

IN MEDFORD'S SOCIAL REALM

Mrs. R. A. Holmes, Ivy street South, was a charming hostess Friday afternoon, having as guest of honor Mrs. Thomas Fitch, Jr., of San Francisco, the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. Purdin. Two tables of bridge were played and one table of 500. The refreshments were elaborate and delicious and the hostess was assisted in serving by Miss Gladys Ely and Miss Jeanette Osgood. Prizes, handsome silver hatpins, were provided for the guest of honor and also for the bridge player making the highest score, and also for the five hundred player, and were won by Mrs. Harmon and Mrs. Blake. The guests were: Mesdames T. E. Daniels, W. W. Harmon, M. Purdin, E. B. Davis, W. Budze, W. H. Canon, Carey, Schenck, W. H. McGowan, H. E. Boyden, Blake, M. Purdin and Thomas Fitch, Jr.

Mrs. D. H. Drewery was called to Portland very suddenly last week by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Holmes. Mr. Drewery went down Saturday and both returned Tuesday with the news that Mrs. Holmes was much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Ewbanks and family leave before the 20th inst. for Albany, where Miss Isola will enter Albany college and the family will reside.

Mr. Frank Gerig starts this morning for the middle west, where he will enter the University of Arkansas.

The B. G. Girls' club gave a progressive party Tuesday evening that was much enjoyed. Meeting at the home of Miss Lorraine Bliton, who was assisted by Miss Ione Flynn, creamed oysters, olives, salted almonds and coffee were served. Misses Mayme Swan and Miss Mildred Gerig served delicious fruit salad and wafers at the Gerig home, after which the company went to the Ewbanks home, where Misses Isola and Eola served watermelon. Those present: Mildred Gerig, Mayme Swan, Lucy Williamson, Leola Ewbanks, Isola Ewbanks, Lorraine Bliton, Ione Flynn, Minnie Jackson, Opal Daly, Carl Glasgow, Ruth Gerig, Irwin White, Carlton Shirley, Frederick Heath, Paul McDonald.

Mrs. Thomas Fitch of San Francisco, who has been spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. M. Purdin, returns to her home the first of this week. During her stay Mrs. Fitch has made many friends and has been extensively entertained.

Miss Alice Elder, who spent the summer in Pennsylvania, is in Medford again to take up her third year of teaching in the public schools.

Mrs. Laura Bradley of Portland, who has been visiting Mr. S. L. Bennett and other relatives in Medford, returned to her home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoy of West Medford enjoyed a day last week at the McIntyre ranch, near Talent.

Mrs. C. W. Vrooman, mother of Mr. Charles Strang, who was accompanied to Crater Lake by her grandson, Mr. Fred Strang, returned Thursday night full of enthusiasm over the beauties of the lake no less than over the scenic interest of the trip. Going by rail to Weed and Klamath Falls, the agency was reached by a steam launch plying on Upper Klamath lake, and from there Crater Lake was reached by the auto stage line. Mrs. Vrooman is 78 years of age and withstood the fatigue of the journey with the spirit of the true pioneer. Her desire to make the trip shows a fine vitality and a strong sympathy in the activities of everyday life.

Mrs. Earnest Renison, who spent the summer at Crater Lake, is in Medford for a few weeks, and the first of October, with her husband and her mother, Mrs. T. J. Zetz, will motor to Portland.

Mrs. F. M. Wilson and daughter, Gladys, are spending a short time in San Francisco, the guest of Mrs. Wilson's sister.

Colonel Frank Tou Velle returned Thursday from a trip to San Francisco. His sister, Mrs. Hackel, has been seriously ill, but is now much improved in health.

Miss Beulah Warner leaves Wednesday for Fresno to fill the position of teacher of mathematics in the Oleander high school.

Notwithstanding the beginning of school and the absorption by the younger set in getting started, eighteen of the young girls of the Junior Bible Study club enjoyed a watermelon luncheon and other entertainment at the home of Mrs. W. F. Shields on Friday evening from 5 to 9. The lunch tables were set on the lawn and at each place was a hand-tinted place card. Each girl had to find the conundrum within which her name answered. After luncheon the girls enjoyed music and games. Mrs. Shields was assisted by Mrs. William Maltby.

Mrs. Frank H. Ray will be heard in a vocal solo at the Presbyterian church this morning. The selection is "The Better Land," by Cowen. This is probably the last time her Medford friends will have an opportunity to hear her, as she leaves soon for her home in New York.

Miss Edythe Cranfil, South Central avenue, leaves today for Portland, where she will be for three weeks the guest of Miss Marie Van Ness.

The Ladies' Aid of the Christian church have planned an all-day meeting for next Wednesday to complete work which has been carried over the vacation months.

The Methodist Ladies' Aid meets next Tuesday for the first time this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gray of Applegate spent Monday and Tuesday in Medford.

The primary department of the Presbyterian church are with much interest planning an "at home" in their Sunday school rooms to be given soon. It is under the direction of Mrs. Roscoe Johnson. The little folks are going to sell candies and flowers and the proceeds will be devoted to some worthy cause in which they are especially interested.

The junior class of the high school chaperoned by the teacher of English, Miss Palmer, enjoyed a hayride Friday evening to Berkley orchards. A large bonfire was lighted and lunch eaten. About twenty were in the party.

Never has the demand for rooms been greater in Medford than at present. People walk the streets all day, inquire at every house and then take what they can get. Last Thursday one private rooming house turned away 25 people.

The Ladies' Guild of the Episcopal church does not organize for work until the middle of October. Many activities of a social nature are being planned that will tend to enliven society during the winter.

Mr. John Garnett left this week for Missouri, where he will visit his daughter at Higginsville and his son at Kansas City. He returns some time in November.

Miss Minnie Jackson, a '10 graduate of Medford high school, is to leave this coming week for Eugene, where she will attend the university.

Mr. and Mrs. George O'Brien, who attended the K. of P. convention at Klamath Falls, extended their trip to Crater Lake. Mr. O'Brien has never before seen the lake, and although Mrs. O'Brien has made the trip eight times, she says she is always ready to see this great wonder again.

The C. W. B. M. of the Christian church met Wednesday afternoon for election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Harriet Stone; secretary, Mrs. E. R. Seely; treasurer, Miss Schmalhausen. Plans for future missionary work were discussed.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright and Miss Bell gave an interesting program of readings at the high school auditorium Thursday evening. The one-act comedies were well received, but the most interesting number was the last act from "Othello," given by Mr. Wright.

Mrs. T. E. Daniels gave a delightful small luncheon Thursday afternoon at her home on Genesee street, for Mrs. Thomas Fitch, Jr. Covers were laid for six.

Miss Mildred Welch, who has spent the summer with her aunt, Mrs. F. W. Hollis, returned last week to her home in Portland.

Mrs. John White and daughter, Zela, are in Klamath Falls for a stay with Mr. and Mrs. Evan Reams of that place.

Miss Nellie McNeil, daughter of Mrs. H. M. Tuttle of Medford, after another week's vacation, will leave for Monmouth to take up duties as teacher of mathematics in the high school. Miss McNeil is a graduate of the University of Oregon and has had in addition one year's post-graduate work.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hill and little daughter, Marian, of Oakland, Cal., have been with Mr. Hill's sister, Mrs. W. I. Vawter, to spend a few days before their return to Japan. Here Mr. Hill will resume his work in the service of the Baptist church after a year's vacation.

The Christian Endeavors of the Christian church are planning a mask social for one evening next week to be given at the home of Miss Edna Merrill on Second and Olson streets.

Miss Ida Lee Kentner, the popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Kentner, left last week for Knoxville, Ill., where she will enter St. Mary's academy, which is conducted by the Episcopal church.

Miss Rita Marsh leaves Medford today for her home in Roseburg. She has for the past month been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Charles Cranfil.

Miss Mame Swan, a popular girl of the younger set, will remove to Arizona with her aunt and father in the near future.

Urges Troop Patrol of Forests

George M. Cornwall Points Out Advantages of Federal Troops in Connection With Fire-Fighting in National Forests—Resolutions Are Adopted.

(By George M. Cornwall, editor The Timberman, Portland, Or.)

I think there is scarcely a person who lives in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana or California who has not been aroused to the necessity for greater vigilance in the matter of forest fire protection and prevention, especially in the national forests.

The experiences we are now passing through bring home the lesson clearly. The loss of life and property, both private and national, demands immediate attention.

The writer at Spokane, Wash., on August 4, at the semi-annual meeting of the Western Pine Manufacturers' association, introduced the following resolution, which was adopted with a view of enlisting the national government in the successful fighting and prevention of forest fires in the national forests which have been doing heavy damage in Idaho and Montana and a lesser damage in Washington, Oregon and California:

"Whereas, There exists a grave menace to the timber in the national forests on account of fire, carrying with it great and irreparable damage to life and property; and,

"Whereas, There are stationed in different posts in the United States regular government troops who could be advantageously utilized in fire protection and extinguishment; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that a communication be addressed to the president of the United States as commander-in-chief of the army, asking that troops located in the different states be regularly instructed in the methods of forest fire fighting and patrol; and be it further

"Resolved, That said troops be placed under the direction of the department of the interior or other appropriate department of the government and assigned for patrol duty during the months of May, June, July, August and September of each year, to the end that the timber resources of the United States be more carefully conserved."

The resolution was heartily endorsed and telegrams were sent by the association to President Taft and Henry S. Graves, chief forester, and also by President Flewelling of the Western Forestry and Conservation association. President Taft directed the secretary of war to lend the assistance of troops wherever available in combatting fire. The troops have done effective service. With training and preparation their efficiency would be increased.

The government should make it a policy to maintain a corps of soldiers in the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and California in the national forests during the months of May, June, July, August and September to co-operate with the forest service in patrol and fire-fighting duties.

A systematic campaign of fire protection should be inaugurated and carried out by the troops. By placing sentries on the promontories overlooking the timbered area supplied with telephone communication, any information of incipient fires could be quickly transmitted. The troops could materially assist the forest service in cutting fire trails and making accessible every portion of the national forests and also maintaining a thorough and efficient patrol system. The greatest value of patrol is necessarily along traveled routes, railroad, etc. There are at present about 25,000 soldiers at the different army posts. If half of the men were assigned annually for forest duty it would practically mean the end of disastrous fires in the national forests. Lightning is one of the most serious fire menaces to be combatted. There are in the states of Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California 1800 forest service men. These are a mere handful covering the immense scope of territory, and this force must be augmented if results are to be achieved. The forest service has performed its function admirably, with the limited money and men at its disposal, but its efforts should be supplemented by the regular army.

SAM CAN MAKE JACK GO SOME, SAYS REFEREE

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Sam Langford can make Jack Johnson go some in the opinion of Referee Charlie White, who officiated at the recent unpleasantness with Joe Jeannette in Boston.

"I don't say Sam could whip Johnson," said White, who returned to New York today, "but he certainly can make the champion extend himself. I never saw such punching as Sam's. He's a marvel."

MUCH MONEY BACK FROM THE COLD, COLD NORTH

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 10.—The steamship Alameda is in port today from northern ports, bringing the greatest list of passengers of the year. Among the 450 passengers returning are 300 laborers who have been working on the Copper River railroad for the past year. Their pay checks average \$1500 each, all clear savings made in one year.

Bride Wears \$60,000 Dress.

NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 10.—When Miss Irene Sherman weds Lawrence L. Gillespie tomorrow afternoon the bride will wear the most expensive and elaborate wedding gown ever seen in this country. The dress is made in princess style of ivory satin and lace. It cost \$60,000. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Watts-Sherman, on Ochre Point.

WOLGAST-M'FARLAND GO STILL IN DOUBT

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—The articles for the proposed fight between Ad Wolgast and Packy McFarland scheduled for September 30 before the Star Athletic club of Milwaukee have not yet been signed.

Starbucks to Move.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 10.—Undue publicity in connection with the recent murder of the Kendall family of Santa Rosa, Cal., has led Henry F. Starbucks' family to seek oblivion in a change of residence. Their home in Oakland has been advertised for sale and the family announced they would leave this section of the country.

Mrs. Starbucks was the owner of the ranch on which the Kendall family were killed. She was an important witness at the coroner's jury.

Thirty-four Homeless.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 10.—Fire, which today swept a row of cottages in the Potrero district, made 34 men, women and children homeless. The fire broke out in the home of Jacques Sorokini, where a score of sorrowing relatives were assembled around the body of Mrs. Sorokini, whose death occurred yesterday.

Shell Accidentally Bursts.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 10.—Military authorities at the Presidio are at a loss to explain the accidental bursting of a shell during target practice yesterday, which injured one trooper and narrowly missed 50 more.

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