Portland Rose Festival Attracts Many Salem Visitors

ANNUAL ROSE SHOW IS CENTER OF ATTRACTION AND SALEM SOCIETY RESTS

The Little Love God Refused to Be Entirely Overlooked, However, And to Hold His Position. Arranged Several Interesting Nuptials for the Week—Ancient Marriage Customs Retold—Most of Details of Present Day Ceremonies Have Superstitious Origin.

By MOLLIE RUNCORN

WHEN the June bride of 1915 plights her troth according to the prescribed Protestant service, she will be repeating practically the same vows that the maids of Richard the Second's time took when they repeated after the proper official:

"Ich M. take the N. to my weddid husbond, to haven and to holden, for fayrere, for fouler, for bettur, for wors, for richer for porer, in seknesse and in hetih, for thys time forward, til dethe us departe, thif holi-chirch will it orden; and therto iche plith the my treuthe."

The study of ancient marriage ceremonies is a most interesting occupation and at this time when all is "marrying and giving in marriage" some of them are consistently worthy of occupying a conspicuous place on the society page.

The ancient Etruscans, we are told, were married in the streets, just before the door of the house or church, which were opened following the service. This custom seemed to have prevailed for a long time, history relating the marriage of Edward I to Margaret, sister of the king of France, at the door of Canterbury cathedral in 1299, and other nuptials up to the reign of Edward VI.

Marriage ceremonies previous to this time were, for the greater part, mere verbal contracts, and differed in various lands.

In the Greek church today the marriage ritual is more elaborate than in any other Christian denomination, plans and rehearsals for which must be in shape several weeks previous.

In Brazil a couple may be married by drinking brandy together; in Japan by so many cups of wine; in Russia and Scandinavia it used to be one cup for both. The simple joining of hands originating among the Romans, and practiced among the Hindoos is also common to other parts of the world. In Scotland the marriage ceremony is called "hand fasting," and is supposed to have been introduced by the early Danes. In Australia a woman carries fire to her lover's hut, and makes a fire for him. The Jewish ceremony is perhaps the most picturesque, the nuptial pair sipping a cup of consecrated wine. The rabbi then makes an address, closing by taking a glass of wine in his hand and pronouncing the seven prescribed benedictions. Again the bride and bridegroom taste the beverage, after which the latter places the cup on the floor, crushing it into atoms as a symbol that the marriage is to last until the fragments can be united.

The wedding ring, bride cake, bride favours, bridesmaids, bridegroom men, as the best man, was formerly called, and the superstitious customs of strewing flowers along the bridal pathway and the part which gloves and shoes play at weddings, are all most antiquated ideas, and have in many instances changed considerably in their significance since their introduction.

Rings were used anciently to bind practically all contracts, agreements and grants and this is probably the reason that they have continued to be employed in this more sacred ritual.

The bride cake was formerly of wheat and barley, and the original custom of using it is still retained in Yorkshire. Here it is cut into small pieces, which are thrown over the bride's and bridegroom's heads and afterwards passed through the ring nine times. The pieces are then distributed among the guests to be placed beneath the possessers pillows to inspire romantic dreams, the latter custom remaining in vogue today.

In modern times the wedding ring is placed upon the fourth finger, to remain there, but in the early English missals the ring is directed to be put first upon the thumb, then on the second, third and lastly on the fourth finger. The hand on which it was to be worn was not mentioned.

The use of bridesmaids dates back to the Anglo-Saxons, and in early times it was their place to lead the bridegroom to the church, the bridegroom's men conducting the bride.

The best man was at one time known as brideknight, and is said to have established his position, when he first lent his assistance to the cave man in capturing his bride.

The early Romans had a prety custom of having children precede the bride, bearing a torch of white thorn in honor of Ceres, the flower girl and ring bearer of today, no doubt, taking in a way this small person's place.

The present day custom of strewing rose petals and flowers down the bridal aisle, no doubt is derived from the ancient practice of scattering laurel leaves and blossoms over the threshold of the newly married couple.

Drinking wine at weddings was another custom quite universally observed at one time. Shakespeare in his "Taming of the Shrew," telling us of "Petruchio," who called for wine at the wedding feast, pledged a health, and having quaffed musendal, throws the remainder in the sexton's face. This latter incident was not part of the ceremony, however.

WITH the Rose Festival occupying the attention of everyone, the absence of social activity during the past week is easily explained. This event and been as eagerly awaited by local folk as it had by Portland residents, and the rain undoubtedly dampened the ardor of the former more than it did that of the latter, Salem visitors for the most part planning on attending the event by motor. The Capital city was well represented, probably as largely as ever, and those who did go are returning as enthusiastic as in previous years. The Cherrians and their ladies occupied a conspicuous place in the week's festivities, and were honored with the presence of Queen Sibyl, her escorts and maids at their banquet at the Hotel Multnomah last night. Mrs. Hallie Parrish Hinges was asked to be the soloist at this event, and was accompanied in her numbers by the Cherrian band. Among those present at the banquet were: Governor Withycombe, Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. William Burghardt, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Catlin, Mr. and Mrs. John Cauguill, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Deckabach, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Dick, Mr. and Mrs. W. Connell Dyer, Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Epley, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Eyre, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Houston, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. August Huckestein, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Kay, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Knowland, Rev. and Mrs. Harry E. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Milton L. Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. E. Cooke Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Hal D. Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Z. J. Riggs, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Pomeroy, Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Pound, Mr. and Mrs. George Riches, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Shipley, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stege, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Waters, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Mosher, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Allison, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bynon, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Graber, Mrs. Hallie Parrish Hinges, Miss Hinges, Major Carle Abrams, F. S. Barton, T. L. Billingsly, Dr. Prince Byrd, Curtis B. Cross, S. B. Elliott, C. C. Foreman, Carl Gabrielson, C. S. Hamilton, F. K. Lovell, Ralph Moores, Arthur Wilson, Mrs. Carolyn B. Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. Tom R. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Graves, Mr and Mrs. Lilburn M. Boggs, J. L. Stockton, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Watson, Dean Vincent, Mrs. C. C. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Curtis and the Misses Howard.

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A wedding of unusual interest, prominence and charm, although it was very simply and quietly celebrated, was that of Miss Alice Bingham, the only daughter of Judge and Mrs. George G. Bingham to Keith Walker Powell, of Lafayette, which was an event of the mid-week. The bride, who is a strikingly beautiful girl, completed her education at Miss Head's fashionable girls' school in San Francisco and the University of Oregon. She is a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Mr. Powell, a banker of Lafayette, is a Sigma Alpha Epsilon and a graduate of the University of Nebraska. The ceremony took place at 7 o'clock Thursday evening, at the handsome Oak street residence of the bride's parents. There were no attendants, and aside from Miss Emmaline Klein and Miss Hazelle Erixon, who have been Miss Bingham's closest associates since childhood, only relatives were present. The Rev. H. M. Ramsey, rector of St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral, Portland, and a cousin of Miss Bingham, read the impressive lines, the nuptial pair and guests standing in a room bower-like with its decking of roses and delicate greenery. The bridal gown was an exquisite creation of white crepe de meteor, embellished with beautiful silver lace, which formed a bolero and fell from the shoulders in an unbroken drape to the hem of the costume, taking the place of the bridal veil. She carried a great armful of white bride's rosebuds. After the ceremony the couple left for a brief wedding trip south, and after July 1st will be at home in their new residence in Lafayette. Mrs. Powell's going away costume was a smartly tailored suit of brown and silver changeable taffeta, worn with a modish tailored hat in colors to correspond. Out-of-town guests at the wedding included Miss Zayda Hancy and Miss Nellie Ramsey, of Portland, and Walter Kempton, a fraternity brother of Mr. Powell, of Lafayette. The latter's mother, Mrs. Katherine Powell, and his sister, Miss Faith Powell, of Custer, South Dakota, will not come west until later in the summer, when they will be entertained by both the Powells and Binghams, going from here to the exposition.

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Society was surprised and delighted last night when the presence in the city of Mrs. Carolyn B. Shelton, of Washington, D. C., became known. Mrs. Shelton arrived in Portland about the mid-week, and accompanied the Pattons home from the Rose Festival. She will be entertained during her all too brief stay as the house guest of the E. Cooke Pattons, long time friends of hers. The first of the week she goes to eastern Oregon to pass some time with relatives, and her hosts of friends here are rejoicing that she is to be with them following this absence for the greater part of the summer. This is Mrs. Shelton's first visit in Salem in five years, during which time she has been private secretary to Senator Chamberlain in Washington, D. C., following a similar position with Mr. Chamberlain when he was Oregon's governor. Mrs. Shelton has enjoyed many most desirable privileges in Washington, and has made a very large circle of admiring friends. Many social affairs will be given for her upon her return from eastern Oregon. Mrs. Shelton returns to Washington again this fall.

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Mrs. Isaac Lee Patterson, state regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, on Flag day, Monday, June 14, will entertain with a tea at her attractive country home, "Eola-on-the-Hills," for the women of Salem who are forming a chapter in this organization. Invitations have also been extended to eligible members of the D. A. R. in Dallas, McMinnville, Jefferson and Silverton, and numerous motor parties will form for the event. Mrs. N. H. Looney, of Jefferson; Mrs. Henry B. Thielsen, Mrs. Homer Smith and Mrs. C. C. Best will preside at the tea tables, and the following younger matrons and maids will assist them: Mrs. William Connell Dyer, Mrs. Frank Spears, Mrs. C. F. Cridet, of Dallas; Miss Ellen Thielsen, Miss Ola La Moine Clark, Miss Marguerite Looney and Miss Mary Creed Howard.

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Monday evening Mrs. Charles A. Gray made her formal debut as Oregon's hostess at the Panama-Pacific exposition. Invitations had been issued to fair officials, commissioners and visiting Oregonians. Nearly 500 people called in the course of the evening. Assisting Mrs. Gray in receiving from Oregon were Mrs. H. C. Wortman, Mrs. Claude Gatch and Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Clark. The Oregon Agricultural College band furnished music for dancing. The beautiful art studio on the top floor was used as a reception-room, the guests going directly from there to the ballroom adjoining. Refreshments were served in the large reception-room on the first floor, where many lingered to enjoy the huge log fire for which the building is famous. Many Oregon people now in San Francisco were present. It was an evening of delightful reunions for many, and a thoroughly gala event for all. Mrs. Gray serves tea each afternoon, and this delightful custom is bringing together many Oregonians who have not met in years, as well as making an informal social hour each afternoon that is truly charming in the midst of exposition sightseeing. Mrs. Thomas G. Hailey, whose term of office as hostess of the Oregon building at the exposition expired June 1, is now visiting various hostesses on the exposition grounds, having been entertained over the week-end at the Maryland building. Miss Genevieve Hailey is visiting friends in San Francisco. On the evening of June 15, the Oregon day at the exposition, there will be a large reception, with dancing, in the Oregon building. The Oregon Agricultural College band will furnish music, and the great rustic building will add to its delightful woodsy effect with millions of Oregon roses, which the commissioners have arranged to have shipped down. Every one that day will wear an Oregon rose.

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The visit of Miss Helen L. Thomas, national secretary of the Young Woman's Christian association of New York city, was most appreciated. Miss Thomas arrived Tuesday, and left Friday morning, during her stay being entertained as house guest of Mrs. Charles A. Park. Miss Thomas is the head of the educational department of the New York institution and has been an official visitor at the California expositions. Wednesday afternoon, for the pleasure of the distinguished visiter, Mrs. William E. Kirk entertained very informally, asking as guests members of the city board of the association.

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Miss Margaret Gill, instructor in the art department of Willamette university, opened her first formal exhibition of her pupils' work this season today in her studio in the science building of the university. There is muca splendid work to be seen, and a most cordial welcome is to be extended all interested in art during the days of display, which will continue until the commencement exercises Wednesday, June 16.

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Amid the same charming decorative setting used for the reception for Mrs. Thomas G. Winters, of Minneapolis, Minn., Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Chauncey Bishop, as chairman of the membership committee of the Y. W. C. A., entertained the other members of the board, the girls of the various teams in the recent membership campaign and their assistants, Saturday evening. The affair had been happily anticipated by the young people who worked so untiringly for the success of the campaign, and the delightful entertainment furnished made a most appropriate culmination of their previous week's activities. Those present were: Mrs. C. A. Park, Mrs. C. D. Gabrielson, Mrs. F. A. Elliott, Mrs. C. P. Bishop, Mrs. Zader Riggs, Mrs. L. L. Tweedale, Mrs. L. G. Curtis, Mrs. U. G. Shipley, Mrs. Harold Roberts, Mrs. William Kirk, Mary Jane Albert, Alice Borchardt, Velma Blakely, Lenta Baumgartner, Josephine Baumgartner, Maxine Buren, Francis Ward, Thelma Young, Helen Robe, Dorothy Patterson, Prudence Patterson, Eva Miles, Beulah Fox, Margaret Lewis, Frances Hodge, Luella Patton, Bernice Roberts, Maud McCoy, Alice Lupton, Hilda Tillinghast, Elizabeth Dyer, Lois Joy, Frances Cameron, Florence Young, Ruby Wilson, Angie McCollough, Lillian Applegate, Miss Bailey, Miss Warner, Miss Oda Chapman, Miss Marian Talman, Miss Hicks and Miss Caroline Nerod.

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An event which promises to give much pleasure is the evening of song to be given by Miss Greta Phillips, who will be presented by Miss Magers in the latter's studio next Monday evening. The affair will be strictly private, owing to the limited seating capacity of the studio. Miss Anna Rogers Fish will assist with readings and Mrs. Vera Schaupp Frickey will contribute a piano solo, and will also be the accompanist. The program will be as follows:

Purple Lilac ..... Deacon
"Jest Her Way" ..... Aitken
Summer ..... Thomas
Miss Phillips.
A Child's Prayer ..... Harold
"Mammy's Lullaby" ..... Ware
Playmates ..... Tuckfield
Miss Phillips.
Piano solo—Rhapsody No. 8 ..... Liszt
Mrs. Vera Schaupp Frickey.
Mifanwy ..... Forster
Serenade ..... Strauss
Miss Phillips.
Reading "Kitty Clive" ..... F. F. Moore
Mrs. Anna Rogers Fish.
Philosophy ..... Emmell
Spring's Awakening ..... Sanderson
Miss Phillips.

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Mr. and Mrs. William C. Knighton passed the week at the Seward Hotel, Portland. They were entertained extensively during their sojourn, as they are quite as popular socially in Portland as they are locally.

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Dean and Mrs. George H. Alden will hold a reception at their residence on North Seventeenth street next Monday evening honoring the Seniors of Willamette University.

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Next Wednesday, Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Steeves and their children Muriel and Laban will leave in their car for a six or seven week's motor trip through California. They will visit the San Francisco exposition, the Yosemite and Sequoi Parks, Los Angeles and the Grand Canyon of the Colorado. The trip south will follow the Shasta route, the return being made by way of the coast through Crescent City.

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Salem is extending a most cordial welcome to the Henry L. Bensons, who, although Judge Benson has been here as head of the supreme court since last January, is just within the past week becoming permanently domiciled. The Bensons were very popular in their former home, Klamath Falls, and will make a most attractive addition in local social and official circles. Mrs. Benson is a charming and unassuming woman and possesses a pleasing tact and graciousness. They have one daughter, Miss Louise, a most attractive young girl, who, with her mother, remained in Klamath Falls so that she might complete her high school course. She is a graduate this year, and is also a talented musician, a clever pianist, and a vocal student of Mrs. Zummalt.

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Next Tuesday, June 15, has been set aside as the opening date of the public display to be made by the local Photographic Art Association. The exhibit which is the second to be made, will be held in the Public Library, and will continue from Tuesday to the end of the week. The membership has been enlarged since the first display and some unusually excellent pictures are being developed, each member of the association to exhibit three pictures.

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The singing of the Girls and Boys Glee Clubs at the graduation exercises of the High school at the armory was cordially received. Under the direction of Miss Minnetta Magers the voices have been exceptionally well brought out in the brief time in which they have been training, and much is expected of the two organizations in the future. The girls club is made up of sopranos—Grace Farrar, Hazel McGilchrist, Nellie Patterson, Ellen Savage, Gladys Stevens, Lillian Slater, Althea Esch, Lura Minton, Ruth Hollister, Gussie Niles, Vesta Smith, Helen Hogue, Agnes Halsell, second soprano—Tressa Fowle, Hazel Anderson, Dorothy Rauch, Ira Proctor, Madge Geokins, Laura Emmons, Celia Wilson, Merle Dy Rette, Vernita McKinney, Olive Calbeck, Adda Hart. Altos—Francis Goodenough, Doris Lennon, Flora Patterson, Marie Leisey, Ruth Bedford, Arvilla Summerlin, Marybelle Rinehart, Thelma Hays, Ruth Ogg and Phoebe Heath. The boys organization is considerably smaller, including as tenors—Harold Emmel, Harry Mills, Roy Barber, second tenors—Kenneth Aspinwall, Victor Reed. Tillman Perrizo, baritones—Ivan Schomaker, Edward Clark Floyd Tatman, bass—Max Alford, William Sherwood and Theodore Irwin. Miss Dorothy Siensloff played the accompaniments for the numbers, Miss Evelyn De Long presiding at the piano as the graduates took their places.

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The banquet in honor of the students, and faculty of Kimball College, by President and Mrs. H. J. Talbott Wednesday evening, was a delightful departure from the usual annual reception and was most attractive in all its appointments and details. Rev. Mr. Deal, the official visitor appointed by the Idaho conference, was an honor guest, and Mrs. L. F. Steele, daughter of the Talbotts of Portland was another out-of-town guest present. Covers were laid for forty at a large table in the spacious living room of the college, decorated in the class colors of purple and white. Delicately tinted syringa ornamented the appointments of the room, feathery asparagus outlining the table. Bowls of sweet peas in tones of purple shading to white were placed down the center of the board and broad garlands of lavender ribbon were arranged over the cloth. Favors and place cards were in the form of souvenirs—small booklets containing cuts of Kimball College, Dr. Kimball, it founder, two college songs and the official seal. Handsome receptacles filled with La France roses decked the college library where President and Mrs. Talbott received their guests. President Talbott presided as toast master at the banquet. Before the toasts were given Dr. Talbott gave a brief eulogy of Dr. Kimball, Mrs. E. Sherwood reading an original poem in his honor. The toasts were as follows: "A student minister who makes good," by Dr. James Moore; "The Faculty's Ideal," by Dr. Edwin Sherwood; "The Student Ideal," by Milton A. Marey; "The Ideal Under Test," by Dr. Richard N. Avison; "The University's Contribution to Attainment of the Ideal," by Dean George H. Alden; "Has It Been Worth While," by John M. Hixon; "How We Pulled Them Through," by Dr. Hammond. The invitational list included Dean and Mrs. Alden, Dr. and Mrs. Avison, Dr. and Mrs. James Lyle, Dr. Moore, Dr. and Mrs. James Moore, Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Sherwood, Dr. and Mrs. Everett Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Goltra, Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Findley, Rev. Mr. Deal of Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hixon, Mr. and Mrs. Milton A. Marey, Mr. and Mrs. D. Delong, Mr. and Mrs. William Nicholl, Mr. and Mrs. Warrall, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Jasper, Mr. and Mrs. Brewster, Mr. and Mrs. Yarnes, Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Winter, Captain and Mrs. Lorentzen, Mrs. Ida Garrett, Mrs. Luther P. Steele, Miss Ruth Spoor, Miss Mabel Garrett, and Messrs. Hall, Hickerson, Cady, Acheson, Bailey, Gatke, Nicholson, Doxee, Albright and Abel.

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Thursday a party composed of the seven graduates of Sacred Heart academy, Misses Ellen Nolan, Helen Butt, Gertrude Campbell, Gertrude Robison, Caroline O'Connell, Vera Brunk and Ruth Ann Cooper, and Miss Lucile Berndorfner, '14, who will receive her music diploma this week, were royally entertained by Miss Bush at her beautiful home, 420 Mission street. The party was in honor of Miss Ellen Nolan's birthday. The splendid house rang with laughter and music from the moment the young girls entered it until they bade their gracious hostess good-bye. The whole afternoon was like a foretaste of Fairyland or a chapter from one of Scott's romantic novels, and the young people were fully able to appreciate the thoughtfulness of their kind entertainer.

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Mrs. R. P. Bradford entertained the members of the "Rainerskins" Sewing Club with a one o'clock luncheon Wednesday afternoon, at her attractive country home three miles east of Salem, the guests going out in autos. Ferns, roses and French pinks were used as decorations. The afternoon was pleasantly spent with needlework. The club members present besides the hostess, Mrs. G. W. Hobson, Mrs. S. C. Kightlinger, Mrs. O. E. Schafer, Mrs. Victor Bean, Mrs. J. S. Pinnell, Mrs. H. W. Bress, Mrs. D. F. Brunner, Mrs. John Pollock.

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Miss Alice Bingham, the beautiful daughter of Judge and Mrs. George G. Bingham, whose marriage Wednesday to Kieth Walker Powell, of Lafayette, was an event of wide interest.

Miss Joy Turner, of the school of music, Willamette university, who presented her piano and violin pupils in recital Wednesday evening, and small Ross Harris, son of ex-State Printer and Mrs. R. A. Harris, who is one of her most talented pupils. He appeared on Wednesday's program and also played last night at the Yeoman's entertainment.

FLAG DAY RECALLS MANY INTERESTING INCIDENTS IN "OLD GLORY'S" HISTORY

Miss Carol Dibble, Promising Young Local Journalist, Tells Many Interesting Things About the Flag and Flag Day—Also Relates Reminisences Told by Well Known Salem Folk, of Oregon's First Flag and Flag Day Celebrations in Our Own State.

THE following article, dealing with Flag day in Oregon, written especially for The Journal, by Miss Carol Dibble, of 495 North Liberty street, is full of pleasing reminiscences of the flag told by wellknown Salem people. Miss Dibble is a promising young journalist, whose feature and magazine work has attracted favorable notice among literary people. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dibble, who have returned to Salem to again take up their residence after passing several years in Palo Alto, California:

"Mary Antin said in a recent lecture on Immigration, "It all started back in the days of Governor Winthrop;" but we in Oregon say as Flag day draws near, "It all started back on that day at Champoeg." For it was at Champoeg, seventy-two years ago on the second of May that Oregon saw its first, real Flag day. It was not that flag, perhaps, which made its first appearance in a little upholstery shop at 239 Arch street, Philadelphia, kept by Betsy Ross, nor even a like combination of stars and stripes; and some would have it no flag at all; and yet, no one can deny that it was at Champoeg in 1843, that Oregon celebrated Flag day in a way all its own.

"Informal as this meeting was which was to decide whether Oregon should be English or American soil, it had somewhat of the settings of its future commemorations. Today in Salem we assemble on these patriotic occasions in the Armory, and in summer often turn to the cool spaces of Marion Square. At Champoeg the house on the river bank where they met did not have the standing room that the polished floors in our Armory afford, so these frontiersmen adjourned to the outdoors, which, with its glimpses of the Willamette through firs and maples, was not a far call from Marion Square, itself.

"There in accord with the early methods of voting, the Americans took their places on one side, the Canadians on the other. The count was soon made, resulting in fifty for the opposition and fifty-two for the Americans. Then the tall form of Joseph Meek stood out from the crowd, and as he shouted, 'Three cheers for our side,' and swung his hat in the air, he and many others saw not the somber, weather-beaten, felt hat, waving back and forth, but the glowing Stars and Stripes they had left in the East, resurrected in the West. And the first Flag day in Oregon ended.

"And now the hurried, conquering years came and went quickly enough with here and there an unrecorded Flag day that made a bright spot of color for many a lonely settler. Sometimes it was just a scrap of bunting on the ridgepole of a solitary school house, upon the date of a president's inauguration. Again it was the welcome flash of tri-color rising above a gray fort, the signal that the race for safety was won. But whatever the circumstance the flag served to renew the vision and kept them working towards a common end, the upbuilding of their state.

"And when in the year of 1861, the call of patriotism came home to people as it never had before, the flag united interest and aroused fervor. To better attention on the flag gave vent to feelings that would have well nigh burst their bonds, otherwise. So it was that here in Salem, as Mr. D. W. Craig relates, an immense flag pole was erected on Wilson Avenue, then simply called the 'Avenue.' And the small building that stood in the place of the present court house flowed its flag, day in and day out. But blended with the serious purpose was a deal of gayety which Mr. E. A. Thatcher remembers: They took up a subscription and gave a ball in Dallas, and 'after the ball was over,' bought a banner seventy-five feet long. Think of it, a banner seventy-five feet long! Mr. Thatcher's eyes twinkled as he talked. Was it, O, for the banner and ball of yesteday!

"The women, too, felt the longing to be part of the task of tribute breaking forth everywhere. And in a way they came the closest of all to the flag. Mrs. E. C. Small recalls actually helping make one large flag. 'But didn't it take you a long time?' was asked. 'Oh, no, some of us made the stars and some the stripes,' she replied. They pieced the flag together bit by bit, with the reverent touch of a star here and a gentle smoothing of a stripe there. Is it to be wondered that these gray-haired ladies retain the grace and dignity of their decade?

"And Company B, though it never went to the front, did its work at home as faithfully as the regiments of the East did theirs, and stood ready for instant service. Out in Wilson Square, which Mr. W. H. Byars says was open country and but just emerged from a wheat field a few years previous, Company B drilled regularly in that year of '61. And often, marching back from its drilling to its headquarters in the old Mansion House on North Liberty street, a small boy with dark curls would come running out to meet it from the house across the street. Then would Company B hail with delight this eager little chap who skipped down the ranks to the end, where he fell in line and proudly followed the flag—the smallest recruit. Legend has it that the 'smallest recruit' was the dignified Judge P. H. D'Arcy of our own day. But who can say as to legend.

"At last the days of the Civil War passed by and then came the big Flag day at the close. Since that time year by year the flag has come to mean more and more to us, until dissatisfied with scattered Flag days throughout the calendar, we have set aside June the fourteenth and dedicated it solely to the Stars and Stripes of the United States. And on that day, some of us eloquently, some of us silently, but all of us gratefully, will echo William McKinley when he said, 'We all love the flag.'"