

IN MEDFORD'S SOCIAL REALM

One of the prettiest dinners of Christmas day was that given by Mrs. James Fay, 116 East Sixth street at 5 o'clock.

- (1) Oyster cocktail, brown bread and butter, sandwiches. (2) Chicken soup, salted wafers. (3) Creamed chicken in timbals.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Foster gave a delightful Christmas dinner party at their home on Siskiyou Heights, having as their guests Miss Jessie Hale and Reverend Bartlett of Grants Pass and Miss Gladys Heard and Dr. Conroy of Medford.

Miss Hazel Davis, a senior in the Portland high school, arrived home Tuesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Davis.

Miss Aletha Emerick will entertain with an "at home" tomorrow evening which promises to be a fitting opening to the week's social festivities among the younger set.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Carnahan of Elsie arrived Wednesday to attend the U. of O. glee club concert and will remain in town during the holidays.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Christmas is the one day in the year when Christianized humanity is supposed to practice the precepts taught by Christ, and when the Christmas spirit, "good will to man" reigns over the civilized portion of the earth.

The giving of gifts symbolizes the forgetfulness of self and the thoughtfulness for others that for such a brief period succeeds the reign of selfishness and vanity in the human heart.

Doing unto others as you would be done by is the Christmas spirit—the true Christmas spirit—and neither the massive cathedral nor lavishness of wealth symbolize the worship of God as does man's thoughtfulness for his fellow man.

If we knew that the last stroke should pound for us tonight and we had a few minutes to prepare for eternity—would those minutes be spent in carrying out the purposes

Misses Mabel Ray and Jennesso Butler have issued invitations for a large card and dancing party at the home of Miss Ray, 136 West Main street, Wednesday evening, December 29, in compliment to Miss Grace Brown who has returned from a stay of several months in San Francisco.

Miss Jennie Snedcor, who holds a fine position in the Aberdeen schools as teacher of art, is spending the holiday vacation of two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Snedcor, and her brother, Mr. Frederick Snedcor.

Mr. H. C. Garnett's dinner guests yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hutchison and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Garnett and family.

Mrs. C. I. Hutchinson and daughter, Miss Fern, are guests of Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Pickel.

Mrs. V. T. McCray and her mother, Mrs. Harrington, have returned from a visit to Stockton, Calif.

Mrs. Mary Ashurst, formerly of Medford and Ashland, having spent a year in Forest Grove, Oregon, studying the piano with Prof. Chapman, is located at 543 Fifth street, Portland, where she is engaged in teaching.

Miss Helen Ragsdale of San Francisco, is the guest of relatives during her vacation.

On New Year's eve the Five Hundred club will be entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Boyden. The husband's of the lady members of the club will be guests and eight tables will be played. Mrs. Boyden will be assisted by Mrs. J. G. Goble, Mrs. E. G. Trowbridge and Mrs. I. L. Hamilton.

Miss Bess Kentner, a senior in the University of California, is at home for a three weeks' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reames left Thursday for Berkeley, California, to spend the holidays with Mrs. Lucinda Reames, Mr. Reames' mother.

Leland Beveridge entertained the members of the senior class of the high school at his home 292 Oakdale avenue, South, on Tuesday evening. Guessing games and music furnished entertainment for the guests and refreshments of sandwiches, salad and cakes were served from a table exquisitely laid with red carnations and geraniums as decorations.

The dancing party by the Swastika Club at Angle's hall on New Year's eve, promises to be one of the most important diversions of holiday week. The invitational list is a long one and no doubt the attendance will be large.

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The Deacons Christmas Eve



The very night they're coming home. Their faces will appear Once more around the Yuletide feast, Our sons and daughters dear. When there'll be all the babies, too, To jolt upon my knee And make our big, old fashioned house A scene of revelry.

The pantry shelves are loaded down With every kind of cake And pies of mince and pumpkin such As only you can make. Beyond the close shut parlor door An angel bright and fair Is looking down upon a tree That stands all ready there.

The hemlock wreaths hang on the wall. That spray of mistletoe Recalls, old dear, our sparkling days, Some fifty years ago, When first I kissed you underneath The bough of fateful pearls. I seem to see you once again, The sweetest of all girls.

Put up your knitting, mother, dear. The tinkle of the bells Across the snow clad upper road In welcome warning swells, For here are Dick and Jack and Jess And Molly, Tom and Sue And all the merry, dimpled, cute, Mischievous youngsters too!



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The Glee Club opened the program with two characteristic songs, which were followed by a Mexican dance by the Mandolin Club. "Hark, the Trumpet Soundeth," by Buck, is a big thing calling first for absolute precision in rhythm and attack, and then volume. The musical sketch which followed made a hit with the audience as did also the burlesque on grand opera. Mr. Kenneth Frazer and Mr. George Mallet were heard in vocal solos and a trombone solo by Mr. Powell was loudly applauded.

The Riley program given by Rev. G. Leroy Hall at the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening for the benefit of the Men's Club, was listened to by an audience that taxed the capacity of the church. After a brief sketch of Riley's life and an estimate of his position as a poet, Mr. Hall rendered in a most entertaining manner selections from the Hoosier and Dutch dialect poems, the poems of childhood and the nature poems. Old favorites, "An Old Sweetheart of Mine," "Knee-deep in June" and "The Goblins'll Get Ye," were given; also poems that appeared only in early periodicals and are hence out of print. The readings were pleasantly interspersed with musical selections, Miss Hazel Tice being heard in "There, Little Girl, Don't Cry," and Mrs. H. E. Marsh giving both organ and piano numbers.

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At the Christian church a play introducing many unique characters in costumes, was given to the delight of a large audience and was followed by

a tree with presents for the children. The Methodist Sunday school has a pleasing program of music, recitations and songs and presents were distributed to all.

The Baptist church was elaborately decorated with Christmas greens and a delightful program under the direction of H. C. Garnett and Miss Alma Martin was enjoyed.

At the Presbyterian church a feature was made of the primary exercises which took place at 3 P. M., a program being rendered by the tiny ones followed by the distribution of gifts from a tinsel-colored tree. At 8 o'clock the order children gave a program that was unique and enjoyed alike by young and old. The church was effectively decorated, a color scheme of red and green being carried out with ivy and Christmas bells.

The constant appeal of the press to the common sense and intelligence of making Christmas preparations early, doubtless had its effect. The merchants did not complain of the usual unendurable rush of the two days preceding and more leisure at the last was general among all classes.

Miss Arra Harmon gave a typical kindergarten entertainment Friday morning at her home, 1009 West Seventh street, for the members of her class. A program of songs was rendered and gifts distributed from the tree to the great delight of the little people.

Miss Dorris Bagley, of Ashland, has been the guest during the week of Miss Alice Streets.

Miss Clara Wines is home from Eugene, spending the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wines.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Stratton and three children spent Christmas with Mrs. Stratton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Glasgow, 504 South Central avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barr are spending the holidays in Oakland, Cal., with their daughter, Mrs. Ada Mills.

Miss Grace Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown, returned Monday evening from San Francisco for a brief visit with her parents. Miss Brown, who has a voice of exquisite quality and varied color, is pursuing her studies with Herr Herman Genss, and has had very gratifying success in her private work and also in concert work in which she is beginning to engage. She will sing at the opening of the Kohler and Chase piano house, January 3rd, and has signed a contract for one year's work in concert which will take her out of San Francisco. In the spring she will give a concert in Medford which will be eagerly anticipated by her many friends. Having invariably met with

CHRISTMAS IN MEDFORD

Low hanging clouds, threatening rain, but no precipitation; a dull grey effect; warm to such a degree as to make overcoats and muffs unnecessary; with only sunshine to be desired—such was Christmas day in the Rogue river valley in the year of our Lord 1909.

The weather man had promised rain for the day but later he evidently heeded supplications and compromised with clouds. Withal the day was a fine one for Christmas—just enough of winter not to be disagreeable. The Christmas callers were enabled to call upon their friends with the Christmas greeting and to throng the streets of the city. During the morning hours the streets were lined with a happy careful throng and on all sides were heard greetings bearing the compliments of the season. The youngsters were out in force, showing their playmates the many good things Santa Claus had brought and enjoying to the full the happiness of the day.

Early in the afternoon however the crowds wended their way homeward, there to begin their annual assault upon the Christmas dinners. Medford is a city of happy homes and good cheer prevailed in all of them.

Poverty—that grim spectre, who antagonizes the Christmas spirit more than any other—is practically unknown in Medford. Certain it is

pronounced local success, it is a source of much pleasure that her talent is of that high quality that demands a wider recognition.

Mr. Olin Armspiger, assistant engineer, has gone to Baker City, where he will be married December 29th to Miss Helen McKinney. On their return to Medford they will occupy the Will Warner residence, 511 Oakdale avenue.

The musicals given by the pupils of St. Mary's Academy, Tuesday evening, was one of the most enjoyable affairs of the week and brought out a large audience who listened attentively to the entertaining program. The merits of the school, being well lighted auditorium of the academy building is well adapted to the public entertainment and comfortably seated, while the stage in the rear forms a convenient and suitable setting for the performers.

The concerted solo work of the pupils on five pianos was interesting, showing exactness and precision of rhythm and uniformity of expression that is attained only after careful and long continued practice. Only two pupils, Miss Gertrude Fay and Miss Madge Mayo, appeared in solo work, rendering difficult selections with facile technique and musicianly interpretation, promising much for future attainment in the musical world.

The list of Yankee comedy, "Ma Dusenberry and Her Geark," was well put on; Miss Mayo in the leading role showed great cleverness and skill as a comedienne, while the minor parts were well taken. The sisters of the school are to be congratulated on the successful work done by each individual pupil.

The Christmas party at the William Angle home yesterday included the family of Mrs. S. T. Havard, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Howard, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gaddis, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Platt, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Anglin who are at home from their ranch for the holidays.

The Star restaurant was the scene of joyous Christmas festivities Friday evening, when the family of Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Goode and invited friends assembled late in the evening to enjoy the family tree. Christmas songs were sung. Miss Ethel Goode gave a recitation, after which Santa Claus appeared and generously distributed gifts to all. Those present: Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Goode, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Milligan, Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Goode, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Anderson, Masters Harold and Merle Goode, Ralph Buckmann and James Howard, Misses Clair Williams, Eva Goode, Maude Good, Mary Hall, Mr. Louis Higgins, Alex. Wright, Noah Holmes, Harry Young and W. McMullen.

that there were no homes in Medford unbrightened by Christmas good cheer. Medford is fortunate in this respect.

In the evening a large audience gathered at the opera house and were delighted by the program arranged for the benefit of the Medford mand, after which Medford residents wended their way homeward thankful that they had a Sunday of rest before taking up again the sterner realities of life.

Many house parties took the attention of residents during the day and many novel forms of entertainment were devised. The Medford citizen is nothing if not hospitable. The large number of youngsters home from college to spend the holidays gladdened many a household.

But few of the stores were open in the city and those that were, only greeted customers for a few hours during the morning. All of the employees of the stores, who, during the past week have worked long and hard were given the day to themselves and gratefully they accepted the respite.

The day was a typical one in a community as blessed with the good things of life as this. Everyone joined in the festivities of the day and the true Christmas spirit prevailed on all sides.