

WEEK'S HAPPENINGS IN MEDFORD SOCIAL CIRCLES

Lent is being religiously observed by the greater majority of society folk and social doings are few and far between. With the exception of the meeting of the regular card clubs but little is going on, or will be, until after Easter.

At 12 o'clock noon yesterday at the home of Mrs. George H. Harroun, 2500 Harrison street, was celebrated the marriage of her daughter, Kathryn and Mr. Leonard Howard Willett of Medford, Oregon. Before the ceremony Miss Myra Belle Vickers sang words set to the music of Mendelssohn's "Spring Song," followed by the Lohengrin wedding march played by Miss Mildred Vickers. To the accompaniment of harp music by Signor Ruso, the wedding service was read by the Linwood Methodist church. The bride was attended by her little niece, Margaret Harroun of St. Joseph, as ringbearer, and was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Alvin L. Harroun. Only members of the families and close friends were present at the ceremony, which was followed by a wedding breakfast.

The bride wore a traveling gown of lavender broadcloth and gold lace hat trimmed in velvet and pink roses. She carried a bouquet of orchids and lilies of the valley. The house was decorated in spring flowers, except in the parlor, where the ceremony was performed before an altar of palms, ferns and Killarney roses. Garlands of Southern smilax adorned staircase, doorways and chandeliers.

Mr. and Mrs. Willett will be at home in Medford, Oregon, after April 15.—Kansas City Times.

The weekly meeting of the Ladies Aid society was well attended Wednesday afternoon, thirty-five or more being present. The occasion was one of unusual interest. As they had as visitor Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Weam who are touring the Pacific coast in the interest of Home Missionary Work. As the ladies were busy with their rugs, fancy work, quilt making etc., they were entertained by accounts of the different schools maintained by the women of the M. E. church in various parts of the United States and it is hoped that many who have never been interested in the education of girls and boys and unable to do anything for themselves will be aroused to the duty of assisting in their great work.

The question of establishing a sun shine department in the society was discussed at some length, and we trust ere long it will be one of the chief features of aid work. Preparations are going in for an Easter sale and promises to be great. The date will be announced soon. The ladies are urged to be prompt in attendance, as there is much work to be done in a very short time, and all are requested to be present next week at 2:30 p. m. with a mind to work.

The Woman's Home Missionary society of the M. E. church, held their quarterly tea last Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. W. Conklin.

Mrs. Scocker assisted the hostess in receiving the guests. The lesson for the meeting was Porto Rico. The life and character of her people and Porto Rico as a mission field, which was very ably presented by Mrs. Belknap and Mrs. Chidister. After the lesson refreshments of sandwiches, coffee and wafers were served and a pleasant social hour was spent.

The Union Missionary service which was held at the Baptist church last Sunday, was a great success, and another will be given in the near future.

Following is the program: Prayer, O. T. Matlocks; scripture reading Mrs. Fuller; duet, Mrs. English and Miss Elder; paper, Mrs. Powers recitation, Miss Johnson; paper, Mrs. See; recitation, Miss Marie Seely; paper, Mrs. Stein; solo, Mrs. Holmes; paper, Mrs. Hummer; address, Mrs. Loomis; solo, Miss Rose Fallico.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rader entertained a jolly house party last week at their home in Talent. The guests were Misses Allen Kingsbury, Francis Kinney, Ora Patrick and Maud Newbury of Jacksonville, Misses Sybil, Edith and Carol Fish of Phoenix and Sheriff and Mrs. Wilbur Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Slover were hosts at dinner Sunday last. The house was prettily decorated with carnations and a very elaborate course dinner was served. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bellinger, Mr. and Mrs. F. Eccles.

The meeting of the F. F. Club which was to have been with Mrs. T. J. Daniels Tuesday, was postponed on account of Mrs. Daniels being called to California, by the illness of her brother.

The F. I. L. met Tuesday evening in the parlors of the Presbyterian church. Miss McKay, Mr. Goodrich and Mr. Fonger entertained.

The monthly reception of the ladies of the Baptist church will be held at the home of Mrs. Harry Tuttle Tuesday afternoon of this week.

Mrs. Carey of Kings Highway will entertain at dinner Sunday for her guests Mr. and Mrs. Bruggeman of Seattle.

Mrs. Martin J. Bruggeman of Seattle is the guest of Mrs. Carey on King's Highway.

Mrs. T. E. Daniels was called to Los Angeles last week by the illness of her brother.

Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Trowbridge entertain Tuesday in honor of Mrs. Gill of Canada.

Mrs. Scott Davis entertains Wednesday for Mrs. Gill of Winnipeg, Canada.

Miss Belle Hammond of Salem is visiting friends in Medford.

By far the most enjoyable meeting of the Wednesday Study Club this year was held last week at the home of Mrs. W. I. Vawter. The affair was quite a society event and many of the society folk, who are not members, were fortunate enough to receive invitations.

Mrs. Vawter becomingly gowned in pink silk with black jet trimmings received, assisted by Mrs. E. B. Pickel in a handsome gown of blue silk and Mrs. Hollis in a striking bordered silk crepe gown.

The beautiful home of Mrs. Vawter was darkened and lighted by pink silk, shaded candles. Vases of pink carnations and ferns were used.

The effect was particularly good in the dining room, where elaborate refreshments were served. Especial credit is due Mrs. J. M. Root who was in charge of the program and read the paper of the afternoon. After the paper which was on the "History of Music." The new Apollo quartet which has just been formed sang "Annie Laarie" (Arranged by Dudley Buck) The quartet consists of Messrs. Whetsel, Gere, Ed and George Andrews. A duet "Barcarolle" (Tales of Hoffman) by Miss Edna Eifert and Mr. Wm. Vawter. Quartet "Oh, sad moments of parting" Mesdames Andrews and Bell, Messrs. Ed Andrews and Bell solo, "Still I sthe night" was sung by Wm. Vawter.

The Illinois Society gave a most enjoyable affair Tuesday in the Pythian hall, when an interesting program was given, followed by a cafeteria supper.

Officers were elected for the coming year. President E. B. Waterman; Vice President Dr. Henry Hart, Secretary, Mrs. E. E. Gore, Treasurer, J. A. Westerlund. Hon. B. F. Mulkey acted as toastmaster for the occasion and following program was given: Male quartet; speech, Dr. Ray; reading, Miss Margaret Hay; vocal solo, Mrs. Wm. Van Seoy; speech, B. T. Mulkey; violin solo, Miss Perl, Miss Gurley accompanying; male quartet, reading, C. W. Conklin; solo, Miss Etta Bates, address J. A. Westerlund.

The production of "Fra Dravola" under the auspices of the Elks was a great success. The cast was good and an unusually good show was put on, particularly for an "amateur" one; but the cast contained so many who have been professionals that it could scarcely be put in that class. And it is to be hoped that the Elks will repeat the event next year.

The order of the Rebekahs of Medford, Jacksonville, Ashland, Gold Hill and Central Point met Saturday night in Odd Fellows hall, for a great celebration. After the business of the evening was over a musical program was given followed by an elaborate banquet.

The Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church met with Mrs. English Tuesday afternoon. A very good program was given and the meeting was very well attended.

Dr. and Mrs. Gordon and family left for Elkhart, Indiana last week. Dr. Gordon will return to Medford soon, but Mrs. Gordon will remain until she has recovered her health.

The musicians of Medford, who have lately become unionized, are arranging to give a dance soon, at the Natatorium, when an orchestra of twenty pieces will play.

Mrs. Hill, the field lecturer for the Methodist Home Missionary will lecture at the Methodist church Sunday evening. All are invited to attend.

Mrs. R. F. Guerin and children left Tuesday for Vancouver, Washington where they will join Mr. Guerin, who is established in business there.

The Thursday afternoon Bridge Club was entertained last week by Mrs. Homer Rothermal.

Mr. Lyman Orton entertained a party of four at the Louvre Wednesday after the theater.

Mrs. G. S. Schermerhorn left for San Francisco, for a month's visit.

COMING WITH A NOTE FOR CANON

Portland Paper Arranges a Walking Contest Against Time—Message Be Carried to City Hall in Medford for Mayor.

PORTLAND, March 11.—Everybody look out for the Evening Telegram's liker. He's the champion long distance walker and globe trotter on earth, and he is going to pull off for that newspaper the first stunt of its character ever arranged for in the Pacific northwest.

The name of this chap with the nifty foot work is Godfried Rodrigues and he will "hoof it" from the front door of The Evening Telegram office on Alder street all through the picturesque Willamette Valley, on, on southward through the glorious Umpqua and Rogue River valleys and wind up his "hike" at the City Hall of Medford, where he will deliver a message of greeting from the Telegram to Mayor Canon, of the Rogue River Valley metropolis.

This great undertaking in which Rodrigues says he believes he can establish new records for American pedestrianism will start from the Telegram office promptly at 9 o'clock next Monday morning.

Some part—even if a small part—of this newspaper's space today ought to be serving you. It ought to carry your message—be busy upon your quest or errand.

The "Lendahands" met with Miss Frances Heath Wednesday. The evening was spent in making aprons for the sale which the club expects to have soon. The club meets this week with Miss Vera Olmstead.

The Jacksonville Athletic club is planning a masque dance for the 17th of March and is making preparation for a big time. The proceeds will be used for a base ball fund.

Having spent several days in Medford as the guest of Mrs. Gerard Taillandier, Miss Anna G. Taby of Madison, Wisconsin left yesterday for a trip through California. She may return again later.

Mrs. Janney and Miss Emily Janney left Tuesday for Mt. Douglas, Janney's ranch on upper Jacksonville road, where they will spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Evanson (nee von der Hellen) leave Monday for Mr. Evanson's home in Wisconsin, where they will make their future home.

Mr. C. S. Newhall, returned last week from a trip to Southern California. Mrs. Newhall and baby will return later.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Neff entertained after the theater at the Louvre Tuesday night. Covers were laid for eight.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Green entertained Mr. and Mrs. Aldenburgh at the Louvre after the theater Tuesday evening.

Mr. Jack Morrill was host to a number of friends at the Louvre at an after theater supper Tuesday.

Col. and Mrs. Mundy have been entertaining a number of Seattle friends this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hollis entertained informally at Bridge, Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley S. Smith, spent the last week at their ranch in this valley.

Mr. H. C. Kentner left for the east last week to do the spring buying for his store.

Mrs. Fredrick Williams of Grants Pass spent last week in Medford, visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Madden left for Portland Thursday, on a ten days trip.

Miss Bessie Maxwell of Portland is visiting friends in Medford.

Mrs. Peltone of Klamath Falls is visiting relatives in Medford.

Miss Mable Ray is suffering from an attack of tonsillitis.

Mr. Howard Dudley returned Friday from Chicago.

In honor of Miss Luke, Miss Bertha English gave a "personal shower" Friday afternoon, when many dainty and useful articles were given to the bride to be.

The pretty home was artistically decorated with Jouquils. Bridge was played and delicious refreshments were served during the afternoon. The invited guests were Misses Fern Jerome, Madge Riddell, Ware, Hazel Davis, Bess Kenter, Gertrude Treichler, Osgood, Hance, Mable Ritz, Helen Watt, Riley, Blanch Wood, Clara Wood, Cox, Blanch Cox, Mesdames Mathews, Hill, Rothermal, McDowell, Watt, Dennison, Pfutz and Luke.

Mrs. Harry Luy was hostess to the "500" club last Wednesday evening and entertained in a most pleasing manner at her Jacksonville residence, cards were played until a late hour when dainty refreshments were served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ulrich, Miss Collins, Miss Isabelle Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Luy, Clyde Shaw and E. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Klum of Medford substituted. The club will meet next with the Misses Collins.

Mrs. A. E. Reames was hostess to the Monday Bridge Club, Thursday afternoon at her home on Tenth street. Jouquils were used for decorations and dainty refreshments were served. The highest score at each table won a prize; Mrs. Tomlin Mrs. Dunlap and Mrs. Ran being the fortunate ones, the prizes were silks, hose. Mrs. Munger and Miss Putnam substituted. The club meets with Mrs. Ran this week.

The ladies aid of the Christian church met with Mrs. Ben Garnett Wednesday afternoon when the attendance was very good. It was decided to hold the next meeting at the home of Mrs. A. W. Walker, South Grape street, the last Wednesday of this month, when there will be a silver offering of one dollar from as many as possible.

The Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church will meet in the Reading Room Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mesdames Loomis and Goodale will be hostess. Work is being done for the Easter sale. The ladies have just purchased a new range for the kitchen, which now is well furnished.

The Wednesday Bridge Club met with Mrs. Barneburg Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. O'Brien was the winner of the club pin, until the club next meeting. The club will not meet this week, but will be entertained by Mrs. O'Brien next week Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hafer returned Friday. Mr. Hafer has spent six weeks in the east on a business trip. Mrs. Hafer has been visiting friends in San Francisco.

Miss Gertrude Friechler entertained Thursday evening, informally in honor of Miss Lotta Luke.

Mrs. M. J. Patton entertained with most elaborate luncheon Thursday, in honor of Mrs. Evanson who leaves for the east this week. The table decorations were hyacinths and smilax.

Bridge was played during the afternoon, when Mrs. Leabo won the first prize, a souvenir spoon and Mrs. Gannaway the second, a deck of cards.

The invited guests, besides the honor guest were: Mesdames Gawnaway, McCallum, Butterfield, Davidson, Watson, Stoddard and Leabo.

A number of the members of the Women of Woodcraft, Chrysanthemum Circle No. 84 accompanied Miss Barbara Baker, special organizer to Grants Pass Monday to attend an initiation in the order at that place. After the initiation a banquet was served. The visiting ladies were most cordially received. Among the party were Mesdames, Day, Bennett, McBride, Shearer, True, Noe, Etta Parker, Hiden, B. S. Clark, Bellingger, Ranaburger, Misses Myrtle Kenyon, Mable Jones and Maud Ling.

The Eastern Star entertained Wednesday evening with a most enjoyable social evening. The music was furnished by the Misses Crawford and Crowell, and delicious refreshments were served. The committee in charge were: Mrs. McGowan, chairman; Mr. and Mrs. William, Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, Dr. and Mrs. Hargrave, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weeks, Miss Edith Orr, Miss Weeks and Mr. McGowan.

The Juvenile dancing club composed of some fifty of Medfords married couples gave a very enjoyable dance at the Natatorium Monday night, their next party will be on the night of the 20 and a banquet will be served after the party. Committee having the banquet in charge being A. S. Rosenbaum, W. G. Aldenham and W. C. Green.

Mrs. Gus Newbury entertained the Afternoon Sewing Club last week. Assisted by Miss Marion White. A chafing dish luncheon was served, Miss McDermott assisting.

Those present were: Mesdames Stearns, Purdin, Reeves, Houck, Lawler, McBride, Carter, Misses Elder, Petro, White, Schuler and McDermott.

Mrs. V. T. McCray and her sister Mrs. Campbell returned last week from a visit in California. Mrs. McCray is staying with her sister at present, but expects to occupy her own home soon, which is at present occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lawler, who will move on the east side.

The dedication of the new pulpit which the young ladies of the Christian church bible class presented the church, was made last Sunday by the Rev. W. T. Matlock.

The First M. E. church have bought lots on the north east corner of Bartlett and Fourth streets and will erect their new church sometime next year.

The Last Great West

When the husbandman and the flockmaster succeeded by the French trapper in the occupancy of southwestern Oregon, the geographer changed the spelling of the word Rogue, as applied to the stream that finds birth on the green timbered slopes of the Cascades below Crater lake, and after a short but turbulent career pours its volume into the Pacific, to Rogue. The transition was natural and unpremeditated. The Frenchman saw in the tints of the water a real or fancied resemblance to the Rouge of his sister's hand-made complexion; later comers were impressed with the playful roughness of a stream that exhibits all its features of river character in its length, the placid pool of the lower reaches, the swirl of the eddy, the fall—700 feet of drop in one of its settings gives it a charm that is as exquisite as it is indescribable. To the lover of the great outdoors the Rogue breathes of fishing for trout and salmon that has no superior on the continent, and of tenting amid beautiful surroundings, with the scent of the oak, the pine, and the fir in the air, and of game from the quail and gray squirrel to deer and bear so plentiful that the novice need not return from the quest empty handed.

But it is in the valley of the Rogue as it figures as an asset in the com-

mercial world that the people of today are becoming interested. The Rogue River valley lies down on the California line, separated from that state by the Siskiyou mountains, with the Umpqua mountains to the north, and the Cascades and Coast Range to the east and west, being hemmed in on all sides by towering peaks, timbered and snow capped, giving the valley climatic conditions all its own. Climate, we are told, is what we have with us all the time while weather is what happens, and the Rogue booster says his country is long on climate, but that weather seldom occurs. The winters are mild, 18 to 20 above zero being the lowest the old-timer will talk about, and summer heat, while occasionally up around the century mark, is tempered by the breeze from the mountains, and "the nights are always cool." Wind? That is an element that can find no starting place in the Rogue valley, and the trees grow upright and symmetrical, without that pitch away from the direction of the prevailing wind that we find in a less sheltered country. The valley proper has an average width of about 10 miles, and a length of 30, but in addition to this there are various tributary valleys lying along the creeks and streams that reach back into the foothills, and that with transportation will likely prove as valuable as the principal valley has already become. The eleva-

tion is from 1000 feet at Grant's Pass to 2000 feet at Ashland. Medford, which lies at about the center of the valley, having an elevation of 1400 feet. The rainfall of the valley is an average of 21 inches per annum, largely in the winter and spring months, with an occasional flurry of snow that does not lie long upon the ground. To augment the light rainfall of the summer months the numerous streams, branches of the parent Rogue, are being requisitioned to supply water for many private and public irrigating systems. The Rogue, like the Klamath, is an old settled country, for 60 years having yielded up an easy living for the farmers and stock raisers who lived there in content. But a few years ago it blossomed out as a fruit district, taking front rank in the production of apples, pears and grapes, reaching out for, and grasping, too, capital prizes at national apple shows and fruit fairs. Two varieties of apples, the Yellow Newtown Pippin and the Spitzenberg, are being planted in the main now, as these reach the highest development and command the best prices, but several varieties of pears, as the Comice, Bartlett, Winter Nellis and d'Anjou, are giving the apple a close race for supremacy, and some of the tales told of bank accounts made fat by the product of a few acres almost shake one's belief in the veracity of the Rogueite

secretary, and the books are brought out in proof. Think of a single tree yielding \$122 worth of Newtowns, and an acre netting \$2187.50 at the orchard! Of course, these two instances are exceptions, but the returns are so alluring that prices of good orchard lands have gone up by leaps and bounds, and the sales of developed orchards are made at better than \$2000 per acre, while \$1000 seems a common price. Undeveloped lands can be purchased in the main valley at from \$75 to \$300 per acre, according to quality and location, while year old orchards sell at from \$500 to \$600 per acre. And speaking of soil quality: the Rogue has it in the greatest diversity. There's the river bottom land, the choicest of the valley, fertile and free, and pleasant to work; then there's the "sticky" red and black. Stories are told, true of course, of hens that become anchored in this sticky soil, and of cows that can't come home because the mud gathers on their tails till it's a bigger load than they can carry. Yet some of the richest, most productive orchards are in this same "sticky," but when it is not understood it is ugly stuff to work. Other soils are the "red" of the foothills, productive even without irrigation, and various degrees of sands, loams, gravels and clays. One district formerly known as the "desert" is underlain with a

hardpan from six inches to three feet below the surface, but this is now being made to grow thrifty orchards, water having been brought to it from Butte creek. Where a tree is to be planted on this hardpan, a hole is sunk with a crowbar, a stick or two of dynamite exploded, and the shattered hardpan stacks like lime the young tree having no further difficulty in getting a root-hold. Another soil met with near the foothills is a decomposed granite, fertile when irrigated, and the best for peaches and apricots. With this great diversity of soil conditions it behoves the prospective purchaser to investigate well before he invests, and to buy that character of soil that will produce best of the products he proposes to grow. The red soil of the foothills, impregnated as it is with iron, and usually sub-irrigated is being largely planted to apples and grapes, while in the free, sandy soils of the outlying river bottoms quantities of alfalfa are produced and all the soils produce heavily of vegetables where water for irrigation is applied. The development of the country has been handicapped and retarded because it was traversed by a single line of railroad, the Southern Pacific having had a monopoly of the transportation business for years, but relief is expected with the completion of the Hill line, now being built out from Medford to connect with the

Oregon Trunk under construction down the Deschutes. While Medford is the temporary terminus of this line, it is not likely that construction will cease till Hill finds out let upon the Pacific coast, as he recently announced that the development of Western Oregon was one of the problems his company had undertaken. There are also surveys and rumors of various lines of electric roads that will some day utilize the great water power that only awaits development. The Rogue itself contains power greater than that of Niagara. During the past two years the population of the Rogue has increased at a most rapid rate, Medford, the metropolis of the valley, having become a city of 10,000 people a people gathered from all parts of the Union, yet with less than 2 per cent of foreign population. The settlers of this new old country have been attracted by the salubrity of a climate far enough south to escape the rigors of a northern winter, yet far enough north that the burning rays of a tropic sun have lost their scorching force; they have been attracted by the beauty of the surroundings by the opportunity for sport and for outing, and by the proven horticultural excellence and supremacy. But climate and attractive surroundings and the production of fruits are not the only features that

are expected to make an empire of the Rogue. The resources of the valley are most varied. So varied, in fact, that the commercial club of Medford offers a reward of \$5000 to any community in the United States that within a radius of from ten to fifty miles from a common center can equal a like district of the Rogue in variety or excellence of resources. They point to the billions of feet of fir and pines with which the foothills and mountains are covered, and of the wonderful water power, now being wasted, that will one day manufacture this timber into lumber, and the lumber into its many possible products. For sixty years the mines of the Rogue have yielded, and are still yielding, fortunes of the yellow metal, and quarries of marble and granite await transportation to become wealth producers. The salmon fisheries likewise occupy an important place in the development of this "last great west," and a number of canneries are operated on the lower Rogue. Western Oregon is truly the last west. Twenty years behind Washington in material development and industrial progress, she is just now coming into her own, and the tide of immigration that for the two decades has been peopling Washington, is now being turned toward Oregon. There will soon be no more west.—(Wilford Allen, in the Pullman, Wash. Herald.)

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