



Society

The committees of the Greater Medford club having in charge the rose show which is to be a feature of the Fourth of July celebration, are all hard at work. The civic department, of which Mrs. Reddy is chairman, has the matter in hand. The following committees have been appointed: On varieties of roses, and prizes to be awarded, Mrs. E. B. Pickett, chairman. In Tuesday's Mail Tribune will be published a list of the various competing varieties of roses together with the awards for the prize-winners, and the sweepstakes prize, which will be a prize for the best general exhibit by one individual.

Mrs. Schieffelin is chairman of the committee on "parade specialties." Among other things they are discussing a rose float, and a flag formed of marching children. Mrs. Davidson will head the committee that is to work out the details of the voting contest for a Medford rose. The committee on rooms in which to hold the exhibit has not yet been appointed, but will be announced later, as will also the judges of the roses.

It is hoped that all the citizens of Medford will throw themselves heartily into this rose festival idea. It has a deeper significance than a one-day exhibit of choice flowers. It will foster a love of the beautiful which will be manifested in our homes and, therefore, in our "city beautiful."

In view of our approaching Fourth of July celebration it will not be amiss to call attention to a talk given by Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, president of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs given at the Peace Congress held in St. Louis in May. She was scheduled to talk on the same evening with Secretary Bryan, and gave with great charm of manner, a fresh and forcible presentation of the need of civic pageants to supplement the military displays at presidential inaugurations and our great national holidays where soldiers and marines usurp attention as they are the nation's chief defense and glory. She would have a brilliant and imposing presentation of the great masses of producers, teachers, doctors, firemen, police, mothers, statesmen, scholars—who make life, feed, protect and dignify life and are the chief defenders of the nation from their only real enemies: ignorance, disease, crime which are within our borders.

The College Woman's club met last Saturday at the Hotel Medford for its usual once-a-month luncheon. There were about twenty present. The attendance being much smaller than usual because so many of its members are out of town. In spite of the small number it was one of the most enjoyable and profitable meetings of the year, and it was decided that they be continued during the summer. The matter of some serious work for the organization was quite thoroughly discussed and committees appointed to look up certain lines decided upon. Among these was a committee on a "loan fund to aid worthy young people in obtaining a college education; also a committee to assist non-resident high school pupils to find suitable homes during the school year, and employment when desired.

Mrs. Frank White, of Valley City, North Dakota is chairman of the membership committee of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs. A letter was recently received from her containing the information that the Greater Medford club had been voted into membership. The following, quoted from her letter may be of more or less general interest:

"There are so many Valley City people in Medford that I always feel as if the town was a little closer to us than other Oregon places. Your club name has a true western ring to it, and I wish you every success."

The Hiking Circle took its tramp last Wednesday morning and will meet as usual next Wednesday at 5:30 A. M. at the city park. Since the swimming tank in the natatorium has been opened to the public, the swimming circle of high school girls will be definitely organized and meet regularly for this exercise.

Miss Ruth Peter is another Jackson county young woman who won honors for scholarship at the U. of O. Miss Peter took her bachelor's degree this week and is engaged to teach in the high school at Lebanon next year.

Miss Sullivan, of Seattle, is the guest of Mrs. Reginald Parsons.

Mrs. Richard Wilson Thursday evening entertained with a dinner-dance at her home on the west foothill road in honor of Mrs. Hecker, of Santa Barbara, who is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Manning. The evening was marked by a delightful hospitality and the guests were Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Madden, Mr. and Mrs. Manning, Miss Ruth Manning, Mr. Tracy, Mr. Myron Root, and Mrs. Zimmer and Mr. and Mrs. Delroy Getchell.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold an experience social and reception to the ladies of the church and congregation Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. The ladies who have been earning a dollar for the society will relate their methods. All ladies are invited to attend and a silver offering will be taken for the benefit of those who have not been interested in earning a dollar. Refreshments will be served and a pleasant afternoon is promised. All are invited.

Mrs. H. B. Patterson entertained Thursday evening with cards and music for her house guest, Mrs. Ethel Wilson, of Glendale. Those present, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Houck, Mr. Chris Gottlieb, Mr. Ben Minard, Miss Helen Dahl, and Mr. Dahl. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson and daughter, Miss Jeanette, leave July 2 for a two week's trip through northern California.

Mrs. Wm. Ross MacDonald, a bride of the week, entertained Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. C. Kentner, for the young ladies who were to be attendants and assistant hostesses at the Jennings-MacDonald wedding Wednesday evening. Each guest was remembered with a gift, serving as a souvenir of the pleasant occasion.

Miss Jeannette Patterson was hostess Tuesday afternoon for Miss Charlotte Hoy, who leaves soon with her parents to make her home in California. Guests were, Miss Mercedes Barber, Miss Laura Gates, Miss Mildred Wick, Miss Kathleen Sutter, Miss Antoinette Kinleyside and Miss Charlotte Hoy.

The weather permitting, the Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church will hold a picnic this evening on the banks of Bear creek. All members of the society are requested to communicate with Miss Laura Treickler in regard to the arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Vawter, who have been attending the commencement exercises at Eugene, are now at home. Their elder son, Vernon Hill, received his bachelor degree with special honors for excellence of thesis on the subject: "The Public Market."

Miss Ruth Merrick, who has been in Portland and Eugene on a visit extending over several months, has returned. Miss Merrick, who is an alumna of the university and a Chi Omega girl, spent commencement at her society house.

Miss Flora Gray has returned from Eugene, where she has been attending the commencement exercises of the U. of O. While in Eugene she was the guest of Miss Ruth Merrick at the Chi Omega house.

Mrs. J. T. Reddy has been entertaining Father G. P. Bennett, pastor of St. Aloysius Jesuit church, of Spokane. Paul Reddy, who has been attending Gonzaga university, returned home with Father Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gore, son Jay and daughter Mary, returned Friday from a shopping and pleasure trip to Portland. While away Mr. Gore attended the convention of bankers which met at Corvallis.

Miss Beulah Warner, instructor in mathematics in the Stockton, Cal., high school, has returned to her home, 519 Oakdale avenue, for the summer vacation.

The many friends of Miss Ruth Woodford are glad to welcome her back to Medford after an absence of nearly a year at Coquille.

Miss Elizabeth Putnam, who has been in San Francisco the past year, is receiving a cordial welcome home again by her many friends.

Mrs. A. E. Reames, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Gay Lombard in Portland, is again in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Leggett are among those who have returned from a trip to Portland.

No more appropriate day than Flag Day could be had as that on which to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the commander of any G. A. R. Post.

On June 14th, in the evening, at the home of N. B. Bradbury in Medford nearly fifty members of the Chester A. Arthur Post and Relief Corps and a few special friends met to do honor to the natal day of Commander Bradbury. The event was a complete surprise to the host. Luncheon was served, sandwiches, cake and coffee and the evening was spent in music and social entertainment.

Mr. Bradbury is 72 years of age and his remaining comrades and many friends wish him oft returns of that day which signaled his birth and gave the world a new flag for which Mr. Bradbury and his comrades offered their lives in 1861.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wilson of Rancho El Nido entertained a few of their friends on Friday evening in honor of Mrs. Helen Hecker, formerly of Chicago but now of Santa Barbara, Cal. Mrs. Hecker is the fortunate possessor of a wonderful voice, having had the best of advantages in music both in this country and abroad, and with Mrs. Isaacs at the piano these two gifted artists generously gave of their talents to the evening's entertainment. Dancing in the spacious living room concluded a most enjoyable evening.

The guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Isaacs, Mr. and Mrs. Manning, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Madden, Mrs. F. Goffe, Mrs. Helen Hecker, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Zimmer, Mr. and Mrs. Delroy Getchell, Messrs. Robert Wilson, Fred Tracy and Root.

On Thursday evening a number of the members of the local G. A. R. and Relief Corps invaded the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Kent by way of a farewell visit to this estimable couple on the eve of their departure for the field of Gettysburg. Lunch was served in abundance brought by the visitors. War songs were sung and a huge camp fire burned in the grate and glimpses of battle, march and bivouac interspersed the evening's pleasures.

Mr. Kent enjoys the distinction of having fired the initial shot of the battle of Gettysburg, and he will no doubt be one of the central figures in the celebration to be held so soon upon that historic field. We bespeak for Mr. and Mrs. Kent a safe return to Medford.

On Monday evening, June 16th, Miss Helen Abby Watt, of Phoenix, entertained a few of her little girl friends with an auto ride to Medford, the occasion being her seventh birthday. After attending the theatre, refreshments were served to the happiness of all. Those in the party were Misses Alice Fry, Clo Roberts, Syble Furry, Gladys Roberts, Grace Roberts, Alice Gardner, Ruth Short, and Helen, Abby Watt. They were chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Watt.

The Golden Link Bible class of the Baptist church and their husband will be entertained Tuesday evening, June 24, by Dr. Eva Mains Carlow and Mrs. Ethel Lathrop at the home of Dr. Carlow, Laurel street. All class members are cordially invited.

Mrs. Delroy Getchell and Mrs. E. French returned Sunday from Portland, where they spent a pleasant week attending the rose show, sight-seeing and visiting friends.

Misses Ione Flynn, Lorraine Bliton, Lois Estes and Mr. C. Y. Tengwald were guests of Rutherford Kerr at a theater party attending Hanky Panky Friday evening.

Miss Caroline Andrews entertained the members of the Sewing club Thursday evening with a course dinner at her home on Roosevelt avenue.

Mrs. George Marshall and daughter, Miss Lucile, have returned from attending the festivities incident to commencement week at the U. of O.

Misses Marybelle Henson and Finetta Millard have returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Newman in the country.

New Library Books.

The following books of new fiction have just been added to the library: Adventures of Miss Gregory, Percival; New Leaf Mills, Towells; A Woman's Life, Herrick; Roast Beef Medium, Ferber; Sixty-first Second, Johnson; V. V.'s Eyes, Harrison; Vanishing Points, Brown; Virginia, Glasgow.

CENTRAL POINT MISS WINS HONORS EAST



Miss Eva Norcross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Norcross of Central Point, who has just graduated from the Young Ladies Seminary (the Southern Seminary) at Buena Vista Va. She won the highest honors in her class and her many friends throughout the valley are delighted with her success.

HANKY PANKY PLEASES PACKED HOUSE AT PAGE'S

Hanky Panky has come and gone. It might as appropriately be called by any other name for both name and plot were incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial, as the lawyers say. The play, however, drew an immense audience and sent them home thoroughly pleased. The entire company, chorus and all, was picked from the very best on Broadway. The costumes were new, fresh and the scenic effects quite in harmony with the rest of the production. The business man that had his laugh and is back at his desk this morning will naturally say, "Long live Hanky Panky," but when we come to analyze the performance next morning we are inclined to say to ourselves "isn't such vehicles as Hanky Panky a waste of superb talent?" Take for instance, Miss Florence Moore as a comedienne, she is first in her class. Miss Moore would be an ideal star in an eccentric comedy, as it is, the manager has engaged this talented lady and practically said, "here is the stage, costumes, chorus and orchestra, now go and please the people in your own way. These accessories will fill in the gaps between your stunts." She pleases with sheer native ability. Her work may seem easy to one who has not faced the footlights, but to a veteran who is showing gray around the temples Miss Moore's success is simply marvellous. Did you stop to think what a ridiculous failure Miss Moore's part would be in the hands of an incompetent?

When an actor jumps down into the audience and goes to kidding the people in the front row he is taking just as much of a chance as Napoleon did when he took the tri-colored in his hands and crossed the bridge at Lodi.

Had he been shot down the world would have called him a rash youth with more bravery than judgment. If Montgomery and Florence Moore had failed to touch the funny spot in the audience their retreat from the auditorium to the stage would have been an affair so dismal that even the newspaper critic would have been ashamed to mention it.

David Warfield made his prominent appearance before the public in one of Weber & Fields productions in a cast with Weber, Fields, Peter Daly, Lillian Russell, Fay Templeton and other stars of magnitude. When Warfield withdrew from this combination his friends considered it a fatal move. I say his friends, not all, for David Belasco assured Mr. Warfield that he was wasting his time in a Weber & Fields' production and time has proven that he was right. For Mr. Warfield has since given us the Music Master, a play once seen leaves a life long impression. However, the world seems to enjoy a sort of champagne hilarity, with little regard to the "morning after. Last night's play was surely the bubbling liquid.

Miss Moore was not all of the show, however, there was Miss Christine Nielson who is really a superb singer. She would be a splendid leading soprano for a light opera company. She has voice, stage presence, and histrionic ability. Messrs. North, Rodgers and Cooper are three comedians who understand the art. The chorus were all good singers and dancers. In fact, the singing of the chorus would have been a feature had it been balanced with more male voices. Everybody said "great show" as they filed out so what more can you wish.

ED ANDREWS.

BOOK REVIEW

By Helen C. Gale
"The Task of Social Hygiene"—
By Havelock Ellis. Published by
Houghton Mifflin Co. (Library).

Havelock Ellis is not a radical reformer, who dreams of the betterment of the race with impractical theories, but he is one, who has a sane, unbiased view of conditions as they exist in the world today, and his book on social hygiene shows a deep study of cause and effect. In this book he gives logical ideas regarding the welfare of the race that could be carried out without interference to natural progression and evolution.

"Social Hygiene," he says, "unlike the old social reform, that attempted to deal with conditions as they were, without going to the source, aims at prevention and is the inevitable method, by which a certain stage, civilization is compelled to continue its course and to preserve—perhaps to elevate the race."

Most of the ideas in the first two chapters, regarding the changing status of women and the woman movement have been covered by Ellen Keys and other reform writers, but the chapter "The falling Birth-rate," contains new and advanced ideas, expressed, perhaps, for the first time. Some of these ideas are rather startling at first acquaintance, for they are directly opposed to the things that we have been taught to believe and have clung to as sacred. However, when dissected and digested, they appear to have so much of common sense in them that our old-fashioned beliefs appear as superstitions. "Increase and Multiply," he remarks, "was spoken on the threshold of an empty world." And goes on to state, giving reasons in detail, that a high birth-rate is necessarily followed by a high death rate. He quite disagrees with Theodore Roosevelt that large families are a blessing to a country. He thinks that fewer and better children should be the rule, and that it would be much more sensible for the state to pay some people for not having children, than it would to pension parents of large families. The mentally deficient, the cripples and the paupers, that come from these large, permissive families, are more of a burden and expense in the long run than the pension, and more of a menace to race than race suicide would be.

"It can never happen in modern times that the re-adjustment of the conditions of life can be made to keep the pace with a high birth-rate."

Another most unusual idea is contained in his chapter, "The Effects of Religion on the Child." He contends that a child should not be taught religion until he has reached the age of adolescence. "A child's mind is at once logical and extravagant—matter of fact and poetic—a combination of opposites, the inevitable outcome of the fact that the child's mind is working, as it were, in a vacuum." Too early religious training is apt to be disastrous. A child is not capable of realizing the things in religion that even mature minds sometimes fail to grasp and the Sunday schools have many teachers that are unfit to have the training of children in these most important things, for a religious teacher should understand the psychology of a child's mind more than anyone else.

In regard to immorality and the law, his views are most sensible. "The blind haste of over zealous reformers," he says, "has not led to progress, but to retrogression." In this discussion, he points out most specially, the unexpected, miserable attempts at reform and their results in the United States. "The most serious policy defects in the United States is due to impractical laws made by inexperienced legislators."

No distinction is made, by the Americans, between vice and crime. This is a legacy of the early Puritans. Because a thing is displeasing or disgusting to some, is no reason that it should be regarded and punished as a crime. "Selfishness is not living as one wishes to live, but in asking others to live as one wishes to live." Prohibition is regarded by this Englishman as an example of selfishness. The Raines law of New York is cited and the result of it on prohibition and prostitution is given in detail. This law has to do with the Sunday liquor law and Ellis shows, giving statistics, how this one impractical reform has made conditions worse than if no law regarding the Sunday closing law had been made at all.

It is the old argument, that you cannot make people good by law. The study of sexual hygiene, he holds, if wisely carried out will do more to benefit morals than legislation, and the mothers and teachers of today are the ones who need teaching and instruction in how to help the coming generations realize a better condition of affairs than we have today.

Ellis does not divorce love from eugenics. Eugenics, as regarded by Davenport and others, he observes as a sort of higher cattle breeding and says it would be un-endurable if not

unpractical. "The eugenic ideal is not an artificial product, but the reasoned manifestation of a natural instinct." He gives nature more credit than most theorists do, and would only aid, and not thwart her in her evolution. "Eugenics should not plot against love, but against the influences that do violence to love."

Havelock Ellis has no stringent rules to follow or any plans that would suddenly take us out of the natural trend of the race, all he does is to point the way and ask the people to hope and help for better things. "No Utopia was ever realized, and the ideal, as a mirage, must ever elude us, or it would cease to be an ideal. Yet all our progress, if progress there be, can only lie in setting our faces towards the goal to which Utopias and ideals point."

"The Inside of the Cup."

Published by MacMillan, Price \$1.50

In "Richard Carvel," Churchill gave us a story of Colonial America; "The Crisis" was written of Civil War times, and "A Modern Chronicle" dealt with the ever agitating divorce problem of the present day. "The Inside of the Cup" might be regarded as a book of the future, for it is a cry for a universal religion that will meet with the needs of the present and coming generations. Not the orthodox religion, that sufficed for the spiritual satisfaction of our grandparents, not a mystic religion, borrow from the eastern countries, and not a religion based on a few scientific facts, immersed in occult devices, but a practical, christian religion that will hold and benefit the doubting generation; one that interprets the Bible in such a way that it will appeal to the reason and enable people to assimilate it into their lives.

John Hodder was a young minister, desirous of doing good in his vocation, but handicapped by an orthodox training and strict orthodox views. He had charge of a metropolitan church where the congregation was a most wealthy and fashionable one: This congregation expected comfortable sermons of him, that would be devoid of any sensational and socialistic ideas. He preached along the strict orthodox lines for a few years and was very popular with his parishioners, but after awhile he experienced a feeling of dissatisfaction with himself and his work. During one of his vacations he was attracted to the slums and there he met with conditions, existing in the very district of his parish, that were horrible and revolting. He learned that some of the wealthiest members of his church, owned the unhealthy tenements and collected exorbitant rents from the houses of prostitution. He discovered that dishonest business deals, carried on by one of his most devout parishioners, were the cause of poverty, distress and suicide. These church members, who did nothing personally to allay the pain and suffering in the world, who caused crime and did nothing toward its prevention, deluded the public by giving large sums of money to useless charity, and hid their guilty hearts under the protecting cloak of religion.

"Woe unto you, scribes and pharisees, hypocrites! For ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter but within they are full of extortion and excess." So thought John Hodder, who now saw the emptiness of the orthodox policy that he had been following. He began to put his newly found religion into practice and began interpreting the teaching set forth by Christ, for the present day needs. His fashionable congregation was disturbed and shocked; he was accused of heresy and but for the kindly sympathy of the old bishop, he would have been forced to resign. His salary was denied him but he felt that this church needed him more than any other and so he remained, bravely trying in the face of all difficulties, to awaken the people to a sense of duty to their God and man. As a guide and sympathetic companion, the young rector won for his wife, the daughter of the wealthiest man in his congregation. This man, through his ill-gotten wealth had caused great pain and suffering. He was the greatest hypocrite of them all and sought to hide his knavery behind a religious mask. When his daughter became interested in the new work of John Hodder's projects, and finally fell in love with him, her father disinherited her and left the church taking with him the financial support of that church.

This book is wonderfully well written and shows much study and deep thought. Churchill, who seems to have put much of himself in it, takes such a sincere interest in the possibility of this broad, sensible and universal religion and has so clearly made his point in religious discussion, that one begins to wonder if he were not contemplating deserting the field of fiction and ascending the pulpit.

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