

WEEK'S HAPPENINGS IN MEDFORD SOCIAL CIRCLES

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Medford club will be held in the club rooms at the Natorium Monday afternoon.

One of the prettiest weddings of the season was that of Miss Lotta Luke, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Luke of West Main street, to Mr. Arthur James Cunningham of Williston, N. D., Wednesday evening.

Miss Luke is one of the most popular young ladies of the younger set, and Mrs. Cunningham is a prominent lawyer of Williston.

The wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's aunt, the Rev. Shields officiating.

The color scheme was green, yellow and white, jonquills, almond blossoms, lilies, baskets of ferns and pine boughs being used for decoration.

The room where the ceremony was performed was banked with pine boughs, with hanging baskets of ferns. Calla lilies and Easter lilies were banked on either side of where the bridal party stood.

Before the ceremony Miss Phoebe Hance sang most charmingly "Spring-tide" and "O Promise Me," by DeKoven. Miss Flora Gray played Mendelssohn's wedding march and Lohengrin's wedding march (Wagner).

The bridesmaids, the most intimate friends of the bride, were Misses Letta Luke of Ashland, a cousin of the bride; Bess Kentner, Burr, Sarah Rellay, Jeanette Osgood, Bertha English, Helen Watt and Gertrude Treichler. They were most becomingly gowned in white or yellow, each carrying bouquets of jonquills and ferns.

The bridesmaids met the bride at the foot of the stairs and escorted her to the place where the groom was waiting, where they formed a crescent around the bridal party.

The impressive ring ceremony of the Episcopal church was used and after the ceremony supper was served at small tables. The bridal bouquet was caught by Miss Sarah Rellay.

The bride presented her brides-

maids and Miss Hana and Miss Gray with handsome hand painted brooches.

The bride's aunt Mrs. Luke, was handsomely gowned in a soft, dark gray silk, cut en train, trimmed with lace and she wore a corsage bouquet of violets.

Many handsome presents of silver and cut glass were received from the many friends of the couple.

The bride's going away gown was a stunning tailor gown of gray with a chic hat to match. Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham left Wednesday for Ashland, leaving that place Thursday for San Francisco. After a short visit there they go to their future home in Williston, N. D., where they will be at home after April 15.

The invited guests for the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Luke and daughter, Mrs. Burr (grandmother of the bride), Miss Burr, Dr. and Mrs. Denniston, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Watt and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Budge, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Nye and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Merkle, Mr. and Mrs. McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. English and Miss English, Mr. Treichler, the Misses Treichler, Mr. and Mrs. Kentner, Miss Kentner, Rev. and Mrs. Shields, Miss Jeanette Osgood, Miss Flora Gray, Miss Phoebe Hance, C. E. Hale, Arthur Rose, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Knight, Mrs. Knight, Miss Hazel Davis, Miss Sarah Rellay, Mrs. Pfoutz and William Watt.

Mrs. Purdin and Mrs. O'Brien entertained Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Purdin. The event was in honor of the birthday of Mr. Purdin and the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien. The guests presented Mr. Purdin with a hampered brass smoker's set. Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien were presented with a solid silver meat fork. The gifts were presented by Mr. Gus Newbury and the recipients made speeches of acceptance. Five hundred was played. Mrs. Houck winning ladies' prize and Mr. Holmes gentlemen's prize.

The guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Houck, Mr. and Mrs. Trowbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Newbury, Dr. and Mrs. Hargrave, Mr. and Mrs. McGowan, Mr. and Mrs. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Pottinger, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, Mr. Orr, Miss Weeks, Mr. Alfred Weeks and Mr. Fred Hargrave.

The special all-day session and lunch previously announced was enjoyed by a large number of ladies, their husbands and friends, in the basement of the First M. E. church on Wednesday. More than 40 participated in the afternoon's work and these weekly meetings are anticipated with great pleasure. All meet with one purpose, one aim, i. e., to

do the most good to the largest number possible with the greatest possible despatch, such as giving comfort and aid to those who are sick and in distress, visiting the stranger within our gates and leading a hand toward the erection of a temple of worship that shall be a credit to ourselves, our church and our city.

The concert given by the members of the Catholic church choir St. Patrick's day was a great success. The program consisting of old Irish ballads and some of the more modern songs of Ireland. Following was the program:

Opening chorus, (a) "Star Spangled Banner," (b) "Come Back to Erin"; baritone solo, "The Emigrant From Ireland," by Mr. Stewart; solo, "Where the River Shannon Flows," by Miss Esther Murphy; duet, by the Misses Murphy; solo, "The Harp That Once Thru Tara's Halls," by Mr. Deblay; solo, "Killarney," by Miss Mischke; address, by Rev. Father Van Clarenbeck; speech, by Mr. Beverage; solo, by Mr. O'Brien, (a) "The Wearing of the Green," (b) "The Little Shamrock"; piano duet; solo, "The Last Rose of Summer," by Miss Catherine Murphy; finale, "God Save Ireland."

In honor of her guests, Mrs. Bruggeman and Mrs. Wood of Seattle, Mrs. Carey of King's Highway entertained most delightfully Wednesday afternoon at bridge. Carnations and ferns were most effectively used in decoration. Mrs. W. H. Browne won first prize, a handsome dish of glass and silver, and the honor guests each received a hand embroidered handkerchief. The invited guests were: Mesdames Holmes, Brown, Purdin, E. B. Davis, York, Kentner, Heath, Stokes, Brown, Dunlop, Hafer, Budge, Vawter, Pickel, Root, Folger, Daggett, Rau, English, Perkins, Nye, Green, Woodford, Gale. The guests of honor were Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Bruggeman.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Howard entertained most delightfully at 500 Wednesday evening, at their home on East Jackson street. The house was prettily decorated with red carna-

tions and ferns. Mrs. Sears and Mrs. Webb having the same score out for the prize for the ladies, Mrs. Webb winning on the cut a handsome hand-painted plate. Mr. Martin Reddy won a stein, as the prize for the men and Mrs. George Carter for consolation received a potted plant. Delicious refreshments were served. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Childers, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Haskins, Mr. and Mrs. Gaddis, Mr. and Mrs. Platt; Mesdames Sears, Carrizzi, Webb, Johnson, Dixon; Misses Bank, Suedicor, Dahl, Joe Gregory, Sears, Manning Haskins and Porter; Messrs. Martin Reddy, Basil Gregory, Tom Howard and Dr. Helms.

The Greater Medford club will meet Monday afternoon in the club rooms and a full attendance is requested by the president. The grand which the Southern Pacific kindly gave free of all charge, for the walks of the park, arrived last week, and President Barnum of the Rogue River Valley railroad did extra hauling on Sunday last, so to be able to haul the gravel from the freight yards to the park, all of which he did free of charge, which fact is greatly appreciated by the club. Men are gravelling the walks of the old park and will commence the walks on the new park this week. The expense of the work is being paid by the club, out of the park fund.

A most enjoyable recital was given by the pupils of Mrs. Marsh at her studio on North Central avenue Tuesday evening. Following was the program: Piano solo, Miss Grace Wilson; piano trio, Misses Ruth Woodford, Juanita Crawford and Ralph Balcom; piano solo, Miss Lotie Parker; piano solo, Worth Hazelrigg; trio, Miss Virginia Carder, Ralph Balcom and Mrs. Marsh; piano solo, Miss Juanita Crawford; piano solo, Miss Brown; trio, Misses Ruth Woodford, Edith Brown and Mrs. Marsh; piano solo, Miss Virginia Carder; piano solo, Miss Ruth Woodford.

The Ladies' Aid of the Christian church met with Mrs. A. W. Walker on South Fir street Wednesday afternoon, when about 30 ladies were present. A very enjoyable musical program was given, after which refreshments were served. A silver offering of \$10 was taken.

Mrs. Leon Haskins and Miss Fanny Haskins entertained at the home of the latter Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. Haskins' sister, Mrs. Johnson. The evening was spent in 500. Those present were: Mesdames Geo. Johnson, Shearer, Elwood, McGowan, Hargrave, Webb, Sears, T. W.

Colonel and Mrs. Frank Ray entertained Governor West Sunday at dinner at the clubhouse at Gold Ray. In the afternoon the governor and party visited the J. F. Merrill orchard at Gold Hill. During his visit at Medford the governor was the guest of the Putnams.

Mrs. Mundy entertained the Wednesday Study club last week. The subject was "Mark Twain," and the principal paper of the afternoon was by Mrs. Nina Larowe of Portland, one of the "Innocents Abroad," which was read by Mrs. Canon. Others on the program were Mesdames Hollis, Mears, Deuel, Haskins, English,

Miles, R. Woodford, Dixon, H. Howard, H. N. Butler, H. Howard, Gaddis, Platt, Telfer, Correzzi, Perry, Orr, Richardson, William Warner, Ed Warner, E. E. Gore, Percy Wood, Ed Trowbridge, O'Brien, Ulrich of Jacksonville, Goble, Nicholson, Lumsden, Misses Weeks, Kentner, Bank, Suedicor, Dahl, Porter, Wood, Sears.

Mrs. Stokes entertained the Monday Bridge club at her country home last week. The home was prettily decorated with spring flowers. The substitutes for the afternoon were Mesdames Dunlop, Mundy, William Brown and Joy. Mrs. Boynton with the highest score was the winner of the prize, a handsome plate.

Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. William Gore, who have been spending the winter in Los Angeles, that California climate is far behind that of Medford, as the weather has been so disagreeable they have been unable to use their auto most of the time. They hope to return at an early date.

The members of the W. C. T. U. of the Baptist church held a mother's meeting at the church Thursday afternoon, when Mrs. William Davis gave a most interesting talk on "Child Training." Mrs. A. A. Holmes sang a solo and Mrs. Ralph Webster gave a reading, after which refreshments were served.

Mrs. Krause entertained informally Thursday evening. Quite a musical program was given, after which light refreshments were served. The guests were: Misses Ruth Hutchings, Lorraine Bliton, Clara Meserve, Esther Murphy, Katherine Murphy, Jessie Purdy and Ione Flynn.

Miss Gladys Heard, who with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Heard, have been spending the winter in southern California, was unfortunate enough to break her arm last week, and their return home has been indefinitely postponed.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barneburg entertained at cards Wednesday. Their guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Foster, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Davis, Miss Taylor and Mr. Palmer.

Mr. H. C. Stoddard of the Rogue River Electric company is spending the week at Prospect inspecting the new plant, which is being installed there.

The "Juveniles" enjoyed their regular dance Monday night last, and in addition an elaborate banquet was served at the Nash grill later in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Ardel, new arrivals in the valley, will erect a house at once on their orchard and make this their permanent home.

The "Lendahands" meet with Miss Joan Anderson, West Main street, on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Lucile Robinson and Miss Eileen O'Brien of Tacoma, who have been the guests of the Colonel Mundy's, left for their home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Archer of Minneapolis, who have been visiting Mrs. Archer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley, left for their home last week.

Theatergoers of Medford will have a chance to see Olga Nethersole in May, as Manager Hazelrigg has signed up for her at that time.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Mahoney of Wilkesbarre, Pa., who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Angle, left last week for their home.

Mrs. V. J. Emerick left Friday for Eugene, where she will visit her daughter, Miss Aletha, who is attending the University of Oregon.

The Misses Cox of York, Neb., who have been spending the winter in Medford, started for their home last week via California.

Colonel and Mrs. Mundy entertained at cards Wednesday in honor of their guests, Mrs. Robinson and Miss O'Brien of Tacoma.

Mrs. Clarence Meeker, who has been seriously ill for months, is convalescing and is able to be about again.

Mrs. W. W. Harmon expects to leave for San Francisco Saturday next, where she will visit her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Glaze are occupying their handsome new home above Siskiyou Heights.

Mrs. W. I. Vawter and Mrs. E. B. Pickell have been spending the week in Portland.

Mrs. S. A. Sanford of Roseburg is the guest of her sister, Mrs. G. G. Shirley.

Mrs. Merrick had as a house guest last week Mrs. Hatfield of Central Point.

Miss Bess Kentner entertained the Thursday afternoon Bridge club last week.

Mrs. M. M. Taylor entertained the "500" club of Jacksonville last week.

Mrs. Edward Hanley entertained informally at luncheon Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Molony of Eugene is visiting friends in Medford.

Miss Loretta Vawter of Oakland is visiting friends in Medford.

JACKSONVILLE IS REAL RELIC OF THE HARDY PIONEER DAYS

Old Upbuilders of Southern Oregon, While in Reunion There, Recalled the Woes and Pleasures, Prosperity and Poverty of Town's Early History—Railroad Blamed for Decline—Fighting Spirit Still Shown.

The southern Oregon pioneers held their annual reunion last year at Jacksonville in mid-September. No more harmonious surroundings could have been chosen for this patriarchal assembly than the historic old town around which the early life of southern Oregon was centered. The remaining flagstone walks, the antiquated but solid old buildings, the rocky dry bed of Jackson creek, the graveyard on the hill and numerous other landmarks served as apt reminders of the days, back in the 50s, when the town and neighboring gulches were scenes of the blood-red battle of the survival of the fittest.

The sight of that venerable procession which on a perfect autumn day in September last wended its way from the court house beneath the giant maples was one most impressive to those of a younger generation. In this procession there were 50 or 60 silvery-headed men and women, weak and bent by years but grand in their achievements.

Jacksville recalled vividly to the old pioneers the memories of days when they were young together in the wilds of southern Oregon. It was in Jacksonville that the first settlement in southern Oregon was made. It was there that the first gold in the state was discovered. Jacksonville was the metropolis of the southern part of Oregon from the resulting gold mining days of the 50s until 1884, when it was passed to Astoria. Jacksonville was the center of the gold boom, and its growth checked by the Oregon & California railroad. Since 1884 Jacksonville has declined, while Medford, which was not in existence until the railroad was built, has prospered and taken the lead as the metropolis of southern Oregon.

It seems bold to state that a town in the growing west has actually declined, but such is the case. In 1883, just before the railroad had been built across the border of Josephine and Jackson counties, the population of Jacksonville was 1200; today it is 800; the assessed valuation then was \$500,000; last year it was \$356,000. The newest of the numerous brick business blocks was built in 1884 and not a brick has been laid since.

Old Town Revives. A new era of prosperity, however appears to be in store for "Jack-town." The valuation of property this year will be in the neighborhood of \$450,000, showing an increase in property values of \$90,000 in the last year. Jacksonville has issued bonds for the construction of a city water system and is busy putting in cement sidewalks, preparing itself for the new role of a residence district of Medford.

The history of Jacksonville falls naturally into three periods. Called into existence by the discovery of gold on Jackson creek in 1851, its prosperity waned as the gold pockets were cleaned out and the miners left. But with gold gone the town entered upon a more wholesome growth as the trade center of a nature-blessed farming region. In 1884 came the blighting railroad, which robbed the town of its commercial prestige and left it in an out-of-the-way nook to slumber in tranquility. Forsaken by its young blood for more stirring scenes, Jacksonville has slumbered on as the home of the pioneers who built and made the town back in the

50s. If a Rip Van Winkle had slept 50 years instead of 20, and today awoke to walk the streets of Jacksonville, he would see wizened but familiar faces. Those whom he missed would be found in the graveyard on the hill, which each year is reaping a greater harvest of gray-raided pioneers. Nine died last winter.

Between the time of its fall as a commercial center and the present time, Jacksonville has had no history worth recounting. But today Jacksonville is recognized as a healthy, beautiful, sheltered village in the hills, with substantial schools, and is an ideal place for a home.

Valley Then Dangerous. In the spring of 1851, Halsted and Vannoy had the only two cabins in the Rogue river valley, and these were at the forks where the trail between Oregon City and California crossed the Rogue. The Rogue river valley was considered a dangerous portion of the trip between the gold fields of California and the lower Willamette valley, on account of the treacherous Rogue River Indians, who inhabited the region. Although the wonderful fertility of the soil, and the mildness of the climate of southern Oregon had been heralded broadcast by travelers through the region, the homeseekers preferred to settle in the safer precincts of the Willamette valley.

It was left to the lure of gold to start the influx of settlers into the Rogue river valley. In December, 1851, James Cluggage and J. Poole discovered gold on Jackson creek. Almost immediately gold was discovered, as well in Rich gulch and other neighboring ravines. The news of El Dorado where a pint of gold could be washed out in a day spread like wildfire to the gold fields of northern California and from thence throughout the world.

Saloons Follow Miners. From a spot in the wilderness in 1851, Jacksonville sprang into a bustling mining town with nine stores, three blacksmith shops, a carpenter shop and saloons galore in the fall of 1853. In the summer of 1852 Henry Kippel and Smith made a partial survey of the settlement, forming Oregon and California streets, around which the town was built.

The privations of the first winter after the gold was discovered were intense. A prolonged snow storm delayed bringing in of supplies until several of the younger men struck out with snow shoes across the Siskiyou and returned with supplies on their backs for the hungry miners. Prices paid for supplies that winter seem preposterous even when compared with those of this day of high cost of living. Flour sold at \$1 a pound and salt was not to be had for money, although one pioneer living today, Vint Bell, tells of buying it with an equal weight of gold. Game and beer were plentiful, however, and these were the main sources of nourishment through the winter.

Crimes Not Numerous. Queer to relate, crime was infrequent during the first few years of the camp's existence, despite the fact that the ruffraff of many nations had been attracted to the district and gambling and drunkenness were the main order of the day and night when the weather kept the miners from their sluice boxes and cradles.

Although there was no legal court until the fall of 1853, there was a rough sense of justice among the miners, which would brook no crime. One man named Brown shot a man named Potts in the summer of 1852. The guilty one was tried by jury of which David Linn, father of Fletcher Linn, of Portland, was a member. The slayer was hanged at the present site of an old Presbyterian church. The settlers, to meet this emergency, adopted the Iowa code, which they used thereafter until the meeting of the first regular federal court September 5, 1853. The court was presided over by Matthew P. Denny, an United States district judge of the Territory of Oregon.

Massacre Infuriates Town.

Like most pioneer settlements in America, Jacksonville had its chapter of Indian massacre and relentless retaliation on the part of the whites. Although whites had been murdered on the trails, the inhabitants of Jacksonville themselves were not molested by the redskins until the middle of the summer of 1853. One August day of that year a rifle shot was heard in the canyon west of town and a few moments later came thundering into town with a bloodstained saddle. The sequel to this incident was the finding of Wells in his death blood beside the road leading to the mines. A day or two later a settler named Nolan was killed not far from town. By this time reinforcements were in a fever of fear and excitement, and the town was not well protected and ammunition was scarce. Indeed, it was known that if the Indians had the courage they could sack the town. During this time of dread and fear two Indian boys came into the town, prompted by curiosity, and expecting no harm. Immediately the rumor spread that they were spies and in an insane moment they were hanged, the boys protesting in their broken English that they meant no harm. This irrational slaying of the Indian youths is a black stain upon the history of southern Oregon and an act afterwards greatly deplored by the inhabitants of Jacksonville. It is thought that this deed of the whites was partly responsible for the fierce cruelty of the Rogue River Indians towards the whites in the wars that followed.

In May of 1853, Cram, Rogers &

Co., of Yreka, a branch of the Adams Express company, opened an express office in Jacksonville and employed C. C. Beckman, the pioneer banker of southern Oregon, and once gubernatorial candidate, at that time a fearless youth, as a messenger. It was the duty of C. C. Beckman, the father of B. R. Beckman, a Portland attorney, to carry the precious gold from the mines of Jacksonville over the Siskiyou mountains to Yreka during these stirring times of nefarious warfare with the Indians. Wondrous to relate his path was never successfully blocked nor his pack of gold stolen. His custom was to travel at night when Indian nature and habit protected him from dangers other than those of travel through mountains in the dark. The nearest approach to death that Mr. Beckman had was when a crowd of Indians allowed him to pass unmolested to kill the driver and rob the packs of a train of mules a few hundred yards behind him. The Indians, with their wars and ill-kept treaties were a source of worry and danger to the inhabitants of Jacksonville until 1856, when the whole tribe was taken into custody and transported to Siletz reservation, in the Willamette, where they were placed in charge of General Grant. A study of the Indian wars of southern Oregon reveals the fact that the cruelty of Indians toward the whites was equaled, if not surpassed, by the cruelty of the whites toward the Indians. Despite the troubles with the Indians, Jacksonville, in the summer and fall of 1853 witnessed a remarkable event.

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