Jones is working in the home of Arthur Burns.

J. C. Duke had the misfortune to lose a cow last Saturday.

Mrs. Fred Chamberlain from Montavilla, in company with her mother, called on Mrs. Alex. Thompson one day last week.

Mrs. F. Foth's hand is improving slowly. One splinter of bone, which did not grow back, is giving her some trouble but the doctor thinks it will heal over in time. The little boy, who was burned so badly, is about well again.

Mrs. R. Kerslake and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Burns.

An insane looking man has been roaming around here for the past two or three weeks, carrying two guns and a sack filled with old junk. The neighbors reported him and the officers came out and took him to Portland last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wittler, from Hogan, called on Mr. and Mrs. Henry Douthit Friday afternoon. Also Frank Bates and mother and sisters from Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambore, from Portland, called on Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Andrews, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Littlepage, from Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Hayden from Briday Vell took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Alder. Then all took a spin in the afternoon up on the Columbia Highway as far as the snow would let them go.

COTTRELL

The play given by the Parent-Teachers' association at the Cottrell schoolhouse last Friday evening was a great success and was attended by a large crowd.

Mr. Wildner, who rented Mrs. Maggie Goger's place some time ago, moved his family there last week.

Miss Ethal Wilkinson and Miss Helen Hoss of Gresham attended the play at the Cottrell schoolhouse last Friday evening.

A number of families from Cottrell attended the rally at the Kelo school last Saturday.

Miss Newman, of Orient, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lansdowne Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Andre were Portland visitors Monday.

The Ladies' Embroidery club will meet with Mrs. John Duncan, of Scenic, Wednesday, March 22.

A crowd of young people of this place attended the leap year dance at Orient last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beers, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Manary were guests of Mr. and Mrs. McBane, of Gillis, Sunday.

The Baptist Aid society will meet with Mrs. B. C. Altman of Scenic Thursday, March 16.

PLEASANT HOME

Rev. C. M. Brown is holding revival meetings this week at Boring.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will hold its regular meeting at the church on Friday afternoon, March 17, at 2:30 o'clock. All interested are invited to attend.

Walter Hale has gone to Western Washington to spend the summer. The friends of Mrs. John Bramhall are glad to see her able to be out, after several weeks or ill health.

Mrs. William Harris has gone to Portland for a visit with relatives and friends.

J. P. Brannon and family, of Jefferson, Iowa, visited last week with his cousin, B. C. Altman and family. They spent the past two months traveling in California and Oregon and were on their return trip home.

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CORBETT

Miss Laura Reed spent last Thursday and Friday in Portland.

Mrs. J. Sumpter, who has been ill for the past week, is some better now.

Miss Iva Reed spent last week in Troutdale with her sister, Mrs. Albert Fox.

John Howes, who has a position in Portland as engineer, was a Corbett visitor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Deverell and baby, also Mrs. Oscar Deverell went to Troutdale Sunday to visit their brother.

Ronald Blackhall spent the week-end here, the guest of his sister, Mrs. Floyd Reed.

Mrs. Clara Smith had her sister, Mrs. M. Reed as a guest on Sunday.

The Horticulturist Vocal society met at the home of Mr. Chapman last Friday evening. There were about forty-five members and visitors present. A most enjoyable time was spent by all. During the evening several numbers of special music were rendered by the guests, among which were two quintets by the Atkinson family and several solos by Vancot Evans. Refreshments were served about 12 o'clock. The society has decided upon green and white as its colors and has ordered some pennants.

A surprise party was given on Mrs. H. Hendrickson and F. Snitzler Saturday night at Springdale. Relatives and a few friends were present and the evening was spent with much gaiety. Supper was served at 11 o'clock.

Eva Lucas, Luella Poulsen and Paul Berney were dinner guests at C. Berney's Sunday afternoon. They spent the afternoon rambling along the bank of the Columbia.

Elee Poulsen, of Springdale, was visiting with his cousin in Portland over Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Hicks was taken to the hospital and is seriously ill. C. C. Crowston, the minister at Springdale, went in to see him Sunday. Mr. Lucas is preaching in his place.

Union High School No. 1.

Mrs. F. N. Lasley entertained last Thursday evening in honor of her daughter Clara's nineteenth birthday anniversary. The party was in the nature of a surprise, the following being the guests: Gladys Barr, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson, Vancot Evans, Donald Wade, Mary Gebhardt, William Gebhardt, Albert Saltman, Will Rickert, Lloyd Ough, Earl Pounder, Alma Thompson, Wilber Miller and Henry Sumpter.

These pupils made honor grades during the past month: Clara Lasley, Alma Thompson, F. Murray Smith, Gladys Barr and Albert Seld.

Miss Grace Ferguson visited her mother over the week-end. Miss Minerva Powell was a Portland visitor Saturday and Sunday.

FAIRVIEW

The annual election of officers and teachers was held in the Presbyterian Sunday school last Sunday, when the following were elected to serve: Superintendent, A. L. Harvey; assistant superintendent, Mrs. A. L. Stone; superintendent of the cradle roll, Mrs. Janet M. Grant; secretary and treasurer, Cedric H. Stone; pianist, Miss Lillie Luscher; assistant pianists, Miss Olive Fancher and Miss Opal Davis. The teachers were Mrs. H. A. Fuller, Mrs. A. L. Stone, Mrs. J. W. Townsend, Miss Frances Bliss, Miss Olive Fancher and Mrs. J. N. Paris.

The annual business meeting of the Presbyterian church will be held on March 21. On Thursday afternoon of this week, Mrs. H. M. Shaw will give a tea for the benefit of the Women's society.

Gambling has ruined many a bright light in school, business and profession. It is something that holds its victim in its grip with mighty chains, at first fastening itself by degrees and finally it holds its prey with a grip that there is no getting away. The youth who is wise will guard against this snare and leave the cards alone. Often the game is learned at home. Society women who play for pastime and a prize, do not know that they are planting in the heart of their child a desire for card playing that, perhaps in later life will ruin him. In school younger men will forsake their lessons, and though they are well balanced other ways, often lose control of themselves when the gambling fever gets hold of them. We once listened to a returned missionary from Buenos Ayres, South America, speak on this question, and it was appalling to hear of examples of bright college careers blighted by this overpowering spirit. In speaking of habit grasping with humanity, gambling is said to hold on with a stronger grip than any vice in hell's curriculum.—Tribune, Colby, Kan.

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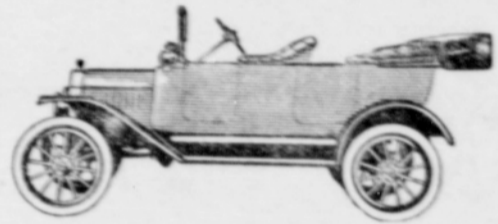
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PLEASANT VALLEY CLUB WILL PLAY AT SANDY

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Following is the cast of characters: Kennard, a valiant lover.

Forrest Jenne
Dennis Milliken, who caused the Catastrophe
Dave Masters
Ben Trap, an Englishman with expectations
Henry Restorf
Robert Drew, the old man himself
W. U. Moore
Violet Drew, his daughter

Hazel Berko
Dorothy Primrose, a governess with nerves
Lettie Osborne
Tilly Craig, a stage-struck maid
Isabel Masters

Play begins promptly at 8 o'clock, with a dance after the program. Music by Beers' orchestra. Admission to play, 15c, 25c. Everyone will be welcome with a good time assured.

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Among the ignorances of paragraphs is the use of "St. Dennis," whether as the name of a sensational dancer or otherwise. St. Dennis, with one "n" is a very creditable French member in the Roman hagiography; the Irish Dennis, with two "n's," is a corruption of the name.—Springfield Republican.

Money saving bargains—want ads.

From Japan comes the statement that the system of prison reform which Thomas Mott Osborne has instituted at Sing Sing was in use in that empire as long ago as 16-6, prisoners choosing their own officials for the maintenance of order and vesting them with authority that extended even to question of life and death.

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