

IN MEDFORD'S SOCIAL REALM

Mrs. McGowan and Mrs. Hamilton have gone to Portland to attend the Grand lodge of the Eastern Star, which convenes in that city this week. They will also attend the convention of the Pythian Sisters, which meets June 20, in which order both ladies are grand officers.

Mrs. John Butler will also attend the Pythian Sisters' convention, and will leave at a later date.

The young ladies of St. Agnes' Guild gave an ice cream social Thursday evening at the residence of Miss Agnes Isaacs. The affair was a great success, and the bevy of young ladies of the guild were very attractive and made delightful hostesses. Refreshments, consisting of ice cream, sherbet and cake, were served on the lawn and the tables were well patronized by the many friends of the young ladies.

The Wednesday Study club held the last meeting of the season at the residence of Mrs. W. I. Vawter last week. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. W. I. Vawter; secretary, Mrs. H. H. Tuttle; treasurer, Mrs. M. L. Alford. The president will appoint the committees for the coming year at a later date.

A most enjoyable trip was taken last week, when Mesdames Olwell, Harvey, Hamil and Fiero, and Misses Emilie Fiero, Margery and Dorothy Harvey left early Thursday morning for a trip up Ashland canyon. After exploring the canyon and partaking of a bounteous luncheon, the party left for the Sulphur Baths in Ashland, where all had a refreshing dip.

The Misses Dorothy and Margery Harvey arrived in Medford Wednesday and are the guests of their aunt, Mrs. P. W. Hamil. The young ladies have been attending Mrs. Somers' school in Washington, D. C., and will spend their vacation in Oregon. Later Mrs. Harvey and her daughters will visit Seaside.

Mrs. A. S. Stewart, nee Mable Jones, and little daughter, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Jones, passed through Medford last week on her way to Portland. Mrs. Stewart was formerly a resident of Medford, but now lives in Oakland. She will visit here on her return from Portland.

Mrs. Wakeman entertained at bridge Thursday afternoon at her residence on Oakdale avenue. Dainty refreshments were served during the afternoon. Those present were Mesdames Mundy, Page, Christy, Knight, Doggett, Rau, Kentner, Budge, Hollis, Neff and Wakeman.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. Farrar at Gold Ray Tuesday. The ladies will leave on the 8 o'clock train, returning on the 3:30 o'clock train.

Mrs. J. E. Reddy left Wednesday for Sacramento. After a short visit with friends, she will return with her little daughter Eileen, who has been attending school at the Sacred Heart academy.

A great event for the Shriners took place Saturday evening in Ashland, when 18 new candidates "walked the burning sands." The entertainment started at 5 o'clock and at 8 o'clock the initiation took place, after which a sumptuous banquet was served. All the Shriners from the surrounding country took part in the performance, and several of the new members were from Medford.

The Guild of St. Mark's church held the last meeting of the season Thursday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. W. I. Brown. The Guild will hold its next meeting the first Thursday in October. The ladies are planning an ice cream social which will be held next week at the residence of Mrs. Berry.

Mrs. Mary R. Hogue of Klamath Falls, the grand record keeper of the Pythian Sisters, will meet with the Palisman temple, No. 40, Wednesday evening, June 15. Mrs. Hogue is on her way to the grand lodge in Portland, and will be the guest of Mrs. Al Perry while in Medford.

Mr. C. A. Caldwell and family, P. F. Butler and family, F. C. Elliott and family and L. A. Clark and family are camping in the Upper Ashland canyon. The men own and operate the Panatorium and make the trip back and forth from camp every day.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Olwell left Saturday night for Corvallis, where they will attend the commencement of the O. A. C. From there they will go to Portland for a short visit.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church will meet in the basement of the church Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock for work. All the ladies are requested to be present.

Mr. W. C. Murphy and daughter, Miss Catherine, are attending the Rose Carnival in Portland. From there they will visit Spokane, Yakima and the Hood River valley.

Mrs. Henry, wife of Mr. Samuel Henry of the Clarke-Henry Construction company, has arrived from San Francisco and will spend the summer in Medford.

Mrs. Clarke and child, wife of Mr. Clarke of the Clarke-Henry Construction company, of San Francisco, have arrived in Medford to spend the summer.

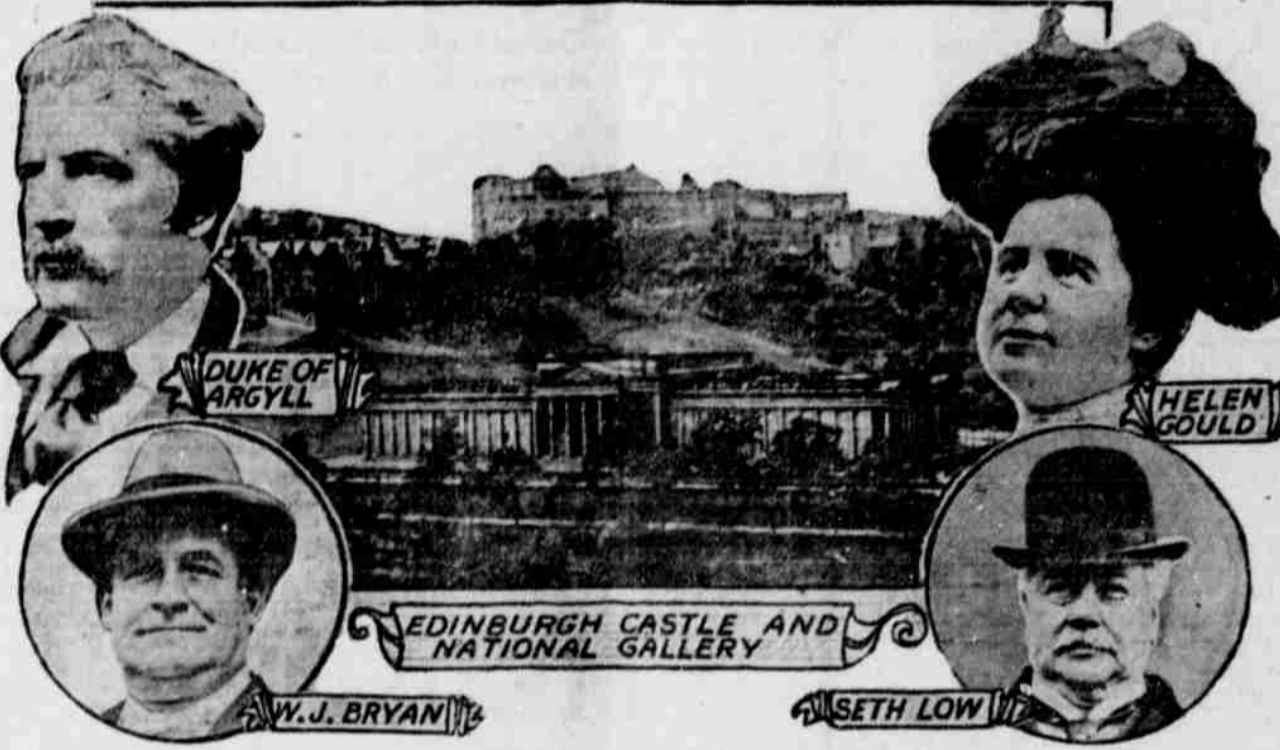
Mrs. Peter Elmen, Mrs. T. T. Shaw, Miss Josephine Hoff and Miss Mable Henry of Jacksonville have gone to Portland to the Rose Carnival.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Conro Fiero returned from their wedding trip Thursday and are at their home at Woodlawn Orchard.

Miss Mollie Towne, the deputy county clerk, is attending the Rose Carnival in Portland.

Mrs. J. E. Ehart left Wednesday for Portland, where she will attend the Rose Carnival.

Hundreds of Delegates Sail For Important Religious Conference In Scotland.



Five hundred delegates to the world's missionary conference are on their way to Edinburgh from the United States. The convention is one of the most important of religious gatherings. Every ten years a conference is held, and papers are submitted on almost every phase of Christian work. The Duke of Argyll is to be chairman of the meeting. Sixty American societies, representing seventeen denominations and eleven unaffiliated or interdenominational bodies, will be represented. In the speakers' list the archbishops of Canterbury and York lead, but Silas McLee, John R. Mott, Seth Low, Robert E. Speer and others will represent America on the platform. The number of American delegates accredited is about 500, and they represent missionary expenditures each year of nearly \$30,000,000. Fully 2,000 will be in attendance, it is expected, including the delegates, members of commissions and interested churchmen. Delegates of prominence are W. J. Bryan, Miss Helen M. Gould, Miss Grace H. Dodge, Dr. J. B. Calvert, Dr. H. B. Grose, Harry Wade Hicks, Dr. J. M. Buckley, Dr. R. J. Cooke, J. E. Leacycraft, Mrs. J. E. Leacycraft, Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, Mrs. John S. Kennedy, Dr. W. Merle-Smith, Dr. William Jay Schieffelin, Dr. and Mrs. John G. Frazar and Dr. H. A. Stimson.

THE PRINTER'S DEVIL RUNS THE HERALD

The printer's devil is running the Central Point Herald this week in Editor Pattison's absence, and here's the way he gloats over it:

Run up "Old Glory" to the tip-top of the Liberty Pole, climb on the house tops and shout to the hill tops, for the boss is absent and Satan reigns for a brief season on the editorial throne of this sequestered vale. This is our only chance for a summer vacation and we are going to grasp it, and while the editor and chief is away enticing shad from the shady pools of the Willamette and bathing his brow with cool Bull Run water, filtered by Weinhardt, we are going to turn loose the bald-headed bird of editorial freedom and let her scream until the last remaining mossback prays for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them. Hip, hip, hurrah!

We are living in a good country and are not afraid to say so. This old world can't beat us for peaches, pears, sour kraut and apple sass. We raise the finest strawberries you ever lopped a lip over, and the cherries—my stars alive—and apples as big as ostrich eggs and as mellow as a love-sick "skule marm." Orchards! We have the finest this side of old historic Eden, and they bear the best fruit in all the known world. We raise peaches that cannot be impeached, and pairs that are beyond

compare with any other pears this side of paradise. Berries! We raise all kinds; in fact, we can bury any other kind of berries that were ever buried in these rock-ribbed hills. We don't care a strawberry who produces a Logan berry and we are not such a gooseberry as to dispute our elderberry over a blackberry, but it is actually a wonder-berrie to see the big dewberries and we'll just take a raspberry at any old huckleberry that ever blossomed in or out of the Rogue River valley. Let the boss fish, let him wade belly-deep in the rose petals of the Portland carnival, we shall busy ourselves up to our knees in the alfalfa patch of re-constructed journalism and the scream of the editorial bird shall be music in our ears—music as soft and sweet as the song of a siren mother. "Hooray!"

Let all the snakes of the Siskiyou wake up and uncoil. We are after them. Let every mossback and microbat muttonhead of retrogression come to the mouner's bench and be rebuilt—this order is compulsory. We are here to take the sluggard by the heels and hold him for a brief period over the sulphur flames of perdition. We are after the human perrywinkle, who crawls so slow he runs over himself and are injecting new blood into the veins of men whose cobweb car-

riages have for years been stagnated with the slimy ooze of retrogression. Our time is short. In just another day or two we will be forced to lay down the editorial tripod of this great religious weekly, but while we wield her—hurrah—our ink well shall be Crater Lake, and our pen a tail feather from the untamed bird of editorial liberty, the which we intend to enjoy while the boss is away.

Trot out your best revival meetings and baseball games; turn loose the prize fighters and the sinful trippers of the fantastic toe. Let Medford boast and Ely aviate, the shark shells and little fishes are contending with our boss while we are contending with the kieker, the croaker, the mossback and the mullethead, who leaves Central Point to do his trading or goes to Hood River to find fruit. Our country is the best country that ever wore swaddling clothes and was cradled in a mountain cradle and made plentiful by nature's lavish horn. Whoop her up! We want more hotels and restaurants, more dry goods and grocery stores, more clothing stores, more of everything, and also more vacations for our boss, that we may grasp the editorial scissors and clip the fetters which binds the journalistic bird to the old junk heap of conservatism.

The ladies of the Greater Medford club have prevailed upon the local talent—of which Medford is justly proud—to give an opera for their benefit. The performance will take place Friday, June 18, at the Medford opera house, and will consist of the kitchen scene from "Martha" and the garden scene from "Faust." The old numbers of the Andrews Opera company will take part and they need no introduction to a Medford audience.

The Chrysanthemum Circle, Women of Woodcraft, will observe Decoration day today, when services will be held at the cemetery at 5 o'clock, and the graves of the departed members will be decorated.

During the services a monument which has been erected in memory of Mrs. Stewart, one of the pioneers of the country and an early member of the circle, will be unveiled.

The ladies of the Swastika club will give a lawn social Thursday evening, June 16, at the residence of Mrs. Berry, corner of Eighth and Laurel streets. Ice cream and cake will be served. A beautiful Japanese cup and saucer will be given to each person buying refreshments for the small price of 35 cents. Everyone is cordially invited and all are promised a good time.

The tribe of the Pocahontas will give an entertainment at the Redmen's hall Friday evening, June 17. A very good program has been prepared of music and recitations and a pleasant evening is promised. Everyone is cordially invited. The small admission fee of 10 cents will be asked.

The Olive Rebekah lodge, No. 28, and the Odd Fellows will hold memorial services today at the Methodist church South at 11 o'clock. In the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock services will be held at the cemetery under the auspices of the Odd Fellows, when the graves of the departed members will be decorated.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church gave a social Friday evening. Plans had been made to hold a lawn social at the manse, but on account of the threatening weather the young people spent a very pleasant evening in the church parlors.

The Modern Woodmen left on a special car Saturday morning on the Pacific & Eastern to hold a picnic on the Little Butte. About 25 members left dull care behind and had a most glorious time, spending the day "near to nature's heart."

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Vawter, Dr. and Mrs. Pickel and Carter Brandon left Friday morning for a most enjoyable outing through Yosemite valley. The party will motor the entire trip, and expect to return about June 27.

The Chrysanthemum Circle of the Women of Woodcraft will entertain the Woodmen next Tuesday evening.

Mr. Budinet Conner returned from an eastern trip Thursday.

Mr. John R. Allen entertained a number of the younger set Thursday evening at his home at Snowy Butte Orchard. Quite a number of young people went down in autos, and a very pleasant evening was spent in dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. John Root and Miss Josephine Root returned Saturday from a trip to Portland, where they went to attend the Rose Carnival.

The Misses Esther and Ruth Warner entertained the Junior Bible class at their home on W. Main street Saturday afternoon.

Miss Weeks left Thursday to attend the grand lodge of the Eastern Star, which will be held in Portland this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Root and Miss Josephine are spending the week in Portland attending the Rose Carnival.

Mrs. C. R. Ray and Miss Mable Ray left Thursday for Portland, where they will attend the Rose Carnival.

Mrs. Harry Foster left last week for Portland to attend the Rose Carnival. She will be away two weeks.

Judge and Mrs. Mahlon Purdin are now at home in their new residence, 1024 N. Central ave.

Mrs. W. H. Brown entertained at bridge Tuesday afternoon at her residence on Siskiyou street.

Mrs. Chas. Price of Jacksonville is in Portland attending the Rose Carnival.

Col. C. E. S. Wood of Portland was a Medford visitor last week.

Mrs. E. E. Gore has returned from a visit in Portland.

Judge Wm. Colvig is spending the week in Portland.

JUDGE CANON FINES TWO AND SHIPS TWO MORE

The 7 o'clock police court revealed four offenders against the peace and dignity of the state of Oregon and the ordinances of the city of Medford.

Wm. Sackville and Chester Stone pleaded guilty to having indulged in an exposition of fistie art. They were assessed \$5 each.

Sackville paid his fine and Stone was allowed to go out with the chief and rustle for his assessment.

Martin Doyle had been drunk and couldn't deny it. Edward Ganley was in the same fix. Ganley works on the Valmer ranch and his job is ready for him, so he said. Doyle wanted to go to Eagle Point to work on the road.

"I will fine you fellows \$5 each," said his honor, "and will give you an opportunity to start for your jobs at once. The first time you come to town you will come to this office and pay your fines. If you do not you can work them out on the streets."

Going in Debt For Good Roads

(The following is from various addresses made by Mr. Eldredge, who is connected with the bureau of good roads, U. S. department of agriculture.)

Until the people are convinced that good roads are worth more than they cost the funds for such improvement will not be forthcoming. We often hear one say that he is for good roads, but when you discuss the matter with him you find that he is not for good roads at all. If he were really in favor of good roads he would listen to reason and agree that some of the progressive measures which have proved so successful in other states and communities should at least be tried in his own community. This kind of a person often insists that unless his pet scheme or hobby is adopted that he will vote against any proposition which may be presented. As a matter of fact, this class of citizens is not really in favor of better roads, and he must be convinced that good roads pay and that the ways and means of raising the money with

which to build them, as well as the methods of constructing them, are matters of progression based largely upon the failures and successes of others.

If one will sit down and figure the cost of moving a load of farm produce from his farm to market or the nearest shipping point, over a bad road, and compare that with the cost of moving it over a well graded, macadamized road, or a good gravel road, and then estimate the total saving to himself and his neighbors resulting from such improvements he will be convinced that good roads pay. For instance: Assuming A to be the farm where a shipment of wheat originates, and B to be the railroad station or shipping point. Assuming the distance from A to B is ten miles; that twenty bushels of wheat make a good load for a two-horse team, and that it takes one day to make the trip, estimating the cost of man and team at \$3 per day, then the cost per bushel would be 15 cents, and the cost per ton per mile would be 50 cents. The long haul

freight rate in the United States is about three-fourths of a cent per ton per mile. It, therefore, costs the farmer as much to haul his twenty bushels of wheat ten miles to the railroad as it does to haul it four hundred miles by rail; and for the same outlay he could haul it six hundred miles by water.

Now let us assume that this road is graded and macadamized, so that 50 bushels of wheat may be hauled with the same wagon and team and that the trip can be made in two-thirds of a day instead of a whole day, at a total cost for the trip of \$2. It will, therefore, be seen that the cost of hauling has been cut down from 15 cents per bushel to 4 cent per bushel, and the cost per ton per mile down from 50 cents to 13 cents. By using these figures as a basis, for they are real and not imaginary, one may estimate the tremendous loss caused by bad roads so far as the cost of hauling is concerned. It has been estimated by various investigators that the annual loss

sustained by bad roads is at least \$1 per acre for tillable land. If this loss could be capitalized at 5 per cent per annum it would give \$20 per acre, which would represent the total increased value to be expected from improved roads. This estimate has been confirmed with reasonable exactness in all parts of the country. If the building of a good road will enhance the value of the land \$20 per acre, then \$12,800 will be added to the value of every square mile of good land adjacent to that road, which amount would be sufficient in most cases to build a good road entirely around each section of land. This indicates the vastness of the financial advantage to follow road improvements. To prove that this is no mere theory attention is called to the fact that a 400-acre farm on the old mud road between Bristol and Blountsville, Tenn., was three years ago offered for sale at \$15,000, but a purchaser could not be found. The road has since been macadamized, and last fall this farm sold for \$25,000, an advance of \$25 per

acre, or 60 per cent; and this enhancement was caused entirely by the improvement of the road.

Assuming that this farm was assessed at the full value three years ago (i. e., \$15,000), and that the taxes were increased 2½ mills to pay interest and principal on the bonds, then the increased taxes only amounted to \$37.50 per annum, and this gradually decreases from year to year as the principal is reduced. Let us assume that this tax of \$37.50 will extend for twenty years, and that \$20 more is added for the enhanced value of the farm, which would make \$57.50 a year, or a total of \$1,150. Subtracting this amount from the \$10,000, which represents the enhanced value of the farm, there still remains a clear profit of \$8,850. In other words, the good road cost this farmer only about \$1,100, but the improvement of the road added \$10,000 to the value of his land, not to mention the other advantages resulting from the improvement. At this same rate of taxation it would take about 180 years to pay out in

taxes as much as the farm has increased in value.

In Durham county, North Carolina, all the main roads have been macadamized to the county line, and while the soil is not as fertile as that of Oregon, the lands have increased in value since the improvement was made from \$10 and \$25 to \$50 and \$100 per acre. Lands lying on the macadamized roads in that county are worth three or four times as much as those located on the earth roads. Furthermore, the lands lying along the good roads are being brought under a high state of cultivation, but on the mud roads they are neglected and untilled. Durham county built its roads from a bond issue (\$150,000), and, as in many other counties, the enhanced value and the increased citizenship has been sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds and to create the sinking fund with which to liquidate the debt without increasing current taxation for this purpose. If this county had waited until it could have paid for the good roads out of cur-

rent revenues, it would not have had the road for the use of the present generation.

The plan, which is being so ably advocated by Judge Webster throughout this state, of having the constitution of the state so amended as to permit any county to borrow money with which to improve its roads is certainly worthy of the highest commendation.

Union county, New Jersey, in 1893 spent \$400,000 in bonds for macadamized roads. This was one of the first counties in the United States to adopt such a plan. The bond issue was bitterly contested by many well intentioned but misinformed citizens. The opponents of the measure claimed that the county would be ruined, and that the farms would have to be sold to pay taxes; that farmers and real estate owners would be driven into bankruptcy; that the whole project was unsound and crazy. In spite of this bitter opposition the bond issue carried by a small ma-