

IN MEDFORD'S SOCIAL REALM

The invitational piano lecture recital at the Baptist church Wednesday evening...

With Christmas but 20 days off, it behooves those who are interested in lessening the burdens of storekeepers, clerks, shopgirls, messenger boys and expressmen...

The lecture-recital, which originated with the blind pianist, Edward Baxter Perry, who was heard at the opera house something more than a year ago...

The tradespeople are not the only ones, either, to be benefited by early selection of gifts. Often the girl who stands behind the counter late in the afternoon of a day immediately preceding Christmas is less nervous and tired than is the woman who, examining a stock already picked over...

The church had been attractively decorated for the occasion with ivy and Oregon grape, and large bunches of late chrysanthemums were effectively placed.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church will be entertained Thursday afternoon in the parlors of the church by Mrs. W. H. Gore.

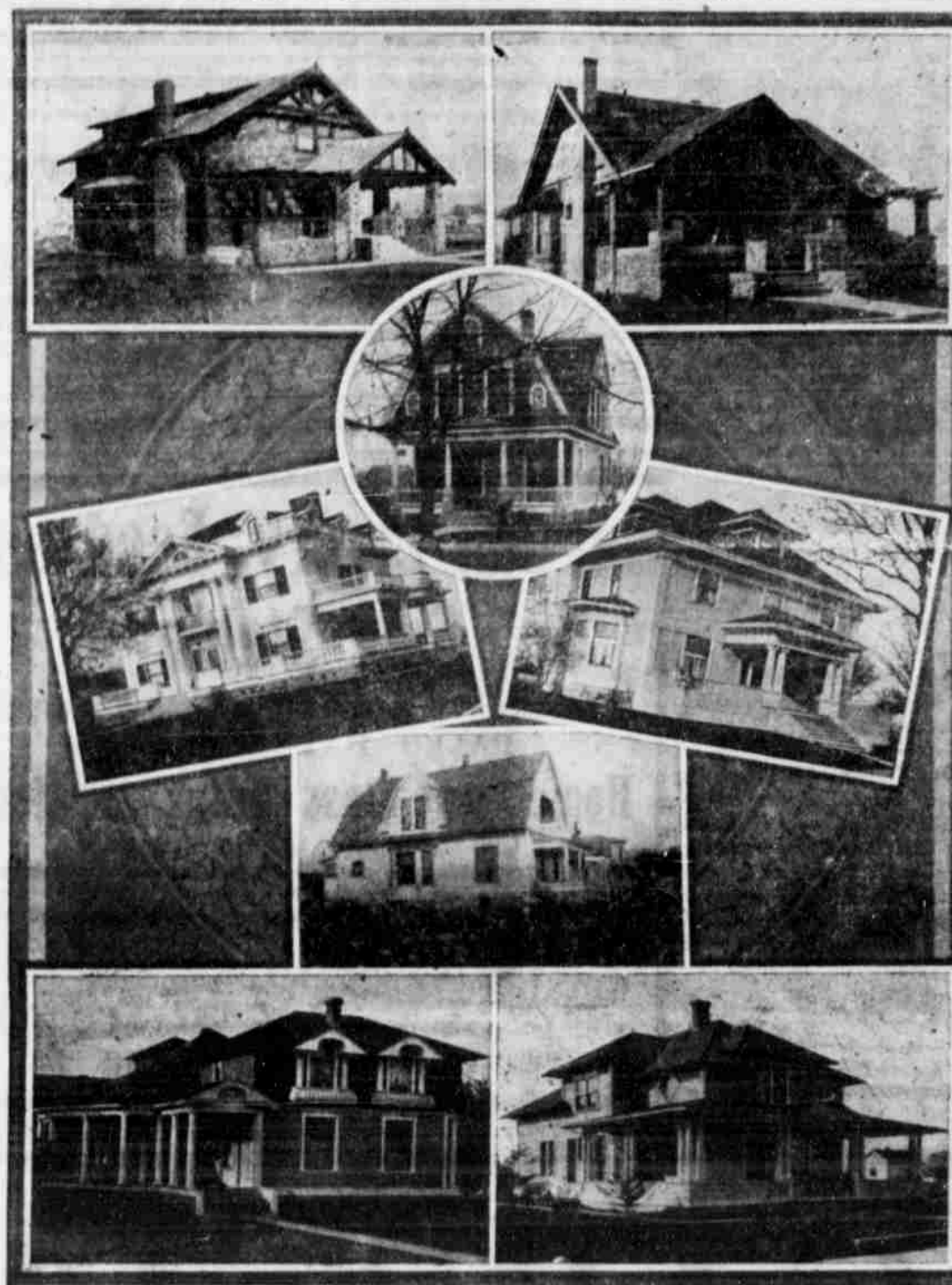
The reception to Rev. Mr. William Lucas, the new rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, which was postponed last week because of the disagreeable weather...

The Red Cross stamps which are so much in evidence this holiday season, have been received by the president of the Greater Medford club and have been placed on sale with the secretary of the Commercial club at the club rooms.

Mrs. H. E. Boyden was the hostess at the regular weekly meeting of the Five Hundred club Friday afternoon at her beautiful new home, corner of Central avenue and Third streets.

The members of the congregation of the Christian church gave their pastor, Rev. Mr. Matlock, and his wife a surprise donation party Wednesday evening at the church that brought out a full attendance...

SOME OF MEDFORD'S BEAUTIFUL HOMES



The residences of Medford are the most hospitable to be found, and their beautiful homes lend an added impetus to social life of the city.

One of the most pleasant and altogether delightful social events of the week was the reception at the K. P. hall Wednesday evening by the Pythian Sisters, with the following committee on arrangements: Mrs. W. W. Eifert, chairman, Mr. W. W. Eifert, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wortman, Miss Edna Eifert, Miss Bessie Ellison, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Ellison.

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Medford club Monday afternoon brought out a full attendance of ladies, interest centering around the election of president for the ensuing year, and the announced lecture by Mr. Edwin Seely Parsons of Duluth on the subject, "Who Is My Sister?"

The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church met in business session Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. G. Wortman, 512 Oakdale avenue. The ladies are perfecting plans and arrangements for their annual bazaar, which they will hold December 15 in connection with a dinner at noon and musical and literary program in the evening.

The pleasant home of Mrs. R. W. Gray, 115 Mistletoe street, was thrown open Tuesday afternoon to the members of the Ladies' Guild of St. Mark's Episcopal church for the second card party of the season...

The eighteenth birthday of Miss Gertrude Fay, one of the most popular girls of the younger set, was celebrated Sunday with an elaborate nine-course birthday dinner at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fay, 116 East Sixth street.

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Upon, but will be announced later. About 20 ladies met with Mrs. Wortman and the work of the afternoon was advanced very satisfactorily.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Thomas entertained a few friends at their home, 718 West Main street, Tuesday evening, December 2, in honor of Mrs. George Kendall of Spokane, Wash. Musical numbers by Mrs. Thomas, Miss Eva Poley and Miss Mary Orr were much enjoyed...

The lecture by Dr. Young of Portland on Friday evening, December 10, at the Methodist Episcopal church will doubtless draw a large crowd, as Dr. Young is known to be one of the most popular speakers on the state lecture platform.

The regular reception and social night of the Peabodias Council takes place the third Wednesday in each month at Redmen's hall.

Miss Venita Hamilton has returned from a visit of several weeks to relatives in San Francisco. During her stay in the city Miss Hamilton, who is one of Medford's cleverest amateur musicians, took advantage of many opportunities to hear celebrated artists and attended the theaters often, all of which afforded her much pleasure.

The Ladies' Guild of the Episcopal church was charmingly entertained Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Etta Bates, 236 Central avenue North.

D. H. Hawkins has returned from a stay of several weeks in Ashland.

Carl Glasgow, who is attending Pullman college, Pullman, Wash., and making excellent progress with his studies, spent Thanksgiving in Spokane, his guest of friends.

Mr. A. A. Campbell, interested with the Sherman-Clay company, is a recent arrival from Seattle who expects to locate here with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hopkins of the Snowy Butte orchards had Mr. C. H. Lewis as their guest during the week.

G. F. Johnson of Portland was a Medford visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. Jo Russell and Miss Fannie Nunan of Jacksonville have gone to San Francisco to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cox have gone to Alameda, Cal., seeking a milder climate for the benefit of Mrs. Cox's health.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock the local lodge of Elks will hold its first memorial service.

All Elks, including all visiting brothers, will meet in the Elks' hall promptly at 1 o'clock p. m.; at 1:45 the members, escorted by the officers of the lodge, will march in a body to the Medford opera house.

The following program will be rendered: Selection, Hazelrigg's orchestra; ritualistic address, exalted ruler; quartet, "The Vacant Chair" (Root), Colvig, Burgess, Andrews, Isaacs; opening exercises, officers of the lodge; solo "Ave Maria" (Charles Gounod), Mrs. Charles Hazelrigg; select reading, "Thanatopsis," Ed An-

draws; address, Charles V. Galloway, Salem lodge, No. 446; solo, "Evening and Morning" (Max Spicker), William F. Isaacs (words by Rev. J. Gregory Smith); closing exercises, officers of the lodge; quartet, "Auld Lang Syne," Colvig, Burgess, Andrews and Isaacs (the audience will please join); benediction, chaplain.

The gathering is not for the purpose of being permitted to boast of the superiority of the fraternity or to criticize in any manner the work of any other fraternal organization. The Elks believe in play, it is true; they also believe that it is fitting and right that once each year that the members of the order should for a time lay aside the ordinary business affairs and cares of life and in reverence remember those who during the past year have fallen in life's struggle.

The services at the Medford opera house will be open to the public and will begin promptly at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m.

The patrons of the Medford public library will be pleased to know that some 30 books have been recently added to the library shelves. There has been a great demand for good, up-to-date service books for reference work. This recent addition will help greatly in supplying the lack in this department. The books added are:

Ladd's Primer of Psychology, Cabot's Everyday Ethics, Shaler's The Citizen, Adams' Textbook of Commercial Geography, Comstock's Textbook of Astronomy, Hopkins' Experimental Science, Jackson's Elementary Book on Electricity, Brigham's Textbook of Geology, Zuleik's Life of the Ancient Greeks, Wheeler's Alexander the Great, Wheeler's Bismarck and the Foundations of the German Empire, Bryce's Wm. E. Gladstone, Roberts' Primer of Parliamentary Law, Howard's Insect Book, Black's Photography, Indoor and Out; Harwood's The New Earth, Sanford's Art and Crafts for Beginners, Hill's Decisive Battles of Law, Kirkland's Some African Highways, Man and the Earth, Apollo, Young People's Story of Art, Lisbeth Longfrock, How to Dress a Doll, Our Little Australian Cousin, Three Years Behind the Guns.

The second number in the lecture course under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild of St. Mark's Episcopal church, was a concert at the opera house Friday evening by the Central Grand Concert company, and proved a musical treat of rare merit. A large crowd filled the opera house, and only words of pleased appreciation were heard for the artists, whose professional skill enabled them to interpret a long and richly varied program of classic and modern numbers with increasing interest to the end. Not only did the personnel of the company lend variety to the program, but the pure classic melody of Mozart was in contrast with the brilliant and involved harmony of Liszt, the dainty witchery of the contemporaneous composer being fully as enjoyable as the familiar and much-loved "Ave Marie" of Gounod.

Mr. Maximilian Dick, who has an enviable reputation as a violinist both in America and Europe, is an artist of very high order; his flawless technique enables him to forget the mechanical side of art, and he gives a sympathetic and soulful rendition that wins his audience with the first vibration of the string and holds them spellbound until the last echo of the tone dies away. He recited reading, "Thanatopsis," Ed An-

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It Is Almost Christmas Do Your Shopping Early

When John Milton wrote that line in his famous sonnet on going blind, "They also serve who only stand and wait," he did not refer to merchants and clerks in the month before Christmas, where they stand idly in beautiful shops crowded with an infinite assortment of Christmas goods.

When the people have money, as they have this year, and merchants have new and attractive goods, such as the profusions already on exhibition, the exchange of the one for the other is just as certain as that Christmas is only a month off.

Here is a scene to delight a purchaser: A live, wideawake, well-groomed clerk stands idly behind a counter. Before him, behind him, all around him, are piled mountains of new goods. The stock is up to its full complement. There is every size, shade, variety, degree, quality and quantity. Most of the other clerks and the proprietors are as idle as he.

A paralyzed young man with disheveled hair, wilted collar, lusterless eyes and gaunt cheeks, is sprawled forward on the counter in an utterly dejected pose. There is a litter of boxes on the floor, and a tangled mass of goods on the counter and the floor. The showcases are half empty and big holes are in the walls where neat boxes ought to be.

That is after. Now is the time to do your shopping—now while the stocks are fresh and clean. Now while the stores are yet uncrowded and the air is pure. Now while the clerks have the time and spirit for courteous and smiling service.

Just as surely as you do you will do your part toward banishing the cruelties of a time which should bring nothing but joy. Step a moment back of the scenes. Think of the shipping, the packing, the wrapping and delivery forces working in feverish haste to the very limit of human endurance.

And then for another moment think that all of this could be easily avoided by a little thought and foresight on your part. Is the world, indeed, heartless and inhuman? Is it only heedless? We wonder also what the simple Workman of Nazareth, if He looked down here on things below, would think of the manner in which the most enlightened of nations celebrate His feast.