

# SOCIETY

BY MOLLIE RUNCORN.

The past week has been well filled with formal, and informal affairs. The presentation of the Cantabrig Pilgrims, at the Grand Opera House being the event of most interest in the Thespian line. General interest centered around the May Day festivities, those at Willamette University being pre-eminent. The Annual May Day Dancing party at the Armory was unquestionably the most brilliant affair socially but many other smaller functions have added to the week's gaiety.

The faultless weather is accentuating many delightful motoring parties, and from now on these parties will undoubtedly eclipse all indoors affairs.

Last night in the spacious hall room of the Armory beautifully decorated for the occasion occurred the annual May Day dance given by Mrs. Joseph A. Benjamin (Louise Crouse).

The color effect of pink, white and green made a lovely background for the exquisite gowns. Pink globes shaded the myriad electric lights, and sprays of roses of the same hue were gracefully entwined on the larger globes and on cleverly constructed lattice work done in green which was placed around the balcony and punch booth. Tall pedestals of green, bore immense May baskets filled with ferns, white wisteria and roses.

Miss Irene Curtis, and Miss Bernice Craig presided at the punch booth, and also distributed programs from flower-decked baskets to the seventy-five couples during the grand march, which was led by Miss Greta Fortmiller, of Albany, and Mr. Ralph Cronise.

A program of eighteen numbers, with extra selections was given consisting of tangos, hesitation waltzes, and the older waltzes and two steps for the more conservative dancers. The Poerres orchestra furnished the music, and between numbers The Pacific University quartet delighted the guests with vocal numbers.

Decorations were under the supervision of Mr. R. W. Little of Willamette University.

Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Bush are home from a delightful two-weeks' trip through California.

A wedding of much interest will take place tonight, when Miss Gayel Kellogg becomes the bride of Mr. Samuel E. Mountain of Portland.

The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Kellogg on South Fourteenth street, only relatives and immediate friends attending. Rev. P. S. Knight will read the service.

Little Juanita McCarter will be flower girl, and Master Jack Bryce, of Portland, will be the ring bearer. There will be no other attendants.

Miss Phyllis Kellogg will play the wedding music from Lohengrin, and Miss Marguerite Flower will sing "O Promise Me", just previous to the ceremony, and "I Hear You Calling Me" while the service is being read.

The bride's gown will be an exquisite creation of lace draped over cream colored satin, with cap to match bearing orange blossoms, sent by friends in California. She will carry an arm bouquet of bride's roses, and lilies of the valley.

Decorations will be in pink and white, roses, ferns, and elematis being used.

A buffet luncheon will be served by Miss Stella Chapel, assisted by Miss Florence Hoffmire.

Out of town guests, who are expected to be present are Mrs. M. E. Mountain, mother of the bridegroom, and his sister Miss Eva Mountain, of

Portland; Mrs. Jack Bryce, Miss Florence Hoffmire, Dr. Arvid Anderson, and Mr. Wm. Lee also of Portland. Mr. F. E. Towley of Harrisburg, Miss Ethel May Mount of Seattle, and Mrs. Dr. Casto, a sister of Mr. Mountain, of California.

Miss Kellogg is a popular girl attractive of face and of manner and is a musician of much ability, having pleased many Salem audiences with her voice and as a piano accompanist.

Mr. Mountain is connected with the California Fruit Canners Association and at present is located in Salem.

Until his assignment elsewhere they will be at home in a beautiful new bungalow on Center street.

On Friday Evening, May 8th, at 8 p. m., the Parent-Teacher Association of the East school will present the following program, to which the public is cordially invited. A small admission fee will be charged. The proceeds going to purchase a stereopticon for use in the school.

**"Anvil Chorus"** ..... Victrola Song  
**"Story of the Jack o' Lantern"** ..... Primary Grade  
Pupils of the Sixth Grade  
Piano Solo, "May Has Come"  
..... Francis Hodge  
Reading ..... Miss I. B. Davis  
Piano Solo ..... Harry Mills  
Whistling Solo ..... Miss LaMoine Clark  
Vocal Solo ..... Mr. R. B. Jones  
Life in the Canal Zone ..... Mrs. Elliott  
Views ..... Stereopticon  
America and Star Spangled Banner, Chimes ..... Victrola

The girls of the Haysville Sunday school were hostesses at a May Day evening party, entertaining about sixty young people.

Mrs. E. E. Cooper, assisted by her house guest Miss Carrie Jane Gray, of Seattle, Wash., entertained for Mrs. Geo. Beatty, Friday afternoon, at her home on North Twenty-third street.

Guests were: Mrs. Geo. Beatty, Mrs. T. W. Dorneman, Mrs. P. Champlin, Mrs. J. Bauman, Mrs. G. L. Snyder, Mrs. J. H. Olinger, Mrs. Benjamin Roehlein, Mrs. Crawford Moore, Mrs. F. H. Shideck, Mrs. Walden Miller, Mrs. Geo. Vieska, Mrs. Walter Goss, Mrs. Wm. Buck, Mrs. Fred Ryder, and Miss Gray.

Mrs. Harry Wenderoth entertained the "La Conder" club, Friday afternoon. Miss Florence Cauthorn was a special guest. Mrs. Wenderoth was assisted by Mrs. Seymour Skiff.

Mrs. Chester Cox will be the club's next hostess.

Mrs. R. S. Nelson and Mrs. C. E. Fuller were joint hostesses for the Wide Awake club, Thursday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Nelson on Statesman street. Eleven of the twelve members were present. Guests for the afternoon were Mrs. Geo. E. Eyre, and Mrs. Mary Nelson.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. P. Michelson on South Fourteenth street.

The Rebeccas gave a social Monday evening at their hall. The committee consisting of Mrs. A. Cummings, Mrs. P. H. Hubbard and Miss Camilla Calhoun deserve much credit for the splen-

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did entertainment. After a short musical program some very clever and novel games were introduced followed by refreshments.

The program follows: Quintette—Mrs. Waters, Mrs. Simeral, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Benedict, Miss Holcomb.

Reading ..... Miss Clara Mosher  
Whistling Solo ..... Miss Clark

On the twenty-ninth of this month, at the First Presbyterian church, six young women will be graduated as nurses, from the Salem Hospital, under the superintendence of Miss Lillian McNary. They are: Miss Ruth Watson, Miss Clara Kirshen, Miss Veda Erickson, Miss Laura Humphrey, Miss Anna Humphrey, and Miss Ella Hearing.

Pictures were taken recently at the Trover studio of the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harris, Argye Greta, and also of Edward Alfred, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gregory, and when finished will be sent to San Francisco, to be placed on exhibition in the Temple of Childhood at the Panama exposition.

Mrs. L. F. Griffith is entertaining her aunt, Miss Anna Metzchan, of Tacoma, Wash., and her sister, Mrs. Geo. Cattanauch, of Cayona City, Ore.

Catherine Irene, the little daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Winter, will be one of the Salem representatives in the Temple of Childhood at the Panama exposition in San Francisco. She is 20 months old, and scored 99 3-10 per cent at the Eugene contest held in Salem last fall.

The Ladies' Aid society of the United Evangelical church met Wednesday with Mrs. Grant on North Winter street. Next week's meeting will be with Mrs. Evans.

Russell B. Fields and G. W. Burres have demonstrated their faith in the growth and development of the University of Oregon by opening a confectionery store, "The Students' Shop," at Eleventh and Alder streets, near the university. They will cater principally to students. Both are well known in Salem, Mr. Fields being the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Fields, a graduate of the Salem high school. He is a first year student at U. of O. and a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. Mr. Burres was head candy-maker with the Bell confectionery store during his residence here.

Miss Greta Fortmiller is the guest of the T. J. Cronises, coming up to attend the May Day dancing party at the Armory last night.

Miss Florence Hoffmire, of Portland, the guest of Mrs. J. A. Benjamin was an out of town attendant at the Armory dance last night. She expects to remain until next Tuesday.

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## Daddy's Bedtime Story

Marion's Fern Garden Flourished In the Spring.

DADDY thought there was nothing nicer for children to be interested in than flowers. To be sure, Jack and Evelyn were devoted to them. Now that the nice spring weather had come, they spent hours every day roaming in the woods and fields getting all kinds of lovely flowers. These they would arrange themselves, and they always had one especially beautiful or rare bunch for the desk in daddy's study.

"You know I have a splendid idea for you children," said daddy one evening.

"What is it?" cried both the children. "Do tell us about it!"

"Well," continued daddy, "I once heard of a little girl named Marion whose greatest pride was her fern garden, or 'ferniery,' as she called it."

"Oh, couldn't we have a fern garden?" asked Evelyn right away.

"I am so glad you are interested in my idea," said daddy. "for a fernery is just the thing for you and Jack to have, I think, and you will find it is a great joy, for every year the ferns will come up again. You can take that nice little shady bed under the lilac trees in the garden, and then I will tell you the way Marion arranged hers."

"I think ferns are lovely," said Jack, "and I can dig big holes to put the roots in, so they'll be sure to live."

"That's the way," said daddy. "I see you know just what ferns need. And now to tell you more about Marion's fernery:

"Marion had a little shady bed, much the same as the one you two children are to have. Every spring at just about this time she would go into the woods with a trowel and basket and pick out the loveliest ferns. These she would carry home in her basket. Then in the shady afternoon she would go to her fernery with a watering pot. First she would dig a little hole, and then she would put some water in it to see that the roots of the fern got plenty of moisture, for that is what ferns love. Then she would put the root of the fern in the hole and put soft earth firmly around it. After she had planted her ferns she watered them some more, for she was very careful that her ferns should be planted just right, and that is why she had such good luck with them."

"Every spring she would add to her fernery, and the ferns that she had planted the year before came up more beautifully than ever."

"She would get interesting looking rocks and stones and put them between ferns here and there in the little fernery. It was very delightful to see the plants come up in the spring and then go to the woods and get some more beautiful ones. She was very particular, you may be sure, to get nice young ones, for they are the best to transplant."

"We'll start ours tomorrow, won't we, Jack?" said Evelyn.

## "LIBERTY" IS ANSWERED

J. H. ALBERT TAKES ISSUE WITH COMMUNICATION IN LAST NIGHT'S JOURNAL.

To the Editor:—Referring to a criticism in last night's Journal of my views of the good roads measure signed "Liberty," I realize that the man behind the blind has the advantage. I do not know who "Liberty" is, but evidently he is not a lawyer—neither a schoolmaster—unless your printer's shop is short on l's, and long on s's. If he were a lawyer he would know that words are qualified by the context. The word authorized with the context as used in the section 20 of the road law as quoted by him, is mandatory, and the officer is required to perform the act therein authorized just as the word may when used in reference to an official act means must.

Quoting from "Liberty": "The fact is, under the law the county treasurer may loan all, a portion or none of the redemption fund on first mortgage on real estate."

This is not correct. His plain duty is to loan first on real estate, if there are lawful applications for such loan on file. When no such applications are on file to loan to banks for specified time at best rates obtainable, not less than 3 per cent on the required security.

Again: "The Salem banker did not tell us what disposition would be made of the redemption fund while in process of accumulation beginning with the fourth year after the bonds are sold, should the county treasurer decide not to loan any or all of the money so collected during the life of the bonds."

Fortunately, the law is quite clear on this matter, which I shall quote: "The county treasurer of any county within this state is hereby authorized to deposit any funds coming into his hands, for the purpose of redeeming road bonds, issued under the provisions of this act, in any bank, doing business within the state." Section 2: "No treasurer shall deposit at any one time in any one bank more than 20 per cent of the road bond redemption fund money in his hands available for such deposit, and it shall be his duty to distribute the funds equitably, as far as possible among solvent and substantial applicants within the county."

I did not quote the law in my review of the measure. "Liberty" pretends to do so, but garbles it, as I will show presently, by recurring to the above quotation: First, if the treasurer refused to perform his duty our county court, through the district attorney, would compel him to comply with the law; if not, the people would probably let him out at the end of the second year of the 17 years of the life of the bonds.

His first quotation above is the first clause of section 20. The rest of the section reads:

"Provided, that at or before the date of such deposit the bank receiving the same shall furnish to such officer as security for moneys so deposited, bonds of the United States of America, or of the State of Oregon, or of any county, municipality, or school district within said state, and said county shall be responsible for the safekeeping and return thereof. Any of the bonds so deposited may be exchanged or return to the depositor thereof at any time upon delivery to the county treasurer of a like sum of other bonds of the kind authorized to be deposited hereunder. All securities offered as security for deposits by any county treasurer shall be approved by the county court of the county. The market value of such security to be at least 10 per cent in excess of the amount of such deposit. Whenever there are sufficient funds on hand in the bond redemption fund, the county treasurer, with the approval of the county court, is hereby authorized to loan any moneys in the bond redemption fund, secured by first mortgage

on improved real estate within the county at 6 per cent interest per annum. All applications for loans under this act shall be made in writing, to the county treasurer, which application shall state the amount of the loan applied and the security offered, and all such applications shall be numbered consecutively as received, and passed upon by the county court, which court shall require an abstract of title of property and a written opinion from the district attorney of the county concerning the validity of the title of the lands offered as security, and the county court may authorize or reject the loan. No loan shall be made in excess of 50 per cent of the assessed valuation of the property offered as security. No expense shall be incurred by the county in loaning any such funds."

Then follows section 21: "Moneys so deposited and which have not been loaned under section 20 of this act shall be subject to call except that with the approval of the county court moneys may be deposited for a specified time, which length of time shall be approved by the county court of the county, and the bank of deposit shall pay interest thereon at a rate that may be agreed upon between the bank and the county treasurer and approved by the county court; provided, that such interest shall not be less than 3 per cent per annum on the monthly balances as shown by the books of the bank. All of said interest to be credited by the said treasurer to the road bond redemption fund of the county."

"No deposit shall be made in any one bank which shall exceed 50 per cent of the paid-up capital and surplus of said bank, and at the time of making application for such deposit said bank shall furnish to the officer to whom such application is made a statement of the bank's resources and liabilities, together with a certificate signed by some one of the officers of said bank, verified under oath that the bank has been examined within the past six months by the national bank examiner of the district or by the state bank examiner of the state, according as the bank may be national or state bank, and, if the treasurer is not satisfied therewith, he shall have authority to cause a special examination to be made and it shall be discretionary with such treasurer to grant or refuse any application for such deposit."

The section 23 quoted by him does not qualify section 20, the first clause of which he has quoted, but the subsequent sections which provide for time loans to banks where there is no demand for real estate loans.

Again quoting from "Liberty": "Mr. Albert also further failed to state that it is discretionary with the county court and treasurer whether they will permit the entire fund to remain in the banks without drawing any interest up to the time of the maturity of the bonds 20 years hence. He also failed to note that these county officials may loan any or all of the redemption fund to the banks as low

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as 3 per cent, while outside borrowers on real estate security must pay 6 per cent, together with all expense incident to making the loan."

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Now, this is mere quibbling, based upon the assumption that our county courts and treasurers for the next 20 years will be recreant to duty. His sinistrous insinuation is mere humbug.

To recapitulate: The manifest intention of the legislature was to loan the sinking fund as it accumulates on 6 per cent real estate mortgages, as the state school

fund is loaned, and keep it so invested, but when there was no demand for it for such loans to authorize the treasurer and county court to loan it to the bank or banks in the state at best rates obtainable but not less than 3 per cent per annum. As it will be over three years before there is anything in the sinking fund, the law can be amended if necessary to remedy its faults if any be found in the meantime. It has been shown that these roads can be built and fully paid for, interest and principal, in 20 years, with an average annual levy of less than one mill. That is, one dollar on the \$1,000 of your assessment, while the annual levy to maintain and repair these same roads is nearly twice as much.  
 J. H. ALBERT.  
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