

IN MEDFORD'S SOCIAL REALM

The reception tendered the Rev. Mr. Lucas and wife, the recently arrived rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, at the spacious and artistic home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Beveridge, 202 South Oakland avenue, was largely attended during the reception hours, and crowds thronged the house for nearly an hour later, it being impossible to exchange the desired greetings with friends assembled. In the receiving line assisting the charming hostess in the hall and mingling with the guests were Mrs. William Aldenhagen, Mrs. L. E. Brown, Mrs. H. C. Keutner, Mrs. H. P. Platt, Mrs. R. W. Gray, Mrs. Percival Shea, Miss C. Rawson. A crowd formed about the rector and his wife, while on the opposite side of the parlor, scarcely second in point of distinction to the honor guests; also surrounded by his many admiring friends, was the Right Rev. Charles Scadding, bishop of the diocese of Oregon, whose presence was a delightful surprise to many. Scattered throughout the rooms were graceful red carnations, while the centerpieces in the gracefully appointed dining room was a bowl of deep red geranium blossoms, closely arranged. Mrs. John Harzburg, seated in the bay window at the head of the table, poured coffee, while opposite her Mrs. M. Purdin poured chocolate. Assisting in the dining room was Mrs. Suedleor and the Misses Allee Street, Ida Lee Keutner and Kathleen Shea, three attractive young girls shined in white. Mr. and Mrs. Lucas are from Michigan, and bring a most happy record of efficiency and popularity, both in spiritual and social life of the parish in which they lived. With a strong choir organization, and active and discerning ladies' guild, and the plans for the erection of the new church building, well financed, the outlook for the future is especially bright.

Miss Hazel Enyart, who has been spending the past seven months in New York city and Palisades, N. Y., the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Whitman, is on her return home, spending today in Logansport, Ind., visiting relatives. Miss Enyart expects to be several weeks on the way home, as she has many relatives and friends in the east whom she will visit. A warm welcome awaits her as she is one of the most popular girls in the younger set.

Bishop Scadding was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Foster, East Main street, during his recent visit.

The opera house was never more elaborately decorated than it was Sunday for the Elks' memorial exercises, the decoration committee being C. W. Hellbronner, John Wilkinson, E. R. Van Dyke, J. G. Goble, E. C. Gaddis, Grover Corum, J. W. Jacobs. The generous use of the emblematic colors, purple and white, relieved by stage draperies of the national colors, and an artistic arrangement of white carnations, was very effective. The distribution of favors of California violets at the door gave pleasure.

Mrs. Hazelrigg has been much complimented on her finished rendering

of Gounod's "Ave Maria." Vocally equipped, her singing lacked neither soul or artistic poise, and the audience was unanimous in expressions of satisfaction in the success of Medford's sweetest singer.

The Wednesday Study club and their invited guests were very pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. W. I. Vawter, 310 West Main street, on Wednesday afternoon, December 8, with a piano recital played by Mr. W. B. Field of this city. The program was a continuation of the one given last week at the Baptist church, and was made up of McDowell and Gottschalk compositions. The latter, a native of New Orleans, and but recently deceased, while the composer of many brilliant and beautiful pieces of the salon type, cannot rank as an artist of originality, depth and power, with many of his European and American contemporaries. However, the closing number gave the pianist opportunity for the use of brilliant finger technique, while the McDowell numbers were musically played and much enjoyed. The informal nature of the recital and the sympathetic interest of the ladies, created an atmosphere to which both player and listener seemed susceptible.

Mrs. Vawter received at the door, while her mother, Mrs. Hill, greeted the guests on the second floor. A social hour followed the program, when refreshments were served on buffet in the dining room. Mrs. E. B. Pickel and Mrs. F. W. Hollis poured, while Mrs. Vawter was further assisted by Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Smith. Among those present were Mesdames Suedleor, Helen Haskins, J. E. Watt, W. J. Warner, William Colvig, R. E. Gale, M. E. Worrell, A. E. Reames, R. T. Burnett, F. W. Hollis, E. B. Pickel, M. L. Alford, F. W. Streets, H. G. Wortman, G. L. Davis, U. G. Smith, H. H. Tuttle, James Campbell Porter Neff, W. F. Rau, E. M. Andrew, A. L. Marshall and Misses Alice Streets, Helen Worrell, Flora Gray and Rose Fielder.

Miss Helen Watt, a student at St. Helen's Hall, Portland, is expected home Christmas day to spend the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Watt.

Mrs. A. E. Reames and Mrs. R. T. Burnett of Jacksonville were guests of the Wednesday Study club at the recital at the home of Mrs. W. I. Vawter.

One of the most delightfully entertaining and instructive books in the non-fiction section of the public library is "American Masters of Sculpture," by Charles H. Chaffin, an appreciation of a few leading American sculptors who have achieved distinction in an atmosphere of commercialism that is a hindrance to the development of the art as it exists in European countries. The chapters on "The Decorative Motive" and the "Ideal Motive" are worthy of study from the standpoint of the individual. The biographical sketches are written with a distinct human inter-

Angels Sang "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men"



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est together with a charm and clearness of style that enchains the attention. Further, the volume is profusely illustrated by excellent cuts of the most attractive statues and mural decorations, which adorn parks, and public buildings, in principal cities and which even hurried tourists are familiar with. Space is given to a description of the classic fountain in the park at Portland, which is one of Olin Levi Warner's most chaste and noble pieces of work.

The regular meeting of the Five Hundred club Friday afternoon was held at the home of Mrs. E. D. Elwood on Central avenue, South. The highest score was played by Miss Gertrude Wood. Mrs. H. E. Boyden was a close second. The prizes were Medford souvenir spoons.

The third popular card party of the Swastika club will be held Tuesday afternoon, December 14, at the home of Mrs. L. G. Porter, 619 East Main street.

The Ladies' Guild was entertained at its regular meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. W. Gray, 115 South Mistletoe street.

The annual fair and bazaar of the Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church will be held in the Angle opera house December 18.

The informal dancing party given by the ladies of the Greater Medford club for the benefit of the public library fund was well attended and proved one of the most enjoyable of the season's social gatherings. Good music was provided and the hall was not overcrowded, making dancing enjoyable. Eighteen dollars was cleared for the library fund and will be used in making additions to the juvenile section and the department of current fiction.

The following officers were elected by Reames chapter, O. E. S., No. 66, at the regular meeting Wednesday night:

Worthy matron, Miss Gertrude Wood; worthy patron, J. E. Watt; associate matron, Mrs. M. L. Alford; secretary, Mrs. J. R. Woodford; treasurer, Mrs. Charles Strang; conductress, Mrs. I. L. Hamilton; associate conductress, Mrs. F. E. Merrick.

An informal dancing party at Smith's hall was much enjoyed by a jolly crowd of young people Thursday evening. Cake, coffee and sandwiches were served. The following were present:

Misses Maude Ling, Mabel Jones, Melissa Butt, Myrtle Calhoun, Grace Calhoun, Jennie Hansen, Hazel Ragsdale, Mabel Wheelpley, Constance McKilligan, Enid Hamilton, Maude Sage, Mary Haswell, Messrs. Bert Lawrence, Isaac Fidegar, Henry Haswell, Charles Henselman, Charles Campbell, Jesse Taylor, Ralph McKay, Frank Miller, Orville Johnson, Wilson Rothermel, Clarence Sage, Harvey Ling, Ward Whiteside, Harry Barneburg.

The G. A. R. and W. R. C. friends of Mrs. M. M. Johnson gave her a surprise party Monday evening, December 6, at her home with her daughter, Mrs. W. F. Shoultz, in honor of her 66th birthday. The evening was spent with games and music and after a sumptuous lunch the guests departed with many expressions of esteem and good will for the estimable lady.

Monday evening J. R. Allen entertained with a dinner at the Hotel Nash grill followed by a theater party, attending "The Land of Nod." Mr. Allen's guests were: Mr. and Mrs. John Otwell, Miss Catherine Rogers, Miss Grace Andrews, Mr. Conro Piero, and Mr. Boudinot Conner.

The young people of the Presbyterian church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shields Monday evening and organized a social and literary club for the benefit of the young people of the church, and congregation. Mr. Will Watt was elected president. The club will hold bi-monthly meetings, the second of which will take place at the home of the Misses Harmon,

1909 West Main street, on Monday evening, December 20.

The Wednesday Study club will meet December 15 at the home of Mrs. James Campbell on West Eleventh street. This is the Christmas meeting and the topic is "Giving that is Gaining," and had been previously assigned to Mrs. J. F. Mundy, who is absent on an eastern trip. In her absence Mrs. R. E. Gale will be the essayist and a paper interesting and full of the Christmas spirit is assured.

Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Shields entertained the officers of the church and their wives at the manse Friday evening with delightful hospitality. Mirth provoking games were played and songs were sung by W. H. Gird and Will Watt, after which Mrs. Shields, assisted by Miss Alice Elder, served a delicious two-course lunch, consisting of pineapple salad and wafers, coffee, cake and ice cream. A pleasurable half hour was spent in looking over the music of the Christmas cantata with Mrs. J. F. Hutchason as accompanist.

Notwithstanding the many counter attractions Friday evening, the lecture at the Methodist church by Dr. Benjamin Young of Portland on the subject, "Grit and Gumption," was well attended and much enjoyed.

The Men's Brotherhood of the M. E. church, an organization of more than 50 members, which does much practical work in the church, held a business and social meeting at the church Wednesday evening and made arrangements for a banquet to be given in the near future in the parlors of the church.

Mr. L. L. Breeder, general manager of the phonographic department of the Shuman, Clay house, is in the city on business.

The oyster supper given by the men of the Christian church at the Tabernacle Tuesday evening was a most successful affair, about \$25 being cleared. Among those having the affair in charge were: Mr. Boswell, Harry Boswell, Ed Pierce and Fred Day.

Mr. Conro Piero was host Tuesday evening at a delightful dinner party at the Hotel Nash grill, having as his guests Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hamill, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Olwell, Miss Catharine Rogers, Miss Grace Andrews, Mr. J. R. Allen and Mr. Burdick Conner. The party afterward attended "King Dodo."

The married people's dancing club that enjoyed so many pleasant parties last winter has first reorganized and will hold its first meeting next Wednesday night at Angel's opera house. Membership is by invitation.

Mrs. Charles Ferguson, who, with her little daughter, Grace, has been making her mother, Mrs. S. T. Howard, an extended visit, left Tuesday for her home in Hereford, Tex.

Mrs. M. L. Alford's sister, Mrs. Sargent, and her husband, Colonel H. H. Sargent, U. S. cavalry, were expected to sail Monday from San Francisco on the transport Logan for the Philippines, where Colonel Sargent has been ordered with his regiment.

Tuesday evening at the annual meeting of the Chester A. Arthur post, No. 47, G. A. R., officers were elected for the next year as follows:

Commander, O. W. Elghmy; S. V. C., C. C. Paul; I. V. C., Alex Duff; chaplain, James Kelso; O. M., Jacob Klippel; O. D., I. I. Stacy; O. G., D. E. Clay; guard, Victor Paul.

Unique and attractive post cards bearing a reproduction of the photograph of the Oregon Glee club, have been received announcing the annual concert by the club Wednesday, December 22. Mr. Vernon Vawter, who is a member of the club, has been making good as an amateur actor and has a prominent part in the program.

Among the college students expected home for the holidays are Misses Clara Wines, Ruth Merrick, Louise Gibboner, Fred Strang, Vernon Vawter, Clarence Gore of the U. of C., Miss Bess Kentner of the U. of C., John Porter of the O. R. C., Misses Helen Watt and Fern Hutchison of St. Helen's Hall.

The next dance given by the Swastika club will be held New Year's eve as announced on the schedule of dates sent to members. Supper will be served and it will doubtless be the event of the holiday season.

Reports from Council Bluffs, Ia., are to the effect that Mrs. Edgar Hafer, the popular leader in the local smart set, is being entertained very extensively by the society ladies of that city.

What Local Stores Offer & Some Hints For Xmas Buyers

In no way are the metropolitan tendencies of Medford more clearly shown than in the large and varied stock of goods provided by all local merchants in their separate and individual lines for the satisfaction of the Christmas shopper. In every store and in overwhelming variety, is found an excellent and up-to-date stock of the staple articles of trade upon which many depend for gifts rather than upon articles of questionable use and beauty. Never before were these stocks so complete, so varied and so alluringly displayed. A safe rule to follow and one which applies to the person whose slender purse must be made to remember many as well as to the one who can spend liberally and to please her own fancy, is that the gift whether inexpensive, or costly shall be the best of its kind. A simply hemmed pure linen handkerchief that costs fifty cents is in better taste than a poor imitation of an art print at double the price. Another point to remember in the selection of a gift is to choose something the value of which you know about rather than make an effort to satisfy a friend's known artistic tastes, an attempt that may result in disappointment unless your knowledge of art-values is equal to his, and you also know just what he already has. Sensible and useful gifts afford the most satisfaction.

Buy Furniture.
Many young married people follow the plan of furnishing their home gradually, managing to be both com-

fortable and happy on a little and adding a really good piece of furniture from time to time as circumstances permit. In this way the house is not filled with an array of cheap and unsatisfactory makeshifts but the finished home is artistic and the furniture is such as will last a life-time and give a sense of satisfaction. Just now the tendency in furniture is toward the severely plain and the best designs depending for their beauty upon the grain and polish of the wood and showing an entire absence of an attempt at ornamentation. Cabinet made pieces are especially desirable and from the number of really beautiful designs made in the local shops, the idea is evidently popular. The furniture stores also show dining room sets and separate chairs, davenport and small tables made in mission lines, that are very interesting.

Expansion Evident.

No where is the expansion of business more evident than in the leading furniture stores; with floor space doubled and quadrupled over last year, more room is available for the display of the fine pieces, while the stock itself is large and varied in proportion. What more acceptable gifts to any member of the family than a carefully chosen birdseye maple dressed of one of the new designs or a handsome chair or a much needed china cabinet. Among the very newest design seen in the store here is a handsome bedroom set of Circassian walnut, the wood is beautifully grained, susceptible of a fine polish and the model exclusive. Such

furniture is easily kept free from dust and its natural beauty is a source of delight to the possessor. If one wishes to select something still more individual, the pieces finished with cross-band veneer, similar to piano finish, and polished to a high state of reflecting power, are unexcelled. Among smaller pieces, music cabinets, footstools and tuboretts are seen, while if one wishes to go into rugs and draperies, he will surely find both hand made and machine weaves, foreign and domestic, and in a good variety of patterns and a conservative range of color.

Goods Suitable.

One cannot take even a hasty survey of the stores without being impressed with the care with which goods have been selected to meet local needs. It is no longer necessary or advisable to patronize the mail order houses, for prices are as low and in many cases lower, at home, many merchants guaranteeing to duplicate any mail order at the same or a less price, if given the opportunity. Why risk buying goods out of town and of inferior quality, thus depriving oneself of the pleasure of making personal selection, when the home merchant can give better value and guarantee satisfaction.

Dry Goods.

The dry goods merchant with his endless and bewildering enumeration of dainty collars, dressy gloves, fancy hose, filmy handkerchieves, bags, belts and novelty jewelry, naturally get the bulk at holiday time of small purchases designed for the fem-

inine part of the population. A woman's glove is one article of dress about which she is always most fastidious. She may have small ambition for dress in the abstract, may sacrifice looks to comfort in shoes, but she desires gloves that are fresh, well fitting and modish. There is no better gift for man, woman or child than an umbrella which may be as moderately priced as one wishes or costly to the point of elegance. Why not, instead of giving the woman of your family a pretty waist pattern or a dress pattern, give a ready made silk or lingerie waist or a pretty one piece or princess dress, both of which are at this season priced so moderately that one can scarcely purchase the goods for the cost of the ready-to-wear article. What nicer gift than one of the pretty French broadcloth capes now so popular. They are shown in the delicate tints so attractive for evening wear and also in the standard shades of blue, grey, tan and black that may be utilized for street garments.

Suitable Books.

Foremost among the season's most suitable gifts are books. The field of choice is so wide, covering so extensive a range of subject matter and giving such variety in style of binding, that few Christmas lists will be considered complete that do not include a few books. In the children's section one may select the highly-colored and vividly illustrated juvenile rhymes that are sold for a few cents and prove such a delight to the little folks, or one may prefer a beautifully illustrated

copy of "The Seven Ages of Childhood," by Jessie Wilcox Smith, that holds for several dollars. The story sections are especially well-filled, all the old favorites, Miss Aleott, Margaret Ward, Frank Webster, Margaret Sidney and Castleman, occupying conspicuous places.

Now, when the public library is a little short in the most recent fiction and when people have most leisure for reading, one turns with especial interest to the new novels.

Recent Fiction.

One of the strongest books offered is a story of the first century by Harriet Gunn Roberson, entitled, "Mary of Maydala." The story is told with appealing interest and is conceived with great vigor, while the descriptive element give a graphic picture of the life and times that lingers in memory after the volume is laid aside or exchanged for another.

Three other books that are among the season's best sellers, and are enthusiastically recommended by wide readers, are "The Foreigner," by Ralph Conner, "The Silver Horde," by Rex Beach, and "The Planter," by Whitaker. All the stories by Myrtle Reed, among which are "Lavender and Old Lace," "Old Rose and Silver," "Flowers of the Dust" and "Love Letters of a Musician," contain a sweet and tender; hard of romance and are told with a delicacy and charm are irresistible. Besides these volumes are bound in delicate purple, gold and white that makes them attractive as gift-books.

Leather Goods.

A very special line of hand-tooled

leather goods that is sure to be snapped up by discriminating buyers as soon as seen, is on sale at local store. The work is done by Mrs. J. F. Root, a recent arrival from the east, and each piece is a marvel of skill and good taste. Only the finest and softest of material is employed, and there is nothing shown anywhere more artistic in effect and execution. Perhaps a dozen of the choicest designs, hand-bags, purses, magazine covers, note-book holders, are on sale and fortunate the happy possessor of one of them. At this same store is a pewter stein and set of mugs of old colonial design, having glass bottoms that are exceedingly ornamental.

Never before in the history of Medford was there displayed such enticing wedgewood jugs, choice teacup, wellar and rookwood pottery, exclusive hand-painted china and brilliant cut-glass. A unique cut-glass parlor or boudoir lamp with globe and cord attached is one of the loveliest single articles shown and of course, it has no duplicate besides being reasonably priced. Hand painted Japanese ware, painted to represent a canvas background and showing the seam in the canvas, are of delicate color and graceful form and may be had in various ornamental jars suited to my-lady's dressing table.

Silver.

Nothing is more popular this season in table silver than the hand-hammered models; tea spoons, knives and forks and many single pieces are offered, and while they have nev-

er been shown here before they are deservedly well liked. What prettier gift for the young matron than a set of hand-hammered silver bread and butter spreaders?

Since the tendency in house-furnishing and furnishing is toward the wood-browns, neutral greens and sombre tones in general, a liking is expressed for a few pieces of bright brass so placed as to relieve by contrast any dullness of effect. How the brightly burnished surface seems to catch all the light in the room and reflect it back tenfold. The etched brass is somewhat dull in finish and handsome desk sets, as well as small separate pieces, are seen in both the hand-hammered pieces, in whole Russian and Japanese handiwork show attractive salvers for the plate rail, imposing fire-place sets, andrions, jardiniere, fern dishes and a variety of granite pieces that any housekeeper would find useful.

Something for Sis.

Ask any girl what she wants for Christmas and the chances are that nine out of ten without a moment's hesitation will say, "A pair of Swede party slippers—black," providing, of course that she is not already the delightful possessor of a pair. You can easily find them too, but remember that the sizes run a little small, so either let the young lady fit herself or buy with the privilege of exchange.

A Victor or Edison talking machine is a present that gives a whole family satisfaction, while a guitar or mandolin is often the gift most desired.

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