

# SOCIETY

The three highly instructive and popular lectures which Medford people were given an opportunity to hear this week, taken together, afford an interesting study in the general lines of thought which are engaging attention, since each was in a wide sense representative of a live topic, discussed throughout the length and breadth of the land.

Professor Adrian, in presenting in popular form the achievements of Lillian Burbank, showed clearly how modern scientific research and experiment betters the condition of the people at large when applied to the so-called necessities of every-day living. By not seeking primarily to enrich himself personally, but by disposing of the results of his labors to those who have means to develop and extend them, Mr. Burbank has proved himself a true and wise benefactor to his day and age. It is said that the Burbank potato was sold to a Massachusetts promoter for \$150, and that a fortune of more than a million dollars was the result of its growth and introduction. The gift of \$10,000 per year which Mr. Burbank receives from Andrew Carnegie is expended in furthering the work of scientific experiment and investigation.

While the religious instinct is universal in man, his conception of God is to some extent entirely personal. The spirit of a more liberal philosophy of religion is stirring the minds of thoughtful and intelligent people from east to west and the tendency to replace wrong thought with right, the effort to cast out evil, not so much by a hand-to-hand fight as by substituting good for evil, is shown no less in the "New Religion" of Dr. Elliot and in the books of such inspiring writers as Orion Swett Marden, than in the Christian Science movement, so cleverly represented by Judge Septimus Hanna on Tuesday evening.

The issues of the recent elections in New York City and in San Francisco, which have more than a purely local interest, are decidedly in line with the presentation of the influence of corporate power on principles of Democracy, as set forth by Senator La Follette Thursday evening. Free discussion of these and kindred subjects are distinctly educational and do much to overcome a tendency to restrict one's outlook upon life to those matters that are strictly personal.

The lecture on the work of the eminent scientist, Luther Burbank, given by Professor Adrian of Santa Barbara, at the high school assembly hall Monday evening was largely attended and full of interest. Probably the achievements of the California naturalist affords more practical interest to both the mature and the immature mind than does that of any other living scientist. A plain and unpretentious man devoting himself to improving the conditions of plant life and proving the soundness of his methods by actual results, Luther Burbank has made the amassing of wealth of secondary import. The lecture was pleasing by illustrated with views and proved most instructive. The effort of the public school teachers to chaperone the young pupils of the various rooms in order that they might attend, was a praiseworthy and unselfish one.

Those who enjoy active sport have been rejoicing this week in the reopening of the Bungalow skating rink,

where skating has been indulged in every afternoon and evening, to the delight of all.

Miss Esther Silsby, the popular vocal teacher from Ashland, was taken suddenly ill while shopping in the Hutchason company's store Wednesday and was removed to the home of D. T. Lawton, and Dr. Clancy summoned. After several hours she recovered sufficiently to return to her home.

The October reception evening of Reames Chapter, O. E. S., took the form of a Halloween social. The elaborate decorations of the hall as well as the amusements and menu, carried out the idea of that festivity. Cards and dancing were indulged in to a late hour. The committee: Mesdames Haskins, Stoddard, Butler, Collins, Miles, Enyart; Messrs. Stoddard, Hicks, Butler and Strang.

The men's club of the Presbyterian church, which recently held its annual business meeting and election of officers, entertained with a banquet and musical program in which Mr. Clarence Kellogg was heard in two artistically rendered piano solos, J. F. Hutchason in a pleasing vocal solo, and the Goff brothers' quartet in several impromptu selections. The following officers were elected: President, W. H. Gore; vice-president, W. H. Watt; secretary and treasurer, C. A. Weaver; chairman of the program committee, R. A. Johnson.

The regular meetings of the Methodist Brotherhood are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month and are deservedly popular. At the recent election of officers an appetizing supper was served and the following officers elected: President, Clarence Moberg; first vice-president, Rev. Belknap; second vice-president, Fred Friedegar; third vice-president, George Lindley; fourth vice-president, C. W. Conklin; secretary, Roy Martin; treasurer, O. C. Boggs.

Mrs. F. Otto Krause, who has gone to Los Angeles to spend the winter in vocal study with a singing teacher of Berlin, who, through the co-operation of a club of musicians, has been engaged to give a season of instruction in that city, will be greatly missed by her large circle of friends and pupils.

Mrs. W. W. Glasgow entertained the Ladies' Missionary society of the Presbyterian church at her pleasant home on Oakdale avenue south, on Tuesday afternoon. The topic was "Persia," and much interesting information was brought out by the papers read.

Mr. Fred Day, claim agent for the Southern Pacific, who, accompanied by his wife, has been in Medford during the recent session of the federal court, left for Roseburg Sunday evening. After a stay of some days there they return to their home in Portland. Mr. Day is a former classmate of W. J. Warner at Pacific university.

Wednesday evening, November 10, is a regular social night of Reames Chapter, O. E. S. Mrs. F. E. Merrick is chairman of the committee on arrangements. Members of Nevata Chapter, No. 93, of Central Point will be guests of Reames Chapter.

## EDEN PRECINCT ITEMS.

V. A. Dunlap and wife were Medford business visitors Monday.

J. S. Stagg of North Talent took a load of vegetables to Ashland Monday.

S. S. Stephens was up to Ashland last Monday with a load of fine vegetables.

George Roberts of North Talent was a Medford visitor last Monday.

E. O. Carter and wife of North Phoenix were in Medford last Wednesday.

Edgar Adams of Talent went down to Medford Wednesday after apple boxes for the Estep orchard.

Mrs. A. Alford is having a neat little cottage erected on her lot in Talent, which she will rent.

Joshua Patterson is having the steel tower for his windmill erected. A tank will also be put in place which

will hold a supply of pure water for all household purposes.

Mrs. Ed Crane, niece of S. F. McDonald, of North Talent, and her husband and two children, came down from Elmsburg, Wash., on October 29, and remained until Monday, when they went to Medford en route to Eagle Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Crane have been at Seattle and Tacoma for a couple of months. They are in love with this valley and may locate here later.

Phoenix has another partner in the Bason shop, George McClain having bought in. Phoenix now has two meat markets.

Mark Fern and bride were over from Fern Valley Thursday visiting and trading with our merchants.

L. A. Rose, our efficient road supervisor, was running the grader between Phoenix and Talent Thursday morning. He has also been doing

Mrs. William Aldenhagen, who returned Sunday from Oakland, Cal., where she has been visiting her mother, Mrs. F. Hartzell, for several weeks, saw Blanch Bates in "The Fighting Hope," and enjoyed the season's music and drama to the full.

Attorney and Mrs. A. E. Reames of Jacksonville were among those attending the lecturing this week by Judge Septimus J. Hanna and Senator Robert M. La Follette.

Mrs. F. H. Farrar of Gold Bay was transacting business in the city on Thursday, remaining over for the La Follette lecture at night.

In a recent account of the meeting of the Tuesday club in Portland, at which Alfred Tennyson was the topic for discussion, the Oregonian states that Mrs. H. E. Chipman, who proved such an addition to Medford social and club life last winter, was the critic of the poet's work. Mrs. M. E. Worrell, another prominent club woman of Medford, was a popular guest of the Tuesday club.

Mrs. J. H. Wood, a recent president of the Federated Woman's clubs of San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley, Cal., and who has been spending a month in Seattle, was the guest of Mrs. L. B. Warner last week, while en route to her home in Berkeley.

Mrs. Edgar Hafer has left to spend the winter in eastern cities. She will be missed by a huge circle of friends.

That the work of the Christian Science church is attracting much interest in our city was evinced by the large and intelligent audience which greeted Judge Septimus J. Hanna, of the Christian Science board of lectureship, at the opera house Tuesday evening. Judge Hanna is a logical, convincing and satisfying speaker and doubtless made many friends for his church through his discourse. Avoiding points of possible controversy, he addressed himself to the task of showing the unity of thought between the followers of Mrs. Eddy and those of orthodox faith, all of whom have a common purpose—the uplifting of humanity through religious effort.

## ASHLAND

Memorial Hall was the scene of one of the prettiest dancing parties of the season Wednesday evening, the event being in the nature of a farewell to Miss Edna Murphy, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. George A. Knoblauch. The hall was tastefully decorated and a toothsome luncheon in keeping with the other arrangements was served. Miss Murphy leaves for her home in California as soon as the tunnel near Redding is again cleared for travel.

The Wednesday Afternoon club was entertained at the home of Mrs. E. E. Bagley Wednesday afternoon. Musical selections by Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. A. J. Faucett were features of the entertainment. Mrs. E. E. Bagley, hostess, was assisted by Mrs. L. L. Mulit and Mrs. George Gillette.

Thursday evening pupils of the eighth grade enjoyed a session of games and dancing at Memorial hall. S. M. Ramsay, their instructor in school work, was a guest of honor.

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some much-needed grading along that part of the road. When the new work becomes packed the road from Talent to Medford will be as good, if not the best, in the valley.

## Prepaid Railroad Orders.

"Something which is of considerable interest to the public generally and which is perhaps not generally known is in effect between stations of the Southern Pacific company and all points in the United States. By means of this system tickets may be purchased at Medford from any place in the United States and mailed or telegraphed direct to the party wishing to come here. Sleeper accommodations and small amounts of cash in connection with these tickets may also be forwarded at the same

## RENOVATING THE BIG CAPITOL

Superintendent of Capitol Building Rushing Work in Getting Ready for the Opening of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—In anticipation of the early assembling of congress, now only five weeks away, Elliott Woods, superintendent of the Capitol building, is redoubling his efforts to get that big structure in readiness for the returning lawmakers. Gangs of painters and decorators are working overtime, touching up the faded spots in the corridors and committee rooms. In some cases, especially at the senate end of the capitol, the entire interior decorations of the committee rooms have been worked over in new designs and colors. "A new carpet in two shades of green will be spread over the floor of the senate chamber and the two cloak rooms have been supplied with marble floors and new mahogany furniture.

The greatest change being effected in the interior of the capitol, outside the installation of a new elevator at the southeast entrance, is in the senate restaurant. The old floor has been removed and a new one of black and white marble blocks is being laid. The two private dining rooms for senators have been thrown into one large room with the result that it is better lighted and better ventilated. Crystal chandeliers will hang from the ceiling and the walls and ceiling will be decorated in a comfortable warm tint.

But the most important change for the comfort of the senators and representatives is the construction of a new heat and electric power plant. This plant will be ready to furnish heat and electric light not only to the capitol, the senate and house office buildings, but the congressional library by December 1. It is also of such capacity that if in the future congress should decide to carry out the proposed plan of erecting on the capitol plaza a special building for the use of the supreme court and the department of justice, a connection can easily be made and plenty of power supplied.

## NOTICE.

There will be a special meeting of the stockholders of the Siskiyou Copper & Gold Development company Friday, November 12, at 7:30 p. m. at their office in the Medford hotel, to consider the purchase of additional claims. 204 M. J. LOVE, President.

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## POOR INVENTORS ALWAYS LOSE OUT

Men Whose Brains Create Great Unheard-of Things Never Seem to Profit by Them.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—Pity the poor inventor. If there is anything to be said of him, according to General Allen, chief signal officer of the army, it is that he works hard for nothing. In most cases he pays more to secure his patents than he gets out of them. If he consoles himself with the delusion that he has evolved something new for the service of humanity, he is again wrong.

This observation of General Allen's was called forth by the fate of patents on the two most extraordinary inventions of recent years, both of which came within the province of the signal corps. They are the flying machine and wireless telegraphy. Wireless telegraphy patents have led to some glory, much litigation and more or less chaos. The men who proposed to make fortunes have been grievously disappointed. Any amateur can set up his instruments nowadays and operate to his own sweet will. Patent laws will not affect him, and there are no other laws to regulate his actions. He can do as well as the discoverer who spent a fortune and years of labor to make his pastime possible.

In view of all this, it is a question whether Wilbur and Orville Wright's achievements will be one of more than passing glory. If the courts decide that their patents are merely the fruit of others' thinking, there is no reason why the amateur should not run the risk of breaking his neck on a machine of his own construction after the pattern of the Wright aeroplane, just as he has been free to dabble in wireless telegraphy.

## SEVERAL PLUMS GETTING RIPE

Politicians Speculating on Several Appointments Soon to Be Made by the President—Many Fine Jobs.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—There are several large, juicy plums now hanging on the administration's tree, ready for President Taft's picking and subsequent distribution to individuals who have an appetite for government delicacies.

The jobs that are awaiting occupants are numerous. It is unusual to find so many good berths vacant around the capital, and particularly so in view of the Roosevelt method of putting in new men in vacant places before the chair of the former incumbent had grown cold. But President Taft's temperament makes him move slowly.

Foremost of the vacancies is the associate justiceship on the bench of the supreme court of the United States. Obviously, the president will exercise great care in selecting a man to succeed the late Justice Peckham. Then there is the ticklish matter of securing the right man for the ministership to China, vacated through the dismissal of Charles R. Crane of Chicago. Also there is the question of who shall succeed White-law Reid as ambassador to Great Britain—probably the most important post abroad, and the biggest gift within the power of the president. It takes more than a big man to fill this place—it takes a rich man.

Third Assistant Postmaster-General Lawshe some time ago sent in his resignation. Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor McNary has been trying for some weeks to get his resignation accepted, and now intends to leave, willy-nilly, this week. So far nobody has even been mentioned to succeed him.

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