

SOCIETY

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The Monday Bridge club met for the second time last week when the meeting for this week was held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Carpenter in the Burrell orchard. The house was most effectively decorated with mistletoe. After the game was finished delicious refreshments were served in the dining-room, which was lighted with candles. A Santa Claus made the centerpiece and a Christmas scheme of decoration was well carried out. Miss Heard won the first prize, a beautiful velvet handbag; Mrs. Hanley the second prize, a Chinese embroidered table mat, and Mrs. Hafer the third, a pretty sewing bag. The ladies present were: Mesdames Hafer, Tomlin, Boyton, Stokes, Dunlop, Rau, Fiero, Harmon, Budge, Miss Gladys Heard.

Miss Alice Streets arrived from Stanford university Friday and will remain at home for the holidays.

Mr. Vance Colvig returned from the O. A. C. last week and will spend the holidays with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Foster and Miss Mary Foster will spend Christmas with relatives in Grants Pass.

Miss Minnie Jackson returned from Eugene last week for the holidays.

The Christian church Sunday school held their Christmas exercises Friday evening.

The Baptist Sunday school had a free and Christmas exercises at the church Thursday evening.

Misses McDermott and Marion Foster are spending the Christmas holidays in Portland.

Mr. Walter Merrick and his friend, Mr. Weston Rider, have returned to Medford for the holidays.

Miss Flora Gray entertained the King's Daughters Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Percy Cochran of Bitter Root, Mont., is spending the holidays with his father, Mr. J. H. Cochran.

Mr. Howard Dudley returned last week from a business trip to San Francisco.

Miss Aletha Emerick returned last week from Eugene and will remain during the holidays.

Mrs. Dennis of Talent is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. R. F. Anderson, for the holidays.

Vernon Vawter is expected home Sunday to stay during the holidays.

The Eastern Star will hold the next regular meeting December 28.

Mr. F. D. Clark left Friday for Seattle on a short business trip.

Dr. Riddell is convalescing from a severe illness.

THE MIDDLEMAN.

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up the consumer's dollar. Most other things in life may change, but the middleman remains the same. These gentlemen were finally kind enough to ask for my opinion, and I gave it to them as we sat on the hill looking off to the east.

"As a boy near Cape Cod, I lived near an old elder mill. The hard old Yankee who owned this mill told the boys that if we would pick three barrels of seedling apples, he would give us all the elder we could suck through a straw. I have had ambitions in my day, but I do not recall any more hopeful than that 10-year-old one of putting a rye straw as middleman between my mouth and a cider tank, though I would not today permit cider on my farm. We picked the apples and delivered them, but the old Yankee drove us out of the mill and told us we must suck from the outside. We found a knot-hole in a board near the tank; and down in Uncle Daniel's grain field was a rye straw of great length. We ran this through the knot-hole, took a long breath—and out came the old Yankee and caught us at it. He took three old rails and some boards and built a fence around that knot-hole. I do not know so much about the modern boy, but down Cape Cod way, 40 years ago, we had to do things. The smallest boy crawled like a woodchuck inside that fence. He ran our long straw through the knot-hole until the end dipped in the elder tank, and he put the other end in one side of his mouth. Then he put another straw in the other side of his mouth and ran that out between the fence boards. It was a case of pull on the straw connected with the elder, and push through the

other, with the rest of us on the outside struggling for a place at the straw.

"There was my first experience with a middleman, and I have lived to know that they are all alike. That boy's first ambition was to obtain his own supply of cider. He then lost interest in the job and forgot to send any along. Your middleman can always pull in his own direction better than he can push your way. You cannot realize the capacity of a man or boy until you get him in the middle where he has his chance at the stream. You gentlemen are inside that fence and I am sat after that we can never fill you up."

"Of course they laughed, and then there was silence. The railroad man broke in with the question that was thought to be unanswerable:

"What are you going to do about it?"

"Looking back 40 years I now see what we little boys should have done to get the share which belonged to us. We should have gone to every farmer who brought apples to that mill and told him of the outrage which seemed so large to us. Mean and cowardly as many of them were, the idea of boys trying to obtain their rights would have stirred them, and when he saw they meant business, that old Yankee would have paid us with heaping measure. Today we are children of a larger growth taking our petty little share of the consumer's dollar, because we are trying as individuals to work against organizations. One of these days we shall get together, as you do, and give the middleman an end seat."

REVOLUTIONISTS SEIZE TRAIN

All Provisions and Ammunition on Board Is Taken—Rebels Are Expected to Attack Town of Juarez Soon.

JAUREZ, Mexico, Dec. 24.—Revolutionists today held up a passenger train 20 miles from here, seized provisions and ammunition aboard and then allowed the train to proceed. The hold-up is believed to indicate the rebels will attack Juarez.

The train was bound toward this city. The revolutionists flagged the engine. As the train came to a stop a score of men armed with rifles stepped from beside the track and covered the train crew. The engine was uncoupled from the rest of the train and the engineer ordered to start the machinery. Revolutionists then went through the train, seizing the provisions and ammunition found in the cars. The treasure safe in the provisions and ammunition found in the cars. The treasure safe in the express car was not molested. Before they left, a purse containing cash equivalent to the value of the articles taken was made up by the revolutionists and left with the passengers.

ARE YOU DEAF?

Cataract Is Probably the Cause. Get Rid of the Cause.

If you have cataract and have constant ringing noises in your ears look into the matter at once.

It's a pretty sure sign that cataract is spreading and is making its way through the Eustachian tubes that lead from the nose to the ears.

When cataract gets to the ears partial deafness follows. If you have ringing noises in your ears go to Chas. Strang today and get a HYOMEI outfit and drive out cataract.

To cure cataract HYOMEI should be breathed through a pocket inhaler for a few minutes, four or five times a day. Just pour a few drops into the hard rubber inhaler and breathe it.

It kills the germs; soothes the irritation; heals the inflammation; stops hawking, spitting and snuffling.

HYOMEI keeps the throat free from mucus and prevents crusts in nose.

The complete HYOMEI outfit which includes the little indestructible hard rubber inhaler, a bottle of HYOMEI and simple instructions for use costs \$1.00. Separate bottles of HYOMEI costs 50 cents at Chas. Strang's and druggists everywhere, on money back plan.

Notice.

In accordance with the expressed wish of the majority of the merchants of the city, it is requested that all stores, with the exception of groceries and meat markets, remain closed all day December 26, the day following Christmas, groceries and meat markets to remain open, as is customary on holidays, until 10 o'clock a. m. to accommodate their patrons. H. C. GARNETT, Pres. JOHN H. CARKIN, Sec. 236 Haskins for health.

Willamette University Glee Club Soon

The Bevan Grand Opera company has wired Manager Hazelrigg that they "will not play Medford this trip," consequently the Willamette Glee club will be the only attraction at the local playhouse during holiday week.

All the big eastern attractions "lay off" just before Christmas for a week or so, consequently there is a dearth of good shows about this time of the year, especially in the smaller cities. Three big companies are now laying off in San Francisco and two in Seattle. After New Year's we will have in rapid succession, "Ole Olsson," "Time, Place and the Girl," "Queen of the Moulin Rouge," Rex Beach's "The Barrier," Grace Cameron, "The Man of the Hour," and probably Florence Roberts and Mary Manning.

The Willamette Glee club comes strongly recommended and will prove a most enjoyable entertainment for this season of the year. The Medford students at O. A. C. and the U. of O. will attend in a body; also a delegation from the local high school, and the "proceedings will be enlivened" in all probability with stunts not on the program.

UNCLE SAM'S FARM CROPS

Department of Agriculture Compiles Statistics on 1910—Total Value of Crops Nearly \$4,000,000,000—Prices Are Lower.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Final estimates of the important farm crops of the country for 1910 announced today by the department of agriculture follow:

Corn, 3,165,713,000 bushels, farm value \$1,523,968,000, or 48.8 cents per bushel.

Winter wheat, 464,044,000 bushels, farm value \$413,575,000, or 89.1 cents per bushel.

Spring wheat, 231,399,000 bushels, farm value \$207,858,000, or 89 cents per bushel.

All wheat, 695,443,000 bushels, farm value, \$621,443,000, or 89.4 cents per bushel.

Oats, 1,126,765,000 bushels, farm value, \$384,716,000, or 34.1 cents per bushel.

Tobacco, 984,349,000 pounds, farm value, \$91,459,000, or 9.3 cents per pound.

Rice, 24,510,000 bushels, farm value \$16,624,000, or 67.8 cents per bushel.

Barley, 167,227,000 bushels, farm value \$93,785,000, or 57.8 cents per bushel.

Rye, 33,039,000 bushels, farm value \$23,840,000, or 72.2 cents per bushel.

Buckwheat, 17,239,000 bushels, farm value \$41,321,000, or 65.7 cents per bushel.

Hay, 69,978,000 tons, farm value \$77,769,000, or \$12.26 per ton.

The total value of crops above specified on December 1 was \$3,735,464,000, against \$3,971,426,000 on December 1 last year. The average of prices was about 8.5 per cent lower on December 1 this year than last year.

RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Medford:

Section 1. There is hereby ordered to be held in the City of Medford an annual election for the election of city officers, pursuant to the charter of said city, and also for the purpose of submitting to the legal voters of said city the following proposed act to amend the charter of said city:

1. An act to amend the charter of the City of Medford, Oregon.

Said annual election is ordered to be held on January 10, 1911, between the hours provided in the charter, for the holding of annual elections.

The following officers shall be elected at said election: One councillor from each ward, and a mayor.

The following are the places in said city designated as the places at which said election will be held:

First ward—Over Haskin's Drug Store.

Second ward—Hotel Nash sample room.

Third ward—City hall.

The following are hereby designated as judges of said election:

First ward—J. W. Ling, judge; L. L. Damon, who shall also act as clerk; D. T. Lawton, who shall also act as clerk.

Second ward—Joe Derry, judge; Wm. Ulrich, who shall also act as clerk; J. H. Bellinger, who shall also act as clerk.

Third ward—P. W. Chelgren, judge; H. H. Lorimer, who shall also act as clerk; John Summerville, who shall also act as clerk.

The foregoing resolution was passed by the City Council of the City of Medford, Oregon, on December 21, 1910, by the following vote: Welch absent, Merrick "aye", Emerick "aye", Wortman "aye", Elbert "aye", and Donner "aye".

Approved December 22, 1910.

W. H. Canon, Mayor.

Attest: ROBT. W. TELFER, City Recorder.

Notice is hereby given that the annual city election ordered by the foregoing resolution for the election of the officers, and the approval or rejection of the act to amend the charter therein specified, will be held in said city at the time and at the places designated in said resolution.

ROBT. W. TELFER, City Recorder.

Dated December 22, 1910.

People will not assume that your store is as good as its strongest competitor unless its advertising is as good.

COAST EASY TO INVAD

Army Officers at Vancouver Say the Country Was Never So Unprepared to Meet Attacks of Foreign Enemy as at Present Time.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 24.—That the Pacific coast is not sufficiently protected from any other nation that may have a hostile intent is the statement of military authorities stationed at Vancouver Barracks.

Patriotic civilians aver that invaders would be driven into the sea, should they land on this coast. Practiced army officers say, on the contrary, that the coast would dig up any sum that might be demanded by the invaders. This argument has been started by the statement from Washington lately submitted to congress that the United States is virtually helpless in case of war.

"This country was never so unprepared, except at the beginning of the Civil war, to meet the attacks of a foreign enemy," said Colonel James Jackson, formerly a squadron commander in the Fourteenth United States cavalry. "The military forces we now have on the Pacific coast are insignificant, and such navy as is here would be helpless."

"It is true that the few coast fortifications we have are perfect in equipment, but there is a lack of men to handle the guns and whole batteries are now out of commission under the care of squads that can do no more than keep away the rust. While these forts are formidable in front and could blow a fleet out of the water, they are helpless from the rear and could be captured by a few platoons of infantry. To protect them from such a danger, large bodies of troops would have to be kept as supports during a period of hostility."

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STEAM AND HOT WATER HEATING. All Work Guaranteed. Prices Reasonable. COFFEE & PRICE. 11 North D St., Medford, Ore. Phone 303

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Merry Christmas

and a

Bright New Year

Our aim for 1911 will be

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(Of Course)

Rogue Electric Co.

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Merry Christmas

and a

Bright New Year

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