

# SOCIETY

By GERTRUDE ROBISON

There was a man once who played his wife up out of hell—remember! There was the great god Pan and the greater god Apollo. There was Theocritus and Calliope, and Jonny Lind. And last night there was the Apollo club concert and Madame Winnifred Lugin Fahey, Madame Fahey of the Irish name and Canadian origin and the voice that is of no nationality or country, but the interpretation of the emotions of every age and people since time began.

There are set terms and special idioms that one is supposed to use in describing an artist's triumph; but there is no phrase or expression in the English language that can quite portray the qualities of Madame Fahey's voice. Perhaps the compilers of the standard dictionary and the author of the Thesaurus, never having had the privilege of hearing her sing can be held excusable. Somewhere else in the paper you will find a detailed and elaborated account of the marvellous success of the Apollo club concert last evening. It will, no doubt, be filled with subtle compliments to the members and well deserved tributes to Mr. Todd, the efficient director. My direct concern is with the audience.

Being a thing of beauty—this audience—it was according to the logic of poets, a joy forever. Surely no gayer or more brilliant assemblage ever gathered in the golden days at the court of the Tudor queen or thronged to a performance in an Elizabethan theater to listen to those works of the great master that the dury writers of the day pronounced rubbish and posterity made famous. Color, youth, gaiety, combined with intellect and appreciation, made the company one not easily surpassed.

There was laughter and happy banter; there were glances of admiration and looks of shy envy half concealed behind dainty fans or frankly exchanged between groups. There was a dark haired girl that looked like a poppy in her gay crimson gown. There was a slender girl with yellow hair and a pretty green dress—for all the world like a daffodil in an early spring garden. There was a little maid in a sheer white frock and a halo of auburn curls who reminded one of pale saints in high cathedral windows. And hun-

dreds more—all adorned with the countless little vanities that the members of the fair sex have indulged in since the day that Mother Eve first placed a rose in her hair or bedecked herself with trailing arabians to relieve the plainness of the ready-made, fig leaf garment she had been presented with.

Then, too, there were the gentlemen. Their gallantry would have made the traditional knights errant turn in their tombs were it not that those benediction lords have been dust these many years. But society columns are essentially for women so mere man must needs be content with a brief mention.

If there is such a thing as the transmigration of souls, I am quite certain that all society editors change at death into living, breathing adjectives. Nevertheless, looking around at the people gathered in the opera house last night the only word that could make itself recognized was one that would make the hair of a self-respecting English professor stand on end. "Beautifulness!" Sheer out-and-out "beautifulness!"

Then the lights went out in the pit and the curtain was raised and all the world became a magic wool, woven through with the golden thread of a woman's voice.

The "light fantastic" is about to come into its own in Salem again. Close upon the removal of the prohibitive ban on churches, schools, theaters and social gatherings comes the announcement from health headquarters that the order forbidding dances has been revoked. Lacy, frilly dancing frocks are being cheerfully exhumed from cedar chests and lavender scented closets, young matrons whose "win the war" habits have not wholly left them, are developing temporary wrinkles over such weighty problems as how to make last season's pink champagne into the latest Vanity Fair creation, or the number of yards of new material needed to remodel a party dress into a semblance of Mrs. Vernon Castle's newest gown. Cinderella slippers and dainty silk stockings are being put in readiness, and the entire dancing public is literally holding its breath awaiting the announcement of the first ball of the season.

CLUB women of the northwest are to have an important place in the coming league to enforce peace that will hold its northwest conference in Portland, February 16 and 17.

Mrs. Phillip N. Moore of St. Louis, past president of the General Federation of Women's clubs, is the only woman speaker on the program. Mrs. Moore will be remembered by Oregon club women, as she has visited the state on several occasions.

On Monday, February 17, the State Federation will be hostess at a luncheon at Hotel Portland honoring Mrs. Moore. Mrs. Charles H. Gastner, president of the Oregon Federation, has received word that the president of the Washington Federation, accompanied by a large delegation of her club members, will also be in attendance at the conference.

Mrs. Gastner will attend delegates for Oregon, and all club women of the state and city are urged to attend the luncheon and meet the distinguished guest.

Madame Winnifred Lugin Fahey, who sang with such phenomenal success at the Apollo club concert last evening, was the guest of honor yesterday afternoon at a charming luncheon given by Mrs. John Roberts at her home on State street. A delicate and artistic effect was achieved in the dainty decorations of pale yellow and lavender, prettily accentuated by the individual favors of the same unpretentious coloring. Covers were laid for eight guests, including Madame Winnifred Lugin Fahey, Mrs. David I. Soltan, Mrs. John Todd, Miss Margaret Cosper, Mrs. T. A. Livesley, Mrs. William Burghardt, Jr., Mrs. Lincoln Van Doren and Mrs. Roberts, the hostess. Mrs. David I. Soltan is a resident of Tacoma, Washington, and is Madame Fahey's accompanist.

Reverend Edwin O'Hara, well known in educational and legislative circles, was a Salem visitor last week. Father O'Hara, who is an active and important member of the Knights of Columbus order, has recently returned from France. He took part in the world famous battle of the Argonne, and had many interesting and instructive stories to relate about the Yank soldiers and their wonderful ability. He also gave some vivid word pictures of the place where the "Lost Battalion" was entrapped, and the "wood they call the Rouge Boquet" made immortal by Joyce Kilmer's magnificent poem. Father O'Hara is also director general of all the parochial schools of Oregon and his visit to the Capital city was strictly an official one.

Madame Winnifred Lugin Fahey is Irish only by marriage. Therefore there was no touch of bluntness at all, at all, in the pretty speech she made at Mrs. W. T. Jenks reception last evening. Speaking directly to Mr. Todd she said in part, "It was a perfect wonder to me to find in a town of this size an Apollo club of such marvellous ability. The blending of the voices and the wonderful harmony of the entire concert would do credit to cities many times the size of Salem." It must be remembered that Madame Fahey sails from Canada where cities have been growing and expanding since the time of Marquette and Joliet, and this fact adds greater weight to her tribute. She complimented Mr. Todd on his direction and the entire club on its singular triumph.

The legislative correspondents on duty at the capital were entertained at the regular biennial dinner, given during each session of the legislature by Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the state hospital, Wednesday night.

Dr. Steiner gave the newspaper men a real Oregon dinner, everything except the table linen, the silverware and the dishes having been made in Oregon. Before the meal Dr. Steiner escorted the guests on a tour of inspection of the institution, showing them the intricate domestic machinery necessary to keep things running smoothly and economically in the care of the large population maintained by the state at the hospital.

Next Saturday, February 15, Mrs. Ralph White will be hostess at a Valentine party for the members of her juvenile dancing classes. The party will be in the form of a fancy dress ball, and a delightful time is assured for all.

A movement that may be of interest to various women's organizations of Salem was launched by the Grade Teachers' association of Portland at their meeting Wednesday afternoon, when it voted to "adopt" one or two children in Portland who have been made orphans through the epidemic of influenza. These children will be adopted in the same manner that Belgian and French babies have been cared for, and the grade teachers feel that at the present time the need for the support of needy children at home is equally as great as the call of foreign children.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Niemeyer and young son, Stuart, returned to their home in Salem last Thursday, after a brief visit in Portland. Accompanying them as their guest, was Mrs. Niemeyer's sister, Mrs. Ralph Harris, of Portland who will remain until the latter part of next week. Mrs. Niemeyer is a popular young matron in Capital city social circles, and enjoys an enviable reputation in the world of dramatic speaking and reading.

St. Valentine's Day, Friday the 14th has been chosen by the Elks as the date for their postponed dance. Being the first one of the 1919 season it promises to be as lively and enjoyable as the members of the fun-loving lodge and their fair ladies can make it.

Friends of Arthur Michelson have received word that, having been released from duty as an officer in the U. S. naval forces, he has resumed the practice of law at 676 Mills building, San Francisco, California. Mr. Michelson needs no introduction to the Salem public, having been formerly associated with the Capital Journal, and being widely known in both newspaper and social circles. He is a gradu-



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taken. Before closing, the meeting by a unanimous vote extended thanks to Mr. Jenks for the work he had done in gathering statistics and in calling the growers together.

Germany's eastern frontiers are most gravely threatened by the Bolsheviks and Poles.



Mildred Harris now Mrs. Charlie Chaplin, seen in "When a Girl Loves"

MRS. CHARLIE CHAPLIN TO APPEAR IN HER FIRST WESTERN PLAY

"When a Girl Loves" is Latest Feature for Beautiful Mrs. Charlie Chaplin

The role of a minister's daughter who falls in love with an atheist, who really is the leader of a notorious band of outlaws, is portrayed by beautiful Mildred Harris—Mrs. Charlie Chaplin—in Lois Weber's latest six-reel Jewel production, "When a Girl Loves," which comes to the Liberty theater on Sunday.

This is the first appearance of Mrs. Chaplin in a western drama, and it gives her an opportunity for pleasing work in an atmosphere different from that of any of her previous features.

## Neolin Soles

Albert Egan, Dr. W. B. Morse and Frank Lovell.

An item of particular interest to a great many Salem people is the visit of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradley and small sons, Robert and Harvey, of Calgary, Alberta. Mrs. Bradley is a former resident of this city and is well known in social circles here. During their stay, the family is the guest of Mrs. Bradley's brother, E. J. Mangas, at the Mangia home on Court street.

Mrs. Lloyd Hauser and little son, Robert Lloyd, have returned to their home in Eugene after a week's visit in Salem with friends and relatives. While here they were the inspiration of many social gatherings. Saturday Mrs. Carl Hauser entertained with an enjoyable afternoon reception, and Sunday they attended a family reunion dinner at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Hauser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stark, of Liberty. Monday afternoon she was the guest of honor when Mrs. J. A. Austin invited a number of friends in for a pleasant afternoon of sewing.

Miss Elsie Miller, who is connected with Mrs. O. C. Locke's millinery shop, returned Wednesday from a ten day business and pleasure trip in San Francisco.

## Prune Growers Discuss Operating Expenses

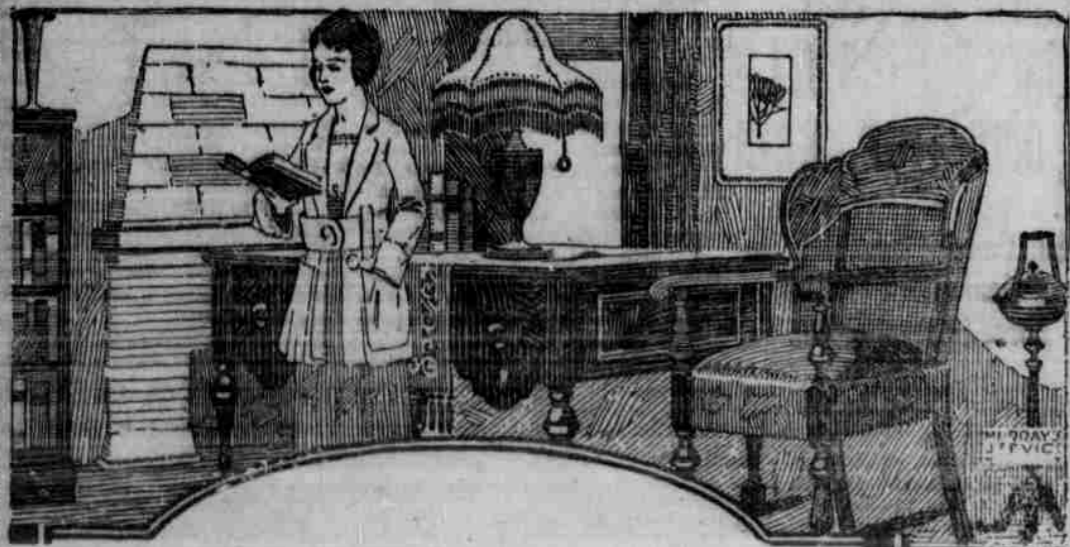
In response to the call of Manager Jenks of the Willamette Prune association, there was a gathering of nearly a hundred representative prune growers from various parts of the valley at the offices yesterday afternoon, the purpose being to place before them a mass of statistics regarding the cost of drying prunes. The meeting was in charge of President Mills of the company, who spoke briefly of the object of the conference. He then called upon Mr. Jenks who presented to the growers the great need of getting down to a business basis in the matter of handling their product. He emphasized the fact that they needed to have their business figured out as closely as to costs and profits as the manufacturer and dealer. It was very evident that some prune men were operating on too narrow a margin, and the only means of guarding against this was to keep a close check upon operating expenses. Mr. Copley was asked to explain to the meeting the chart made up from the response to the questionnaire and he went on to show how certain types of dryers and certain methods of operation resulted. The growers discussed many points of importance, and the interest manifested showed that a good beginning had been made toward a better adjustment of things, though no official action was

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