

IN MEDFORD'S SOCIAL REALM

(MISS ELIZABETH PUTNAM.)

The latest and most novel form of entertainment found in Medford is the "comet party," and judging from the frequency with which they occur they are very popular. So far as is known, the affairs are strictly "stag affairs," and as this is a "woman's number," the entertainments can only be spoken of by hearsay.

New York's 400 had its "monkey" and "dog" parties, but it took the men of brains and capital in Medford to originate the "comet parties," and as the comet is still in the ascendancy we may expect to hear of many more of these, Medford's latest fad. So if the head of the house fails to arrive home at the proper time, put it down to the comet and expect to hear of the glories and peculiarities of the sky wanderer at breakfast time.

Mrs. Shepherd, the state president of the W. C. T. U., of Utah, who is called the "silver-tongued orator of the west," addressed a women's meeting at the Baptist church Sunday night. The church was packed to the doors and a very warm reception was given Mrs. Shepherd. She spoke on the four great evils—gambling, Sabbath desecration, liquor traffic and social impurity—and made a very eloquent address. Sixty new members were gained for the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Shepherd addressed a meeting for men only at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon, and they were very anxious to have her return to close the campaign in Oregon. The collection from the two meetings was \$34.

Sunday was Mrs. Shepherd's last day in Oregon, and she said it was the best day she had since coming here. Although she had been in larger places, this was the most enthusiastic of them all.

One of the orchardists of Millionaires' Row had an experience last week which might have proved fatal. He was taking a trip through the valley on a bicycle and was intent on examining the quality of the soil, when he was aroused by a loud snort. Looking up, he saw facing him a very fierce bull, with a board over its eyes, ready to charge him. There was no direct escape, and owing to the keen hearing of the beast the exact location of the young man was apparently known, although the animal could not see. But by dodging from tree to tree he finally managed to make good his escape, bicycle and all—and now when he examines the soil he first examines the horizon to see all is safe.

The senior class of Medford high school, with several of their friends, were pleasantly entertained Friday evening by Misses Loretta Snyder and Crystal McMary at the home of the latter. Parlor games with postcards, as a basis were the amuse-

ments of the evening. The guests were regaled with a delicious course lunch. Those present were: Misses Mildred Garig, Opal Daly, Minnie Jackson, Estella Pheister, Josie Riley, Cordelia Goffe, Loretta Snyder and Crystal McMary; also Messrs. Lester Meeker, Charles Cooley, Erwin White, Frank Farrell and Clifford Mizer.

The Wednesday Study club held the last meeting of the season at the residence of Mrs. Porter J. Neff. Mrs. E. B. Pickel read some selections from "Aunt Jane of Kentucky" (Eliza Calvert Hall) and Mrs. Mabel Holmes Parsons had a very interesting paper on Lessing, the German author and dramatist. Mrs. A. M. Warnock, sister of Mrs. Neff, sang a group of four songs, "Sans Poi" (Guy d'Hardelot), "His Lullaby" (Carrie Jacob Bond), "When Song Is Sweet" (San Souci) and "Mary" (Richardson). The election of officers will be held after the return of Mrs. H. C. Kentner.

In honor of Miss Toft, whose engagement to Mr. C. W. Heilbronner, the manager of the Hutchison & Lumsden store, has been announced, Miss Minnie Dorschardt gave a linen shower Friday evening. The linen, which the guests brought, was put under an umbrella to carry out the idea of the shower. Dainty refreshments were served, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Those present were: Mesdames Jasper, Aldenhagen, Williams, the Misses Hessler, Lucy Camp, Lottie Little, Jessie Purdy, Toft and Emma and Minnie Dorschardt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Heard returned Thursday from a trip to Roseburg, where they went to attend the funeral of Mrs. Vial, whose tragic death occurred last Saturday by drowning. Mrs. Vial was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blakeley. Mr. Blakeley and Mr. Heard had been business associates for some years. While in Roseburg, Mr. and Mrs. Heard were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Perkins, former residents of Medford.

Miss Ida Lee Kentner entertained at dinner Tuesday evening in honor of the birthday of her cousin, Miss Mamie Stevens, of Albany, Or., who is her guest. The decorations were red carnations. Those present were the Misses Mamie Stevens, Lawson and Ida Lee Kentner; Messrs. Lee Root, Leonard Woodford and Herbert Kentner.

Monday night all music-lovers will turn out to hear the Damrosch Symphony. It is not very often a town of the size of Medford has the chance to hear such an organization and all music-lovers are very grateful to Manager Hazelrigg for being able to get them.

ON THE TRAMP

Putnam and Hicks were attacked with a mild species of "Trampdom" Saturday. A prominent citizen whose word is above reproach guaranteed they had walked from the Mail Tribune offices to the Nash hotel at least ten times inside of an hour. Asked as to how they looked, he hesitated, then laughed, and finally blurted out the following:

"Well, if you ever seen two kids celebrating the Fourth of July, you have a fair idea of how these fellows look. Their faces are wreathed in smiles and a sledge hammer wielded by Merriman, the blacksmith, would make no impression or alteration."

"Don't you think you are exaggerating a little?" remonstrated the reporter. "I should say not. Just step into the Nash and you will find them discussing women's rights from an entirely new standpoint. They have each a glass in hand, filled with fuzzy wuzzy, and a twinkle in their eyes that makes the late Mark Twain think he had overlooked a bet." D. R. W.

Mrs. L. F. Mozier has been elected delegate to the convention of the American Women's league, which is to be held in St. Louis, June 9, 10 and 11. Mrs. Francis E. Roth will also attend, as she earned a trip there by getting ten new members for the league. Fourteen new members were received into the league. Mrs. Mozier and Mrs. Roth will leave on June 4 for the east.

One of the early June weddings will be that of Miss Grace Andrews and Mr. A. Conro Fiero, the date of which is set for June 7. In their honor Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hamil will give a theater party Monday night to hear the Damrosch Symphony. Later in the week Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Olwell will give them a dinner, to be followed by a dance.

A new skating club is being formed which will be known as the "Dutch Treat" club. The first meeting was held Friday night, and the club expects to meet every week during the summer. The starters of the club are Mr. and Mrs. Wes Green, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Anderson, Miss Mable Ray and Miss Jeanness Butler.

Mrs. Fiero and Miss Emily Fiero of Chicago arrived Thursday to attend the Fiero-Andrews wedding and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Andrews on South Riverside avenue. They expect to spend the summer at Mr. Fiero's country place and will go there as soon as the house is completed.

Mrs. H. C. Kentner and Miss Bess-Kentner return from California the first of next week. Mrs. Kentner went to Berkeley to attend the graduation exercises of the University of California, as Miss Kentner is one of the graduates this year.

Dr. J. F. Reddy has returned from a trip to Portland.

In honor of Mrs. William Fiero and Miss Emily Fiero of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Andrews gave a dinner Saturday night. Those present were: Mrs. Fiero, Miss Fiero, Mr. and Mrs. Hamil, Mr. and Mrs. Olwell, Miss Grace Andrews, Mr. A. Conro Fiero and Mr. and Mrs. Andrews.

Mrs. G. L. Schermerhorn and Mrs. Trowbridge entertained the Five Hundred club Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Schermerhorn. Mrs. Hamilton won the first prize and Mrs. Trowbridge the second. The prizes were handsome souvenir spoons.

The skating rink was the scene of a jolly party Thursday night when about 50 young people, all members of the high school, took possession of the place, and from 9:30 to midnight a very pleasant time was spent.

Mrs. Sumner and Miss Sumner left Wednesday morning for an extended visit in Santa Barbara, Cal. Miss Sumner has been quite ill, and it is to be hoped the change will benefit her greatly.

Mr. and Mrs. John Olwell entertained at dinner Monday evening. Their guests were Miss Grace Andrews and Messrs. Fiero and Carleton.

Mrs. A. M. Warnock of Minneapolis is the guest of her sister, Mrs. P. J. Neff. She will remain for several weeks.

Mrs. G. L. Schermerhorn leaves this week for San Francisco, where she will spend the summer with her sisters.

Mrs. Percival Shea entertained at bridge at her home on North Central avenue Monday afternoon.

The Chrysanthemum Circle of the Women of Woodcraft had their regular social evening Tuesday. An initiation was also held and the candidates were Vena Williams, J. H. Ballinger and Stephen Adams. After the initiation and dainty refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. The committee in charge of the evening were: Etta Stevenson, Flora Butler, Lucinda Storer, Susie Fears and Kate Skeel.

Mrs. Charles King, who is making her home in Portland at the Norton, returned this week, having come out for her little daughter, Miss Jenness, who has been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Van Dyke.

Mrs. C. M. English left Tuesday for Minneapolis to be present at the graduation exercises of her daughter, Miss Bertha, who completes her course at Stanley Hall, a popular young ladies' seminary.

Miss Gertrude Hargrave, the little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Hargrave, who had the misfortune to fracture her arm recently, is recovering rapidly from the effects of the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Stewart, with Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Keene and Dr. and Mrs. Barber as their guests, took a 60-mile trip Sunday, covering a greater part of the valley during the afternoon.

Mrs. R. W. Clancy, 724 West Eleventh street, gave a charming child's party recently in honor of the sixth birthday of her little daughter, Miss Winnifred.

Mrs. O. J. Shirley and children of Talent, who have been visiting relatives in Medford, left for Corvallis and Portland Thursday morning.

Mrs. W. I. Vawter returned on Thursday from Eugene, where she has been spending the week with her son Vernon, who is attending college. Saturday evening Mrs. Vawter was one of the patronesses at a dance given by the Sigma Nu fraternity, one of the most exclusive frats, of which her son is a member.

The dance, which was one of the most elaborate given this year, was held in the Armory, the walls of which were covered with Oregon grape. Festoons of sweet brier roses decorated the hall, which, blending with the colors of the Frat., produced a very artistic effect. The programs were very unique, the covers being of brass, on which were the symbols of the fraternity, which, when removed from the program, formed dainty little pin trays, and will be treasured by the young ladies as souvenirs of the occasion.

Quite a party from Portland attended the dance, one of whom was Miss Fern Hutchinson, a former Medford girl, and Miss Ruth Merri- cke of Medford, who is attending the university. The patronesses of the affair were Mesdames F. W. Benson, wife of the governor; E. T. Geary, formerly of Medford; F. Riggler of Portland; W. H. Moore, T. L. Campbell, R. S. Deane, S. H. Friendley, W. N. Masters, H. F. McArthur, Thomas Kay, Ray Goodride, W. I. Vawter of Medford.

Miss Ruby Burke entertained with a May dinner. A miniature May pole formed the centerpiece, amid flowers and ferns. The evening was spent in games and music. The guests were: Misses Ethel Hazelrigg, Ruth Hutchings, Jessie Purdy, Messrs. Alan Hazelrigg, Paul Leonard, Harold Cochran and Wallace Wilson.

Mrs. E. Z. Beatty of Portland, who is the guest of her niece, Mrs. Hollis, was the guest of honor at a bridge party given by Mrs. L. E. Wakeman, Wednesday evening. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, Mrs. E. Z. Beatty, Dr. E. B. Pickel, and Mrs. L. E. Wakeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Green, Misses Jean Anderson and Vera Olmstead and Messrs. Curtis Anderson and Bert Thieroff spent Sunday at "Happy Camp," on Rogue river.

Miss Helen Watt has returned from Portland, where she has been attending St. Helen's Hall. Owing to the scarlet fever epidemic there the school has been closed.

Mrs. E. B. Pickel is visiting with friends in Portland.

Mrs. J. W. Ling is visiting friends in Eugene.

Miss Loraine Bliton was hostess at a very pretty lawn party Friday night, given in honor of the sophomore class of the high school. The lawn was lighted by lanterns, which were hung from the trees, making quite a fairyland appearance. Rugs and pillows were scattered about the lawn. Games were played the first of the evening, after which dainty refreshments were served. The guests were: Misses Ruby Blake, Jessie Purdy, Marion Henshaw, Harriet Compton, Ione Flynn, Nellie Dressler, Ethel Eifert, Hazel Armstrong, Ethel Hazelrigg, Mamie Swan and Lay Curry; Messrs. Ralph Burgess, Curtis Anderson, Fred Heath, Bert Stull, Lyman Merrill, Lyle Marquis, Hal McDonald, Emerson Merrick, Paul Leonard, Paul Schuler, Frank Ray and Carleton Shirley.

The senior class of the high school were delightfully entertained Friday night by the Misses Chrystal McNary and Loretta Snyder at the home of the former. The party took a trip through Oregon and California by means of postcards, illustrating their trip. The house was artistically decorated with red and white roses, red and white being the class colors.

After the trip refreshments were served. Those present of the graduating class were: Misses Leola Ewbank, Cordelia Goff, Josephine Riley, Estella Pheister, Minnie Jackson, Loretta Snyder and Chrystal McNary; Messrs. Lester Meeker, Frank Farrell, Clifford Mizer. The invited guests were: Misses Mildred Gerig and Opal Daly, Messrs. Irvine White, Roy Martin and Charles Cooley.

The benefit dance given under the auspices of the Red Men Friday night proved a great success, both socially and financially, and the committees in charge thank the public for responding so generously to a good cause. Those on the committee of Red Men were Messrs. P. E. Martin, W. Schultze and Jack Dent, and of the Pochontas tribe, Mesdames H. Harrington, chairman; Belle Bennett and Mr. Roy Surane.

Mr. Douglas Janney entertained a jolly picnic party at his ranch on Millionaire Row last Sunday, and despite the warm weather, shady nooks were found beneath the old oaks.

Mr. Frank Treickler and daughter, Miss Gertrude Treickler, left Tuesday evening for a month's visit with friends and relatives in Minneapolis.

The Colonial Bridge club will meet at the residence of Mrs. P. J. Neff, Friday afternoon.

Mrs. R. G. Gale and children were the guests of Mrs. Rau last week. (Continued on Page Thirteen.)

What Medford Needs

(MRS. S. A. NYE.)

If I could have my wishes in regard to making Medford the "City Beautiful," I think I would begin by having the electric light, telephone and telegraph poles removed from the streets and alleys and the wires placed underground. Oakdale avenue, otherwise a street of which any small city could be proud, is an example of the disfigurement caused by these poles.

I would like to see more parks for Medford, and believe that steps should be taken at once to secure them. The town is growing, the price of property is advancing and it would be the best business policy to buy land for this purpose now. Nothing adds more to the attractiveness of a city than well-kept parks and plenty of them.

I would like to see a general movement toward the removal of fences and hedges abutting on the streets in the residence sections of the city. There is no particular utility in having fences where stock is kept off the streets, and certainly they add nothing to the appearance or value of property.

The saloon row along Front street is an eyesore which will be more apparent when the various improvements contemplated by the Southern Pacific are completed. People going through on the trains will re-

ceive a bad impression of the town. This street is a poor advertisement for the city, and if some other location could be found for these places it would be an improvement very much to be desired.

The city should have an incinerator to dispose of garbage and rubbish; this is a necessity from the standpoint of health, if for no other reason. We cannot have a clean city without some means of disposing of rubbish.

I would like to see the billboards removed from the streets. I would like to see steps taken to abolish the distribution of dodgers, free samples and such trash throughout the residence districts. Billboards and dodgers are twin advertising nuisances. Let them patronize the newspapers.

(IRENE HAMPTON ISAACS.)

In response to a request to write an article by way of suggestion for further betterment of Medford, my thought naturally turns to the subject of deepest interest to me personally and the one nearest my heart, namely, music.

Our wonderful natural resources continually extolled and utilized to such great advantage commercially by our energetic citizens are making Medford famous. Our business and civic improvements are progressing as rapidly as time and our county

court will allow.

Musically, Medford again has unique advantages. In her midst are all the chief members of the once famous Andrews Opera company, together with an experienced musical conductor whose prestige has brought to our city many of the best theatrical productions of Portland and San Francisco, and who this last winter gave Medford her first grand opera. In addition to this, we have cause for pride that our first symphony concert will be America's greatest orchestra under the leadership of the far-famed Damrosch.

These attractions fill our local opera house with an enthusiastic, intelligent audience who appreciate what they hear.

Notwithstanding these facts, the question arises, is Medford artistically keeping pace with her progress commercially? From the fact that a town must first be established commercially, it usually follows that art must wait indefinitely and not become an integral part of any community except a large and long-established one. When one would introduce music into a small town they have the pioneer task of hewing away, inch by inch, the dense apathy that enshrouds the people and of planting here and there a seed of interest which sometimes grows and spreads, but which more often dies at the very outset.

Many will be surprised to learn that in Medford, as in other towns, the difficulty arises chiefly over money. In a town so unusually prosperous financially, one really marvels to find this condition prevailing. Money is no object to our citizens when it comes to gratifying some material pleasure or in obtaining some temporal luxury.

Music is a part of the soul, one of the few spiritual and eternal acquisitions that it is our privilege to gain and we hesitate to pay for it and fail to see that we are getting value for the money invested. What we gain spiritually surely surpasses our transitory, material acquisitions, and they who gain most mentally have the richest, happiest lives.

Perhaps Medford's artistic spirit may awaken early, as has her commercial spirit, and what more do we need to command the admiration and respect of the rest of the world and to truly make our city the "Flower of the Rogue River valley"?

(CATHERINE M. WAKEMAN.)

Medford has so much of which to boast that it hardly seems fair to search out the few small points in which she is lacking; but as it is this same spirit that has made Medford the progressive little city that she is, I offer a few stray thoughts that suggest themselves.

Can any one deny the fact that

with all her beauty and enterprise Medford is a poorly lighted city? It would seem time that she had adopted a street lighting plan. Nearly all the cities are today using the carb cluster lights in the business portion, as being the most effective, both from a practical standpoint and as an added means of beautifying the city. The small incandescent lights of the residence portion should be replaced by modern enclosed arc lights, placed at the intersections of every other street. A well-lighted city does much toward its advertising.

Has it ever occurred to you that our beautiful shade trees, of which we have a few, are frequently permitted to grow so low that their branches interfere with pedestrians and vehicles, beside detracting from an up-to-date appearance of the street over which they project?

We need more and good school buildings—not in the business portion, but in the residence district of the city, and built for the future.

And while on the school topic, why not give our boys a summer manual training school? Work of this kind is being done in all parts of our country and is meeting with the approval of educators and parents. The work not only gives the boy employment during six weeks of the summer, but is of permanent benefit. Query: Has Medford an ordinance

regarding expectorating on sidewalks?

(MRS. M. PURDIN.)

I would like to see the water question settled and the city have a good supply of pure water; the projected paving of the streets completed; the old wooden sidewalks with the extended nail leads disappear and be replaced with new cement walks; the old fences in front of homes come down and each yard with a nice green lawn and flowers; a million more rose bushes in the yards in the city; all the back yards and alleys cleaned up, and all bad crossings made new.

(Mrs. E. B. Shea.)

A good inspector would be a good improvement in Medford. It is rather trying for the housekeeper to pay the high prices she must for food and then have a great deal of it unfit for use. If there was a food inspector the commission men would not dare accept a great deal of the green stuff which is unloaded in Medford markets. Dairymen would not sell worked-over butter for first class at exorbitant prices, and the ranchers would be a little more particular about collecting eggs for market. If the housekeeper were getting first-class food she would not object to paying the high prices.

From Woman's Standpoint

(MRS. L. G. PORTER.)

The Medford Commercial club and the Ladies' Greater Medford club are at present in the thickest of a great advertising campaign to let the people of the world know of this wonderful valley of the Rogue. Possibly through no other advertising medium has Medford been brought more conspicuously before the tourists than through the band concerts of the past seasons. Those who have heard these splendid programs can speak nothing but praise for the Medford band.

Let us have good band concerts this season.

(MRS. L. B. WARNER.)

One of Medford's greatest needs is not only an interurban trolley line but a good system within the city limits.

(MRS. E. S. PARSONS.)

I would like to see the hastening of installing of gas for domestic purposes.

(MRS. E. M. JANNEY.)

My particular hobby at this time is sanitary milk tickets. If the women demand them they are ours.

(MRS. G. L. DAVIS.)

In my opinion, have the residence streets uniform in width, the parkings in proportion to the width of streets, and all well kept.