

# SOCIETY

By GERTRUDE ROBISON

There are so many things in the heavens above and the earth beneath and in the waters under the earth that I should like to have that I'm afraid I should tax the patience of the very fairest of fairy godmothers. For instance, there is the matter of mail. I can't imagine a more perfect joy than receiving a hundred letters a day, can you? Big bulky letters filled with news of the fifty seven varieties and literally overflowing with goodfellowship. Then, there is the equally important matter of feet. Almost the very first thing I'd wish for—if wishes came true—would be to be able to wear a number two shoe, with the highest, spindliest heels imaginable; so that the heart of an innocent onlooker would jump into his mouth, upon beholding them. And I'd wish for hair and eyes like Tennyson's "Isolde" and a skin with never a sign of a freckle, and a Nazarene figure. And then, just as the wishing-bag was getting filled, I'd draw a long, long breath and wish real hard for an artistic temperament. The kind that tears its hair when the telephone rings, and refuses to play on anything but a Steinway piano. It's such an affliction to be commonplace and eat hot unken for breakfast and laugh at Fatty Arbuckle!

But first of all, before the temperament and the feet and the letters, here are the blue-black Irish hair and Irish eyes. I'd wish for the Gift Beautiful. Which is, as everyone knows, the gift of eternal youth. Youth—in spite of grey hair and a withered face and—rheumatism maybe. Because if one measures time by the dial-stone instead

of by the clock, only the sunny hours are recorded; and what heart can grow old with nothing but a tell of sun shine upon it? And what heart that is young, will ever lose its love for cheerful things—like canary birds and molasses candy and Elk-talent farce-comedies? You know what I'm talking about now, don't you? "Officer 666," which Governor Oglett and Mayor Albin and Mrs. Walter Spaulding and a lot of other children who forgot to grow up, are putting on for the amusement of their playfellows who don't want to grow up, at the Opera House next Wednesday and Thursday.

There's going to be the biggest crowd there you ever saw. It's going to be way above the size of the crowd that has been packing Ye Liberty this week. For what, will you tell me, is a mere million-dollar-a-year actor, compared with the six-famous mayor of Salem? And wherein I should like to know, how the importance of the capture of an insignificant kaiser and crown prince, when a melo-dramatic picture crook is seeking to make away with an adorably melo-dramatic heroine under one's very nose?

There are so many things to say about it, so many interesting people to give honorable mention that I'm not even going to attempt to do the subject justice. And there are so many adjectives to be applied to this clever, daring, nonsensical, side-splitting farce comedy which played to capacity houses at the Gaiety theater in New York for nearly nine hundred performances—that if I tried to use them all I'd have the proof reader at my hair, and

the chances are that the column would never get to press.

Anyway, what I have written, I have written, and I have a long list of former Elk plays to prove the veracity of every statement I have made.

Members of the French army band which gave a concert at the local armory Wednesday night were the guests of the Commercial club rooms after the performance. War Mothers and other society matrons were the hostesses, while a number of French speaking people were in the receiving line.

A color scheme of lavender and white was beautifully carried out in the table decorations, shaded candles enhancing the effect. Mrs. A. N. Bush and Mrs. John A. Carson presided at the tea and coffee urns.

Patronesses of the band are Mrs. James Withycombe, Mrs. C. E. Albin, Mrs. William Bushey, Mrs. T. B. Kay, Mrs. P. E. Fullerton, Mrs. R. J. Hendricks, Mrs. Charles H. Fisher, Mrs. John A. Carson, Mrs. Theodore Roth, Mrs. A. N. Bush, Mrs. T. A. Lavesley, Mrs. George H. Burnett.

Captain Peter B. Kyne, famous author, and contributor to the Saturday Evening Post, has been a visitor in Portland lately.

"It's too rainy here for me to get around and gather local color," he observed, as he checked out of the denison. "I will return in a few weeks." With his trusty typewriter, Peter is ever ready to scribble ideas and plots for yarns, but the machine did not work much while in Portland. The late Charles E. Van Loan, who died



MISS FLORENCE CARTWRIGHT  
Popular Salem maid who will play the part of Sadie Small in the Elk's play, "Officer 666." (Photo by Jenks)

this week, was an intimate friend of Mr. Kyne, and when the author was far out at sea, returning with his artillery outfit, Van Loan wireless him asking him when he would return to

work—"work" meaning to grind out more copy for the public.

The Young Ladies Sodality of St. Joseph's church will hold their usual monthly meeting tomorrow morning after the early services. A full attendance is desired as detailed plans for securing a memorial window for the late Father Naughton will be formulated.

Great preparation is being made for the 33d annual Rebekeh assembly of Oregon, to be held in Salem in May. All committees report their work progressing nicely. The program committee promise something unique and altogether different than anything held in Oregon heretofore. The badges have already been ordered and are quite elaborate, and, beside the usual printed matter, are decorated with pink and green ribbon, and pendants with photos of the president of the assembly, Jeanne Burke, and the state house.

This is the Centennial year for Odd-fellowship and Salem lodge No. 1 will give the 1500 or more delegates a royal welcome. The lodge is to be congratulated on being able to secure the services of a noted orator of Oregon, who will deliver a patriotic address on one day of the grand lodge session, to which the public is cordially invited.

The Three Link Needle club was pleasantly entertained recently at the home of Mrs. St. Helens on Court street. The rooms were prettily decorated with a profusion of daffodils. The afternoon was passed with fancy work. The hostess was assisted in serving by Mrs. May Rogers and Mrs. Homer Lovell. It was decided to hold a dance March 28 instead of March 13 as originally planned. The members will meet next time with Mrs. Reidensal at her home, 1093 South Liberty street.

Those present numbered Mrs. R. W. Simard, Mrs. Clara Wille, Mrs. J. Martin, Mrs. Ida Traglo, Mrs. L. F. Busick, Mrs. George Viesko, Mrs. Fred Swanson, Mrs. W. O. Cummings, Mrs. Charles Cameron, Mrs. R. B. Henderson, Mrs. Elsie Townsend, Mrs. P. W. Hubbard, Mrs. Pearl Nickles, Mrs. Reidensal, Mrs. Evelyn Bremner, Miss Ethel Fletcher, Mrs. Homer Lovell, Mrs. Mary Rogers, Miss Wilda Siegmund and Mrs. McCale of Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil C. Rush arrived in Salem from Tacoma Thursday evening to reside permanently. Mr. Rush has accepted a position as director of the agencies of the New World Insurance company in the Willamette valley. At present they are the guests of Mrs. Rush's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Liston.

Robert Smith of Superior, Wisconsin, is visiting at the home of his brother, A. P. Smith.

The Federation of Women's clubs met in the assembly room of the Portland hotel this afternoon at 2 o'clock. A special meeting was called for 1:30 o'clock, at which time all women, whether or not members of the organization but who are interested in federation affairs, were invited to be present. The question of forming a class for Professor Torrey's lectures to be given on "Growth and Production," was discussed. From 2 until 3 o'clock the business session was held. James F. Ewing spoke on "The League of Nations." A general discussion followed.

The Kensington of the Women's Relief Corps was delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Charles H. Cameron, 398 North 21st street, assisted by Mesdames I. L. McAdams, Lizzie W. Smith, A. L. Clearwater, J. L. Adams, F. J. Butts, Mrs. Mary A. McCabe from Kansas City, Missouri, who is sojourning in the Capital city, was the guest of honor. The house was tastefully decorated with ferns, greens and daffodils, creating a breath of spring. A suggestion of St. Patrick's day was carried out during the refreshment hour and the favors were in keeping with the color scheme. Sewing and conversation made the hours pass only too quickly, interspersed with whist-

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