

Social and Personal Notes

By Mollie Runcorn

SCORES of smartly attired club and society women filled the handsome dining-room of the Hotel Marion Saturday, guests at the Salem Women's Club annual breakfast.

The bride was most attractive in a simple white frock of crepe de chine. She carried white carnations, which were caught after the ceremony by Miss Lucy Nichols.

Mendelssohn's wedding march was played by Miss Remoh Evans, the bride's only sister.

Miss Evans has lived near Salem all her life. She attended school in Salem and for the past five years has taught school in Scio, where she is very popular.

Mr. Arnold is a prosperous young farmer. He is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Arnold, of Scio, who are pioneer residents of that locality.

Those present at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Ethel Arnold of Scio, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark, John Clark, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nichols, Miss Lucy Nichols, Madison and Cass Nichols, Mrs. Don DeLong of Salem, Mr. E. Schweining of Corvallis, Arthur Schultz, Miss Eva Evans, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Evans, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cook of Salem.

Miss Aetna and Miss Esther Emmel were the inspiration for a beautifully appointed tea Saturday afternoon, given by their sister, Mrs. F. H. Thompson, at her home on North Twenty-first street.

Prof. Doro spent Tuesday in Albany on business. Mrs. S. E. Bruce spent Tuesday in Salem with friends.

Mrs. N. Harper spent last week visiting friends in Chemawa. Miss Nellie Hays is visiting her uncle at Union this week.

Walter Weggenroth, of Donald, spent Saturday in Woodburn on business. Dr. C. J. Smith, democratic nominee for governor, spent Wednesday with Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Chapman.

Dr. Fleener, of Joseph, Oregon, arrived here the latter part of the week and will practice medicine here so he can be with his family.

Misses Aetha and Hazel Bitney entertained a number of girl friends at their home Monday. The evening was spent in playing 500. Miss Ethel Bonney received first prize. The consolation fell to Miss Della Beck. Lunch was served by the Misses Bitneys assisted by Misses Nell Binkley and Ethel Bonney.

The members of the freshmen class held a party Friday evening in the C. O. F. hall. The evening was spent in playing games, after which lunch was served by Orfa Broyles, Helen Wagerman and Miss Gladys Binkley who acted as chaperon.

HOLLAND IS PLACED BETWEEN TWO FIRES. Whatever She Does Almost Certain to Arouse Enmity of One Side. (By J. W. T. Mason, former London correspondent for United Press.)

New York, Oct. 12.—There is little probability that Germany will secure Holland's consent to the Kaiser's use of the mouth of the Scheldt in order to make Antwerp a Teutonic naval port.

From Antwerp to the northwestward for about 12 miles the stream flows through Belgium. Thence, to the North Sea, about 30 more miles, its banks are Dutch. Acquiescence in the stream's navigation by the Germans would spell disaster for the people of Holland.

Should the Germans use the Scheldt's mouth without Dutch consent, the allies' most certain ally would be lost. Queen Wilhelmina direct her army to resort to force in defending Holland's neutrality. In case she refused they might either declare war against the Dutch or insist on the temporary use of Dutch territory by their own troops to checkmate the Kaiser's strategy.

The Dutch against their inclinations, for they might have turned a pretty penny by German patronage, consented to prevent the passage of contraband through their territory by establishing martial law along their eastern frontier.

There is a chance, however, that the Kaiser may not consider the stream's mouth of sufficient value to him to pay for the complications its use would involve. Because of its nearness to the British coast it might be a better base than Wilhelmshaven for submarine raids, and it also would be an excellent refuge for his torpedo boats, but otherwise its offensive naval possibilities are not important at the present stage of the war.

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WOODBURN NEWS OF PAST WEEK

(Capital Journal Special-Service) Woodburn, Ore., Oct. 11.—Miss Lake Fleener returned this week from Eastern Oregon after three months' visit with her father.

Mrs. L. M. Bitney spent several days this week as the guest of Mrs. B. F. Randall of Salem.

Miss Nellie Binkley spent Saturday in Portland with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Gilles, of Monitor, motored to Woodburn Saturday and spent the day with friends.

Alex Prevoist, of Portland, spent several days this week with his father A. L. Prevoist, who has been quite ill the past week.

Mrs. E. Whitehead was surprised last week by a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Putnam, of Grants Pass, but formerly of Sparta, Wis., where Mrs. Whitehead formerly lived before coming to Oregon.

Miss Ester Plank returned to Corvallis this week where she will attend college.

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POOR WELLS FARGO CAN'T PAY ITS TAXES

Contending that the parcel post law has cut disastrous inroads in their revenues and has forced some express companies into bankruptcy since it became effect and in operation, counsel for the Wells Fargo Express company, headed by Chief Attorney Marx, of New York City, who is on the coast in the interests of the company's business, appeared before the state tax commission Saturday morning and pleaded for a readjustment of the basis of assessment and taxation of the company's annual gross receipts and properties.

It has been the custom of the tax commission in the past to fix as a basis the amount of tax upon the gross receipts of public corporations of this character six per cent of the average of gross earnings for a period of five years past. The company says that this custom works an injustice upon the express companies for the reason that their volume of business has fallen off very greatly since the parcel post came into operation and that the tax commission should use as a basis for taxation the gross receipts of the five years since the parcel post law went into effect, rather than the five years previous thereto.

The only investment in real estate securities which the company has made in Oregon, so far as could be gleaned from the report, is that of the hands-me office building in Portland, which is rated at a book value of \$758,971.84, the income from which is \$50,842.49 per annum and the amount of taxes paid upon it in 1914 was \$11,333.50.

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Daddy's Bedtime Story The Dog Who Wouldn't Leave Her Puppies. JACK and Evelyn both were devoted to dogs, and daddy always was sure that a story about a dog would please the children. "I have to tell you this evening," said daddy, "a very funny story about a dog who had five most beautiful little puppies. They were very black and white puppies, and their mother was so proud of them. Now, her master was moving away to another place, and a new man had bought his home. This person seemed, to the dog's master, like a very nice kind man. Immediately he seemed to take a great fancy to the puppies and their mother. So their master suggested that he should keep the dogs, for he was moving to a village ten miles away and had to go over very rough roads. He decided that the trip would be very bad for the mother dog and the puppies. "Dogs are very loyal to the first person they love and who cares for them. It is very seldom that a dog is happy with another master when the first one has been good to him. "The master pretended to the dog that he was just going for a walk and said goodly as usual, or rather, he tried to. "But the dog knew that her master was sad, and she had noticed the other man about the place. She knew something was the matter, and as soon as her master started off she set up the most pathetic wail. "The next day toward evening as the master was sitting in his new home a little whimper which sounded most familiar greeted his ears. "Where could it come from? he thought. He opened the door, and there stood his dog looking so tired and worn. She snuggled down by him, for she was so tired she couldn't jump up, as was her custom. But after a moment or two of petting she gave all the signs, which meant he was to follow her, and outside under a vine on the stoop of the house were the five little puppies, for she had not been able to leave them behind. "You poor, loyal, tired doggie! said her master. "You and your precious puppies will never be left again! The dog understood perfectly that she was welcomed with her family and that she would never be given to another master. "But in the meantime the telephone rang, and the other man telephoned to say that after her master had left the night before the dog had commenced her journey after him, each trip taking a puppy with her. The people along the road had seen this from their windows and didn't know what it could mean until the man explained that she must have gone back to her master. "When the master heard this he was more touched than ever and told the man that, after all, he would keep his dogs."

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