Social and Personal

CAROL S. DIBBLE.

No matter how intense discussion waxed at the meeting of the Land Grant Congress today at the state house, the most vital matter of all received its due measure of attention when the first faint pangs of hunger on the part of the members were immediately assuaged by a bevy of girls serving dainty lunches under the charge of the Salem woman's club, Mrs. F. A. Elliott, the president of the Woman's club, and Mrs. W. C. Knigaton, formed the supervising committee who so competently made the act of dining a thing once wished, instantly fulfilled. Luncheon was served in the rotunda during the noon hour by the following young ladies: Miss Margaret Gray, Miss Zesta Cross, Miss Mable Robertson, Elizabeth Lord, Miss Aline Compton. The same committee will also serve lunch tomorrow.

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Mrs. R. C. Cooper, of Carleton, Oregon, has been the guest of Mrs. Harry Rowe at her home on North Eighteenth street for a few weeks.

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Mrs. Ella Jones, of Portland, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Elbert Thompson at her home on Saginaw street. Mrs. Jones is prominent in musical circles in Portland, being on the faculty of the North Western college of Portland.

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Mrs. Jacob A. Rice has returned from a two months' visit at her old home in Iowa. She also visited relatives at Seattle, Tacoma and Portland on her return trip.

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Mrs. Percy Cupper was hostess at a pleasant Kensington this afternoon, complimentary to Mr. Cupper's mother, Mrs. H. A. Cupper, who is visiting here from Eastern Oregon at the Cupper home on North Thirteenth street. The rooms presented a festive appearance, being decorated with quantities of delicate asters and sweet peas. The guests who enjoyed the afternoon were: Mrs. Catlin, Mrs. G. M. Brown, Mrs. Churchill, Mrs. W. H. Steusloff, Miss May Steusloff, Mrs. Eoff, Mrs. Ringo, Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Stinson, Mrs. Batell, Mrs. Luper, Mrs. A. W. Fish, Mrs. Shipley, Mrs. Kuntz.

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Miss Grace Davis, a teacher in the Garfield school, has returned from The Dalles where she has been spending the summer.

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Miss May Steusloff leaves tomorrow for a week's stay at Corvallis, where she will assist at the initiation of new members in her sorority chapter, the Alpha Chi Omega at the Oregon Agricultural college. Miss Dorothy Steusloff will leave Saturday for McMinnville, where she holds a position in the McMinnville schools.

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Master Hugh Norwood, of Salem, has returned from a most enjoyable summer's outing near Pratum, as the guest of Master Edward Rice at the home of his motaer, Mrs. C. S. Rice.

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Miss Doris Churchill is expecting Miss Cora Mortenson, of Portland, to arrive tomorrow as her house guest at the Churchill home on Chemeketa street.

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R. Munroe Gilbert has returned from a week's vacation and sketching trip at Newport. He brought back five or six sketches which he will work over at his leisure. The salt air is in all of them but among several there is always one. And this one is a tumble down house close to a cliff, a pier running seaward, and a fishing boat. The light effects in it well reward study, and the cliff brings a desire to clamber up at once. It has character throughout.

Mrs. W. H. Steusloff and Mrs. U. G. Shipley entertained the Leisure Hour club yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Steusloff on Court street. This was the first meeting of the season and the members of the club passed a delightful afternoon with fancy work and other informal diversions implied by the suggestive and inviting name of the club. The Misses Dorothy and May Steusloff assisted in the serving.

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R. W. Little, the popular decorator in Salem, and his mother, Mrs. Emma Little, have left for California to visit the expositions and later make their permanent residence in Los Angeles.

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William Brown, who with Mrs. Brown has been spending several weeks at Seal Rocks, has returned to Salem. Mrs. Brown will arrive home the latter part of the week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Wells and children, Virginia and Bruce, and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Schultz, of Portland, are being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weller, having come as guests for the Moores-Jones nuptials.

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W. J. DeVallon, of Syracuse, New York, has recently been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Maurer. Mr. DeVallon has been spending two months in Oregon en route from the California expositions.

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Miss Anna Ratcliff, who has been studying for the profession of nursing in Seattle during the past two years, has returned to Salem.

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Mrs. Edwin Adams, of Weesan, Idaho, has arrived in Salem, accompanied by her sons, Wallace and Dean, who will attend Willamette university this year. Mrs. Adams is visiting them for a few days at the boys' club on Chemeketa street.

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PERSONALS

F. Downing, of Lebanon, was in the city yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. E. Mingus, of Marshfield, are in the city.

Postmaster Hugh McLain, of Manrshfield, is in the city today.

Oscar Steelhammer, deputy county assessor, returned yesterday from a visit to San Francisco.

F. L. Pound and wife, who have been visiting in Aumsville the past ten days, will return tomorrow.

Mrs. Al Mishler and children are visiting in Woodburn with Mrs. Mishler's mother, Mrs. M. Wampole.

Mrs. C. W. Emmett and children returned yesterday from an extended visit in San Francisco with her parents.

C. S. Chapman, of the Oregon Forestry department, with headquarters in Portland, was in the city yesterday.

J. C. Campbell, of this city, who has been visiting in Hutchinson, Kansas, is expected to arrive home with his family about the twentieth or this month.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hill and children of Jacksonville, Texas, are here visiting with friends. They are new arrivals in the state, and expect to soon locate on a farm near Springfield.

MRS. MOHR SMILES WHEN COURT CONVENES

Faces Preliminary Examination For Husband's Murder With Confidence

Providence, R. I., Sept. 16.—Smiling confidently beneath her mourning veil, Mrs. Elizabeth Mohr stepped from an automobile today to enter the court where she faced preliminary hearing on a charge of inciting three negroes to murder her husband, Dr. C. Franklin Mohr, as he rode in an automobile along a lonely road outside the city with his girl office assistant.

The cases against Mrs. Mohr and the three negroes, however, were postponed for three weeks, because Emily Burger, the doctor's companion on the night ride, was unable to leave the hospital.

Thre three negroes, charged directly with firing the bullets that killed Mohr and injured the girl, sat manacled and sullen on a bench not far from where the widow was. She seemed not to even know of the presence of the three, whose statements to the police had branded her as the instigator of the death plot.

Considerable pressure has been brought to bear in Mrs. Mohr's case. Hints have been current that prominent society persons were interested in seeing that she never actually came to trial, lest, in retaliation, she tell, as she has threatened, what she knows of criminal operations in Providence.

Jury List For October Term of Court Drawn

The jury list for the October term of the circuit court was drawn and the following men were ordered to report at the court house at 10 a. m., October 4, when the court will be opened in department No. 1 with Judge Percy R. Kelly presiding:

George Laberee, Salem, Ore., No. 3, engineer; I. Greenbaum, Salem, Ore., No. 3, merchant; A. C. DeVoe, Salem, No. 1, merchant; Ed Goffin, West Gervais, farmer; W. S. Gulvin, Marion, farmer; John Kahut, East Gervais, farmer; A. W. Anderegg, Salem, No. 5, carpenter; C. A. George, Marion, farmer; R. C. Halley, Salem, No. 3, retired; T. J. Kress, Salem, No. 3, mechanic; Clyde Harris, Brooks, retired; Jas. Colvin, Aumsville, farmer; E. B. Keene, Salem, No. 15, clerk; Elmer Schmucker, Aurora, blacksmith; Jos. Nibler, McKee, farmer; Dewey Miller, Aurora, farmer; P. Andresen, Salem, No. 12, salesman; R. P. Phillips, Sublimity, farmer; E. A. M. Cone, Butteville, farmer; Geo. A. Dimick, West Hubbard, farmer; W. T. Jenks, Salem, No. 9, merchant; W. H. Howd, Shaw, farmer; Riley Ritchey, Fairgrounds, farmer; Luke Lemery, West Gervais, farmer; Roy Burton, Salem, No. 9, clerk; Frank E. Libby, Marion, farmer; Ferdinand Kurz, Salem, No. 18, carpenter; A. A. Kufner, Salem, No. 4, farmer; J. S. McDonald, St. Paul, farmer; John Maurer, Salem, No. 16, machinist; T. Hook, West Mt. Angel, farmer.

F. J. Berger, of Eugene, is in the city today on business.

Representative W. W. Cardwell, R. R. Turner and R. M. Smith of Roseburg, are attending the land conference.

F. M. Wilkins, L. E. Bean, Judge W. L. Bown and Dr. T. W. Harris are among the delegates attending the land conference from Eugene.

Congressman Hawley Is Not In Sympathy With the Conference

(Roseburg Review.)

Although elected by the people of Oregon with a view of representing them at the national capital, W. C. Hawley, congressman from this district, yesterday informed Representative Cardwell that he would not be bound by any resolution that may be adopted at the Oregon and California Land Grant conference to be held at Salem Thursday.

The discussion of the O. & C. land grant was brought up by Representative Cardwell, who expects to be present at the conference on Thursday. Mr. Cardwell informed the Congressman that he was elected by the people of Oregon and that it was his duty to abide by the wishes of his constituents, regardless of his personal ideas in the matter. Unless the resolutions to be adopted by the land conference delegates conforms with the ideas entertained by Mr. Hawley, it is not believed the latter will support the wishes of the people of Oregon at the time the resolution is submitted to the consideration of congress.

Attorney Cardwell believes that O. & C. grant lands should be thrown open to entry for actual settlers at a price not to exceed $2.50 an acre. He will oppose any move that may be made to have the land included in a reserve where it will be tied up by government control.

Hon. J. H. Booth, delegate of the state bankers' association; C. H. Bailey representing Douglas county in behalf of the state grange; R. E. Smita and T. A. Raffety, appointed by the county court, and Representative W. W. Cardwell will leave here this evening for Salem, where they will attend the O. & C. land grant conference to be held there tomorrow.

Both Mr. Booth and Mr. Bailey are of the opinion that the lands of the O. & C. Railroad company should be classified and thrown open to actual settlers at a price not to exceed $2.50 an acre. Mr. Booth, who has given the land grant proposition more or less study, believes that that portion of the lands which is suitable for cultivation should be thrown open to entry to actual settlers at the price specified in the original grant. That portion of the land which is not suitable for cultivation, Mr. Booth believes should be disposed of in some manner at a price not to exceed $2.50 an acre. None of the delegates from Douglas county, it is understood, favor placing the grant lands in the forest reserve, and will oppose such a plan.

Others who will go to the conference from Douglas county are J. G. Day, of Olalla, and N. D. Cox, of Drain. These two gentlemen were appointed by the county court to represent Douglas county.

While it is generally agreed that Governor Withycombe and his associates have prepared a "slate" whereby they may place the lands in the control of the Southern Pacific railroad company, the Douglas county delegation hopes to so shatter the plans of that nature that the lands will be thrown open to entry, as originally intended by the state of Oregon. Any resolution having for its purpose the placing of the lands in the control of the railroad company or in the reserves will find opposition from the local delegates.

Mr. Ball, secretary to Congressman N. J. Sinnot, is in the city attending the land grant conference. He states that the congressman is in the interior of eastern Oregon and may not be able to reach here before the conference ends, although it had been his intention to attend.

H. J. Friedman, circulation manager of the Oregon Voter, is in the city today.

Counsel For Schmidt Wants Another Trial Judge

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 16.—Judge Willis, of the Superior court, was requested today by Charles H. Fairall, chief counsel for M. A. Schmidt, accused of murder in connection with the dynamiting of the Times building, to call in an outside judge to preside over the trial, according to a statement made by Attorney Fairall.

Fairall says Judge Willis declined to accede to the request.

The conference took place in Judge Willis' chambers and at its conclusion, Attorney Fairall issued the following statement:

"I asked Judge Willis today to agree not to preside over the trial of M. A. Schmidt on the ground that he is surrounded by influence which make it impossible for him to give the defendant a fair and impartial trial. I told him that the fact existed with reference to all other Los Angeles county judges. I therefore asked that he set aside and call in a judge from outside this county.

"Judge Willis refused my request. He said it was his duty to try the case and that he did not want to ask another judge to take up the burden of the trial."

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL; WHAT SYSTEM MEANS

Why It Has Been Made Part of Salem's Educational System

What is a Junior High school, and why has this system been introduced in the Salem schools is perhaps a question that has been asked hundreds of times since the announcement that the system would be introduced in the schools the coming school year.

According to Superintendent Elliott, the Junior High system has been worked out in many of the leading schools of the country, including Berkeley, Los Angeles, Columbus, Ohio, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and the University of Wisconsin. The McMinnville schools have gained a national reputation following this system, and their work has attracted the leading educators of the country.

The demand for this Junior High school system arose first from the fact that many students finished the grammar course and then dropped out. There was too radical a change from the grammar school methods to that of the High school, and statistics showed that a large percentage of pupils never reached the High school.

For this reason, the last two years of the grammar school and the first year of the High school were brought under one head as the Junior High school and the course arranged so there would be no radical change in study or discipline just at this time of the pupil's school life.

The first year of the Junior High school course, or what was formerly known as the seventh grade, allows the students to choose studies that are suited to their ability. From the eighth grade, the course is not so rigid as formerly, but the pupil is permitted to select subjects and may begin at once to take up vocational studies. Formerly in these grades, the pupil was obliged to take certain subjects that might never be used in later life.

Another point in favor of the Junior High school system, is to modify the methods of discipline, so that a larger liberty is given them through a student body and the pupil allowed at an earlier age to rely on their own initiative and ability.

Heretofore, the change from grammar school methods to that of the High school has been too radical. By the modification of the methods of instruction in the Junior High, the pupil is better prepared for Senior High school work. The new arrangement also makes it possible for the pupils to be taught by specialists in various subjects.

But the greater advantage of the new system, and one that will meet the approval of these practical times, is that vocational training will now begin in what has been known as the eighth grade, and from this grade on, the pupil may select subjects that will be of practical value later in life.

LINER IT SET AFIRE

Liverpool, Sept. 16.—Lying at the docks, the Johnson liner Quernmore, 7,302 tons, today was mysteriously set afire. No details of the origin of the blaze, however, have been announced.

HIGH GRADE ORE IS STOLEN.

Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 16.—Twenty-five thousand dollars worth of high grade gold ore, stolen from the empire mine at Nevada City, was found at 5 o'clock this morning in the basement of a house on Vine street, opposite the Goldberg school house. The gold ore was in six bags and concealed under a lot of rubbish.

The discovery was made by Patrolman A. A. Weiser, of Sacramento; Detective Frank Depew, of Oakland, and Sheriff Martin, of Nevada county.

They had been on the trail of the stolen ore for several weeks. The officers are now searching for the owner of the house under which the ore was found.

Word was received this morning that a man named Collins, suspected of having been implicated in the theft had been arrested near San Diego.