

SOCIETY

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for the purpose of witnessing daily routine work and recreation of the children. During the drive from Salem one's eyes are greeted with scenery of magnificence. White capped mountains looming above the eastern horizon, snow covered foot hills and vast expanse of beautiful verdant valley lands; all in their purple shadows.

From an imposing Colonial entrance, one is ushered into administration building which contains reception room, physician's office, dispensary department, superintendent's private apartments, dining rooms for officers and employees, industrial work rooms, kindergarten, school-room and assembly hall. The last four rooms and the corridors were profusely decorated with great bouquets of field flowers and foliage. The children in fresh white dresses, shiny boots and bright ribbons showed perfect care from their attendants.

The basement floor is used for inmate's dining room, storage and bakery. The kitchen being built out from the first floor above the bakery. Although these rooms are immaculately clean, there is great need for something new in the form of a kitchen; and of still more importance is a safe and sane bakery. It is instantly apparent that danger of fire lurks in this portion of the institution, for uncovered wooden beams above a cracked oven are not conducive to best protection. Everything about this building is spotless and the employees clean and careful.

The same care and sweet smelling atmosphere pervades Benson cottage, the home for women and girls. In this building there are inmates from five years old to eighty three—all recalled children; receiving constant care and attention. The homes for men and boys are Jones and Steele cottages. In all details these are conducted in the same manner. The work of developing the minds of these unfortunate and dependent beings who are backward and feeble minded, but not entirely without brain, is being successful carried out by Miss Louise Hayse. Under her guidance women and girls were busy with all kinds of plain sewing, darning, patching, cross stitching on couch pillows, making and dressing rag dolls, drawn work, French embroidery, basketry and torchon lace. At these lace pillows three young women were tossing the bobbins in rapid manner developing a pattern by placing the pin in the proper spot with an accuracy truly remarkable. All of these workers attended strictly to their tasks and answered the guests intelligently, questions concerning their work. In this department boys were making hammocks, fly nets, tennis nets and baskets in the same excellent manner. One boy being particularly rapid with his needle, forming the knots in a hammock with unvarying precision. The result of trained hands is remarkable; but the developing of brains that are apparently vacant, is wonderful. In this work Miss Maud Stewart, principal of the institution, is instructor. Boys and girls gave examples of reading from English history text books, with minds concentrated upon the words before them. Nothing of the children following lines with index fingers as guide; and in articulating they were easily understood. There was oral spelling and words of three syllables written upon a black board in attractive lettering, besides the pupils names written above their work. As to simple arithmetic and use of the clock's dial, these children were equally well informed.

Miss Blalock, with infinite patience teaches the youngest children games and songs of kindergarten work. There was no commotion for in this department as in all others, discipline in the kindest manner was observed. After the routine of work, Miss Stewart presented a class of

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twenty in callisthenics whose work was interesting and perfectly executed. In "Welcome Song," "Just for Tonight," "Little Boy Blue" and "Goodbye," thirteen girls and boys, carrying different parts, were heartily cheered. Miss Bernice Reed, a teacher in the school, accompanied with piano for the chorus and played as the pupils marched from their homes through assembly hall to the class rooms.

The work of this school is all new. Miss Stewart in coming from a similar state institution, but of immense proportions, superintendent by one of the foremost instructors of such work in the United States and a doctor of rare ability in his specialty, was fully equipped for the position she assumed at the beginning of this work in Oregon; and in Miss Jennie Johnston, the management has secured a most efficient head nurse. Dr. Smith with an enviable reputation as physician in Salem for many years, although recently appointed head of the institution, has done much for its improvement. A poultry ranch has been established and already there are one thousand chickens. A well is being drilled; a thousand rods of wire fencing laid and a four thousand dollar cow barn has been contracted for.

Were sufficient funds available, much needed permanent walks would be laid and a very necessary hospital erected. At present there is no place provided for contagious diseases and if such became epidemic, results might be disastrous. In appropriating twenty-five thousand dollars for a new building, the legislature quite overlooked the inadequacy of the small amount appropriated for the maintenance of the school during the coming two years. Two hundred inmates have filled the institution to capacity limit; between sixty and seventy are already on the waiting list.

The appropriation of last legislature will build a girls' dormitory. Although regular visiting hours are from ten until twelve in the morning and from two until four in the afternoon, Sundays are excepted, the door is always open to the public. Dr. Smith invites inspection and visitors will always find courtesy and hospitality awaiting them.

Mr. Carl Ariani, from Seattle, is visiting the H. E. Polsals for a month.

Miss Elma Weller's last public recital will be given on the twenty-third of June. Announcement of place later; and the children will be presented in her studio, 695 Liberty street on the twenty-eighth of June.

Cards have been issued by Mrs. H. H. Olinger and Mrs. George G. Brown for Wednesday afternoon at Mrs. Olinger's home on Mill street. Miss Brown is the honor guest for the afternoon.

Miss Florence Hofer is visiting this week in Portland, the house guest of Mrs. G. C. Mourer and of friends from Des Moines, Iowa; next week there will be a visit to Vancouver before returning to Salem.

Mrs. J. A. Pooler opened her home at Chemeketa and Fifteenth streets Wednesday afternoon from two until five o'clock for the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church. The entertainment being a Japanese tea, in the dining room were elaborate decorations of white lattice work covering windows and across corners, twined with sweet brier and hung with lanterns and wind bells. The scheme was carried out in furniture, table settings, brace-a-brac and costumes. Maxine Buren in Japanese kimono parasol and fan, with black hair arranged in mode of that people and ornamented with tiny fans, met guests at the door. In similar costumes Mrs. Max O. Buren and Mrs. Birdsall served sandwiches, cakes and tea. Adding to the afternoon's pleasure, Miss Gertrude Erickson gave two vocal numbers, Mrs. Brandom, a reading; Miss Winona, Savage, in Japanese costume, gave a reading; Dorothy and Ruth Smith sang accompanied by their sister, Janette. The proceeds from this successful entertainment will help swell the new pipe organ fund.

Graduating exercises of the Kimball college of theology were held last Wednesday evening in the First Methodist church which was most beautifully decorated in masses of flowers combined with royal purple and white Kimball College pennants. Reverend H. S. Wilkinson, of Eu-

gene delivered the baccalaureate sermon, a splendid guidance and advice for the five young men leaving their alma mater. The charge to the class by Dean Kimball was full of inspiration and courage giving thoughts. In the program for this event was: Professional march.....Smart Professor T. S. Roberts

Dean Henry D. Kimball, D. D. Vocal solo....."The Coquette" Miss Irma Shumway Baccalaureate address.....Rev. H. S. Wilkinson, D. D. Eugene. Charge to graduating class and presentation of diplomas.....Dean Henry D. Kimball, D. D. Prayer and benediction.....Reverend H. S. Roberts, Stebbins Professor T. S. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Watson were in Portland this week for the Rose Festival.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick S. Stewart who have been in New York City for the past two months, arrived home last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. George J. Pearce spent the week in Portland with friends, for the rose show.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Simeral, with their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Simeral, are week end guests of relatives in Newport.

Last Tuesday evening about forty members of the high school Glee club went four miles up the old channel of Willamette river, where a perfect location for picnic joys was found. Canoes were carried, giving an opportunity for delightful river trips. An immense bonfire was built around which the crowd gathered, toasting marshmallows, playing games and singing old college songs. The return by the light of the moon ended the happy affair.

Miss Margaret Schrieber asked twenty-five girl friends to her home on Division and Water streets last Saturday afternoon for a picnic. The lawn slopes to the bank of Willamette river and here games, dancing and all sorts of hilarity made joyous entertainment. Rounding out the afternoon was a fine picnic lunch served on the lawn.

A special program under direction of Dean Mendenhall will be given by Willamette University Glee club and the Ladies' club tomorrow night at service in the First Methodist church.

Mrs. William O. Bechtel has issued invitations for the marriage of her daughter, Mary, to Mr. Charles Collier in Patrick on Saturday evening, June the seventeenth, one thousand nine hundred and eleven at half past eight o'clock, 411 North Seventh street, Hiawatha, Kansas. Mr. Patrick is well known in Salem; his cousin, Laurence Hofer, will act as best man. The young couple will be at home in Portland, Oregon, after August first.

Following is the program for commencement week at Willamette University, beginning with Sunday:

June 11—Sunday, 11:30 a. m., baccalaureate sermon by Dr. Fletcher Homan, president of Willamette; 3 p. m., farewell meeting of the Christian associations; 8 p. m., address to the Christian association by Rev. Henry Marcotte, of the Westminster Presbyterian church, Portland.

June 12—Reception in honor of the trustees of Willamette of 1853 at the Marlon hotel from 3 to 5 p. m., by President and Mrs. Homan and resident graduates. Invitations have been issued to former graduates and friends of the university; 5 p. m., intersociety oratorical contest between the Philodorian, Philodorian, Websterians and Adelantans. Miss Mary Hammond, in charge of the physical direction of Willamette women, will give an exhibition of her work in connection with the event.

July 13—10 a. m., meeting of the board of trustees of Willamette in Eaton hall; 8 p. m., graduating recital of the college of music in the chapel of the university.

June 14—2:30 p. m., alumni business meeting in the chapel; 7:30 p. m., alumni reception and banquet at the Marlon hotel.

June 15—2:30 p. m., class day exercises of the seniors of the college of liberal arts on the campus if weather is fair; 8 p. m., commencement exercises of the college of liberal arts of Willamette university in the First Methodist church with an address by Rev. Dr. Young, of Portland.

Entertaining for her mother, Mrs. Ryder, Mrs. B. P. Taylor invited the sewing society of the Woman's Relief Corps to her home on Asylum avenue last week, Thursday. About thirty members accepted the invitation and spent most pleasant afternoon which closed with serving dainty refreshments. Mrs. Ryder, the oldest member of Sedgwick Woman's Relief Corps number one, is greatly loved by all who know her.

Honoring her guest, Mrs. Watson Townsend, Mrs. George Shaw entertained about fifteen friends with a thimble bee in rose bedecked rooms, last Tuesday. A five minute button hole contest was a feature of the afternoon and in this needlework Mrs. Townsend was awarded first prize and Mrs. Miller second. The gifts were a book and a dainty accessory for the work basket. Mrs. Polsal assisted with serving lovely refreshments.

A crowd of high school seniors went over to Polk county in a hay rack this afternoon for a picnic.

The commencement exercises of Sacred Heart academy will be held Wednesday, June the fourteenth, in Grand Opera house at eight o'clock.

The graduating program of the senior class in the College of Music, will be given Tuesday, June the thirteenth in First Methodist church at eight o'clock.

The following graduates will receive diplomas this time: Miss Joy Turner, piano; Miss Marguerite Mers and Miss Irma Shumway, voice; Miss Turner will play the concerto in D minor by Mendelssohn, and the Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 2, by Liszt. Miss Mers will sing Chanson Provencale by Della Acqua. Nymphs and

Fauns by Bemberg and "Heaven Hath Shed a Tear," by Kucken. Miss Shumway will sing the Staccato Polka by Mulder, Schlummerlied by Matter, and "The Indian Bell Song" by Delibes.

Twenty-five members of the Woman's Relief Corps Sewing society met with Mrs. Frederick S. Simeral last Thursday. The afternoon was taken up with the society's work, instrumental and vocal music. Flags and flowers in the same colorings were used for decorating and carried out in the refreshments; the ice cream being frozen with stripes of the national colors. Mrs. S. F. Anderson assisted the hostess.

Governor West and convicts of state penitentiary from their amusement fund, paid for admissions that gave every boy of the industrial school an afternoon under the Sells-Floto circus tent.

Mr. Carl Gabrielson was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Krause in Portland and attended the Portland Academy hop.

Mr. and Mrs. John Albert are in Portland this week.

Next Tuesday afternoon from three until five, Miss Mabel Lantz will compliment Miss Ferrell Magers, a bride-elect, with a going away shower.

Mrs. Frederick Bynon and her son, Allen, are in Portland for the week end.

Twenty members were present at first anniversary of the organization of Orange club last Wednesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward. The club pennants combined with orange colored flowers and pillows were used in profusion. During the evening solos were given by Mrs. Rox Neal, Mr. Nolan and little Francis Ward. At the business session the officers elected were Horace Brodie, president; Mrs. R. W. Simeral, vice president; Mrs. David Wright, secretary and Mr. Jay Reynolds, treasurer. The evening closed with refreshments and singing of old college songs.

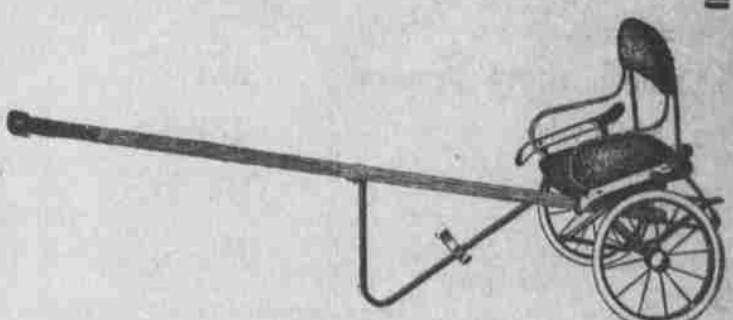
Superintendent E. S. Tillinghast is making life pleasant these days for the mute children. Last Sunday they were taken to the fair grounds to witness Mr. Ely's maneuvers with his airship, on Tuesday were given a

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