SOCIETY

Happenings of Interest on the Gay Side of Life in the Capital City.

This week has been full of events. Parties, large and small, dinners, afternoon teas, weddings, dances and family gatherings, have crowded one on top of the other. Salem was never gayer and the Christmas spirit never showed up in bolder relief.

This has really been the beginning of the winter season that will probably reach the zenith of its brilliancy during January and will flow on in an uninterrupted stream of enjoyment until it is forcibly ended by the advent of the gray Lenten days.

Next week promises well in Salem in a social way and a wedding or two and several parties on the tapis.

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The Song and the Singer.

If I could only sing a little song,
Bearing no message deep or marvelous,
But breathing love and heart's ease, or the long
Sad nights when death has come to sit by us—
If lips but trembled while the dim eye read,
Or parted, smiling, when the cadence fell,
Then I would deem my labor comforted;
Then would I deem by song and singing well.

If I could only voice a little hope,
A little way out of the dark despair,
Though it be found through tears, with hands that grope,
For hearts gone lonely for lost lips and hair—
If someone sometimes laid my verse away
(Oh, very seldom!) just to overspell,
When the mood comes—ah, that were richest pay!
Then would I deem my song and singing well.

—Post Wheeler.

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Society note: The Honorable Kris Kringle was a welcome caller at a large number of Salem homes Tuesday. The old gentleman seemed to be bearing up under his advanced age with great spirit. His many friends in this city were glad to see him, and all will unite in wishing him a Happy New Year. Come again, next Christmas, Mr. Kringle.

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Conder-Childers Wedding.

Brilliant, as well as beautiful was the wedding of Miss Claudia Childers and Mr. John Perry Conder which took place at the First Christian church Wednesday in the presence of a large number of friends.

The church had been beautifully decorated. On the altar stood an immense umbrella, made entirely of Oregon grape, studded with electric lights, from which was suspended a small white tulle umbrella tied with satin ribbon. On either side was grouped stately palms and ferns, and the chancel rail was banked with smilax. Hanging baskets of wavy ferns were suspended from the gallery railing between the columns and jardiniers of long sword ferns were massed along the side isle. Up this aisle which led the way to the altar was stretched satin ribbons, festooned from post to post, these being crowned with large bunches of smilax and satin rosettes. Palms were also used along the aisle, and altogether the whole effect was indeed beautiful. The credit of the decorating is due to Mrs. H. C. Eppley and others.

At 8 o'clock Mr. Frank Churchill began Mendellsohns wedding march and the bride's mother entered the church leaning on the arm of Dr. H. C. Epley. Immediately afterwards the bride's maid, Miss Julia McCullock came up the aisle, proceeded by the bride and they were met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. Gilbert Overstreet, of St. Johns. Rev. Davis Errett then performed the service. Mr. Churchill played softly during the entire ceremony.

The bride was lovely in her gown of white liberty satin, made princess, entrain with real lace trimmings. She wore a tulle veil and carried a bouquet of orange blossoms.

The bridesmaid wore white crepe de chine, with silk applique yoke, and carried a shower bouquet of pink carnations.

After the ceremony the bridal party went immediately to the bride's mother's home, corner of Center and Cottage streets, where a reception for the wedding party, and most intimate friends was held.

The Reception.

The Childers' residence had been decorated with a profusion of winter flowers and greenery and was beautiful. Festoons of ivy, smilax and white lillies and hyacinths, intermingled with pink carnations throughout the rooms was like a breath of spring. The dining room was especially pretty. A wedding bell of pink carnations and hyacinths was suspended in the center of the dining room, from which streamers of smilax were suspended to the cornersof the room,tied with large bows of white satin ribbon. The centerpiece for the table was white hyacinths. The hallway was banked with Oregon grape, and smilax was twined in and out the railing. The decorations extended into the hall on the second floor and in the dressing rooms.

The evening was socially spent, Rev. Errett gave a comic reading in Scotch dialect, which was interesting. Dainty refreshments were served during the time. The bride threw her bouquet from an alcove in the stairway, and Mr. Fred Brokaw was the fortunate recipient.

Both the young people have a large number of friends. The bride is well known in the capital city, having lived here for many years. She was born near Chicago, Ill., and is a highly accomplished young woman, having graduated from the Willamette University college of music, and also studied extensively in the east. She is the only child of Mrs. Childers, and is popular among her wide acquaintance. Mr. Conder is not as well known, having only been west about a year. He was born at Novelty, Missouri. He held a chair in the Bethany College, West Virginia, for several years, and since has been in the evangelistic work. He has served the International Sunday School association as a field worker and as general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. He came to Oregon as superintendent and field worker of the Bible school department of the Christian church, and was again re-elected this year, but resigned and has since ben engaged in the evangelistic work. His wife is also an ardent worker in the Christian church of this city.

They will live in this city for the winter at least.

They received many beautiful and costly gifts which shows the high regard in which they are held.

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Pickens-Welch Wedding.

The wedding of Miss Oda Welch and Mr. Charles J. Pickens was a most happy event which occurred Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the home f Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ramsden, in East Salem, Rev. William Short, of Yew Park, performing the service ?, the presence of about 50 guests.

The house decorations were beautiful throughout, evergreens and ferns being the main adornments. The ceremony was performed under a white wedding bell tied with wide satin ribbon. Miss Louise Hoyt played the wedding march and Miss Olive Kelly received the guests at the door.

The bride was sweet in her wedding gown of white silk crepe de chine with lace trimmings and carried a shower bouquet of white chrysanthemums. Miss Hattie Hargrove caught the bride's bouquet.

A buffet luncheon was served at the close of the ceremony. Miss Daisy Dennison and Miss Vina Sherman assisted in the serving. The bride's cake was cut by Miss Laura Ramsden, a step-sister of the bride, who secured the ring. Miss Margaret Conger got the thimble, while Miss Frances Lauderback captured the dime.

The young couple were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents, including silver, china and cut glass.

They left Thursday for Portland, where they will reside the groom being employed in that city. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mrs. W. T. Ramsden, and has many friends here. She has been one of the popular clerks at the Chicago store in this city, and will be greatly missed both in business and social circles.

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Gault-Simmons.

A pretty home wedding was that of Miss Pearl C. Simmons, only daughter of Hon. and Mrs. Jerome D. Simons, of Monitor, Oregon, and Mr. John H. Gault, which took place at the home of the bride's parents, Monday, December 24, Rev. Spiece of Marquam, Oregon, officiating.

The Simmons' home was decorated with evergreens and a profusion of ferns. The ceremony was performed under a large arch of evergreen, from which was suspended a bell of white carnations and smilax. At twelve o'clock Mrs. W. M. Cherrington, of Dallas played Mendellsohn's wedding march and the young couple entered the parlors, where the ceremony was performed.

The bride wore a beautiful gown of cream crepe de chine over taffeta with elaborate lace trimmings. Her going away gown was navy blue broadcloth. The only ornament the bride wore was a handsome necklace of rubies and pearls, the gift of the groom. Miss Roberta White, of Monitor, caught the bride's bouquet.

After the ceremony a sumptous wedding feast was served, and later the young couple left for Portland, where they will begin housekeeping in the groom's home on East Yamhill street.

They were the recipients of many handsome and costly gifts which shows the esteem in which the are held by their friends.

The bride is a popular young woman, and is highly accomplished. Mr. Gault is a son of Hon. D. M. C. Gault, manager of the Cottage Grove Westerner, and is a man of sterling business qualities. There were many guests from Salem, Portland, Eugene and other valley towns.

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Holiday Party.

The prettiest party of the holiday week was that Thursday evening at the Rineman home on Church street, at which Miss Grayce Rineman, Miss Eunane Craig and Miss Grace Byrd were hostesses. Over 75 young people were present, and the affair was delightfully pleasant throughout.

The decorations of the room tended to a color scheme of pink and green, pink carnations and festoons of smilax making a pretty effect. Several artistically trimmed miniature Christmas trees were features of the decorations in the reception rooms.

Mrs. Mark Skiff, Mrs. Craig and the Misses Lois Byrd and Cora Talkington assisted in the entertaining.

The time was spent in playing numerous games, the initial compliment contest being one of the interesting features in which Miss Gertrude Jones receiver the lady's prize, while Mr. Ivan Oakes received the gentleman's. The game of heart archery was also enjoyed. A large pink heart was suspended in the archway, and partners were secured by shooting an arrow at the heart. College songs and dancing were also enjoyed. Miss Priscilla Fleming presided at the punch bowl during the evening. Dainty refreshments were also served during the time.

Among the out of town guests were: Mises Tessa Dent and Mercedes Sims, Portland; Miss Young, Pittsburg, Pa.; Greta Fortmiller, Albany; Misses Gertrude and Clare Jones, "Labish Meadows"; Miss Scott, Portland; Miss Lenna Cavanagh, "Hillside Farm," and Mr Ramp, Eugene.

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The Criterion Hop.

The most delightful social event in the younger set the past week and of the season, was the hop given by the Criterion club, composed of Laurence Hofer, Ralph Moores, Carl Gabrielson, Chester Moores and Ralph Cronise, Wednesday evening at the Elks hall on Liberty street.

The decorations tended toward the high school and college spirit, and consisted of many handsome pennants, which were festooned across the corners of the room and made a pretty picture. There were many guests from out of town, and the evening was one of social enjoyment Stoudenmeyer's orchestra furnished the music for the affair.

The patronesses were well known society ladies, Mrs. J. R. Whitney, Mrs. T. G. Hailey, Mrs. Charles B. Moores and Mrs. H. B. Thielsen. Punch was served throughout the time.

This is the first time the Elks hall has been open to the public, and those who saw it, say it will become a popular place for dancing parties.

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Holiday Guests.

A number of out of town people are being entertained in Salem homes during the holiday week.

Miss Elmira Bittner, of Portland, who has been the guest of Miss Lila Swafford, has been a guest at several informal parties, and has made many friends during her stay here.

Miss Sybil Elliott of Eugene is the guest of Miss Effie Needham at the R. B. Houston home; Miss Mercedes Sims of Portland and Miss Young of Pittsburg are guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Mott; Miss Greta Fortmiller of Albany is visiting Miss Althea Moores, and many others are in the city, and in many homes there is much festivity.

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New Year Festivities.

One of the many pleasant events of the coming week will be the ball given New Year's eve by the Oregon national guard, company M, of this city. The affair promises to be a delightful social event. It will be given at the armory.

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Co-Eds Entertain.

The young women of Lousanne hall of the Willamette university entertained a number of young men students Christmas eve, and the affair was quite pleasant in every way. The decorations tended toward the Christmas ideas, evergreens, mistletoe and bells being predominant. A Christmas tree loaded with remembrances for everyone was one of the features.

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Small Family Dinner.

Mrs. D. C. Minto entertained a small party of relatives and friends at an elegant dinner at her home on Mission street on the evening of Christmas day. Her dining room and parlors were sumptuously decorated, these including a beautiful Christmas tree.

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Asylum Dance.

The regular monthly dance of the asylum employes was held at the asylum last evening, and was attended by a large number of town people. The program was unusually good, and the always popular orchestra of the institution was at its best. These affairs are looked forward to with much pleasure by outsiders and the employes themselves.

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"500" Club Meets.

The 1906 "500" club met with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson Thursday evening and a pleasant time was had. The prizes were won by Miss Worden and Prof. J. H. Ackerman.

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At the Rink.

The new Auditorium roller rink has afforded pleasure and good, healthful exercise to thousands of Salem's citizens during the past week and promises to become one of the city's best attractions. The music furnished by the rink orchestra is good and hundreds who do not skate have enjoyed the afternoons and evenings watching the performers and hearing the music. The management have a competent force of instructors on the floor at all times and do not allow rowdyism or smoking in the building. Three new skating clubs are being organized and doubtless will be very popular in rink circles.

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Little Folks Entertain.

The primary and little beginners of the First Methodist church gave their Christmas exercises in the Sunday school rooms of the church last evening, and it was well attended. The program was a cantata on a miniature scale, entitled "The Brownies' Visit to the Children." Litti Miss Lois Hewitt was the Fairy Queen, and four little girls Lois Jory, Gretchen Brown, Retta Phillips and Flavia Dimmitt were her maids of honor. They occupied a small throne in the middle of the stage and did their parts nicely. There were eight "Brownies" and they also amused and delighted the audience. After the candy and good things which the fairies brought were distributed to the little folks, a general social time was had. The credit of the drilling of the children is due to Mrs. Ray Farmer and Miss Anna Nowlen and others.

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Delightful Reception.

Notable among the week's society doings was the "At Home" given at the asylum hall Friday afternoon, at which Mrs. John Franklin Calbreath, Mrs. Lewis Franklin Griffith, Mrs. Augusta Edward Strang and Miss Calbreath were hostesses.

The decorations were extremely beautiful, the stage represented a woodland scene, quantities of small fir trees were arranged artistically about, behind which was a lake scene and from the entrance of the hall it looked as if one was entering a beautiful forest. Festoons of yew and fir were draped around the hall while tall palms, potted plants and ferns in brass bowls were also effectively used. The color scheme was red and green, the red Japanese lanterns and the red shaded lights cast a subdued glow over the room. The asylum orchestra were stationed behind the screen of fir trees in one corner of the room and dispensed enjoyable music throughout the time. Miss Myrtle DuRette also rendered several delightful solos during the time.

The hostesses were assisted in entertaining by Mrs. A. H. Dodd, Mrs. G. G. Bingham, Mrs. Thos. Kay, Mrs. Dr. Wright, of McMinnville, Mrs. C. A. Gray, Mrs. J. R. Whitney, Mrs. Frank Meredith, Miss Alice Peebles, Miss Calista Moore, Miss Madeline Walker and Miss Mildred Bagley.

Over 300 ladies called during the afternoon, and the many handsome gowns and frocks worn, were noticeable.

Coughing Spell Causes Death.

"Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician but before he could arrive, another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation. —St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Dec. 1st., 1901."

Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and $1.00 Sold by D. J. Fry's drug store.

Madam Nordica in Brooklyn.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Nec. 29.—Madam Nordica will appear here tonight, assisted by Faganni, the baritone; Dethetr, the violinist, and Charles Anthony. The "Inflammatus" from Rossini's Stabat Moter will be given.

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By local application, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eutachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine case out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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Almost a seedless cucumber, the seeds being small and few. Perfectly smooth, very dark green, beautiful white flesh, perfect cucumber flavor, exceptionally firm, crisp and delicious. Grows 10 to 18 inches long, always straight, and dark green until ripe. Vine hardy and vigorous; enormously productive; yields early and late in season. ¼-lb., 65c; 2-oz., 40c; oz., 25c; packet, 10c.

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