

# Society

By Gertrude Robison

THE Y. W. C. A. assembly rooms were the scene of a combined professional and social gathering last evening, when a group of young business women met to make plans for the formation of a professional and business women's club. After an enjoyable luncheon, the meeting came to order under the leadership of Miss Grace Smith, who gave a brief opening talk, commenting upon the rapid development of woman's position in the last few decades, and dwelling particularly upon her rights and privileges in Oregon. The next a club of the kind was keenly felt by all the women present and a number of valuable suggestions were made as to its organization. Cooperation with other bodies in the city will be one of its keynotes. Especial mention was made of the housing situation and the need of the cooperation of the women of the city with the business men who are trying to relieve the really desperate situation. Remarking that Salem has at present no "slum" district, Miss Smith voiced the fear that families in poorer circumstances will be forced to resort to un-modern and probably un-sanitary districts if the case is not relieved in the near future.

Dr. Mary C. Rowland was another enthusiastic speaker at the meeting, dealing with the club idea from a professional woman's standpoint. To complete arrangements and bring the matter definitely to a conclusion, a mass meeting of the business women of the city is scheduled for Monday evening, October 13, in the Y. W. C. A. building at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Koon have returned from a week's trip to Iowa and Illinois. The return trip was made over the southern route and many towns in California were visited on the way home. The many friends of Mr. Koon will be grieved to hear that it was his ill health that was responsible for the sudden completion of the trip.

Mrs. G. E. Terwilliger has returned home from an extended visit in the east where she attended the G. A. R. convention at Columbus, Ohio. After attending the conference she spent some time in a number of the larger cities of the eastern and middle western states, returning home Monday.

Mrs. Lee Gilbert, who, with her two daughters, has been visiting in Portland, has returned home.

Mrs. Lawrence T. Harris will spend the week end in Eugene where she will preside at a meeting of the University of Oregon alumni homecoming committee of which she is chairman. Mrs. Harris has called the meeting for the express purpose of making arrangements for the big homecoming on November 15, the date of the annual football game between O. A. C. and the Eugene institution. It will, of course, be principally for ex-service men and will be an event of unusual interest.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society held one of the most interesting meetings of its history on Wednesday afternoon when three foreign speakers spoke. Miss Aetna Emmel, an alumna of the Willamette university, is to sail from Vancouver for southern India, on the 30th of this month. She is a native Oregonian, and now makes

her home in Portland. In her talk she said it was only natural that she follow the advice of her elders in the church and go to the foreign field.

Mrs. Rockledge told of having made two trips to India where she worked each time until her health broke down. When her physician told her never to go again into the tropics she spent her spare energy in speaking for India. Mrs. Bowen, who has come to make her home in Salem, was a missionary's wife in China at the time of the Boxer uprising. At the time of the siege, she was quarantined with a child with scarlet fever. She looks on this fact as a blessing, as so many women became nervously affected at that time. Mrs. Bowen has lectured in many parts of the United States. Mrs. Underhill told of hearing her in Marion, Indiana, many years ago, recalling several incidents of the lecture. Mrs. Bowen was thought to have met her death at the hands of the Boxers and when she returned to her home country she read several memorials to herself.

Mrs. H. H. Vandervort at 435 North Winter was hostess and served dainty refreshments.

The many Salem friends of Mrs. C. C. Jeffrey will be interested to learn of her marriage yesterday to Westerner Houghton of Lewistown, Montana. The wedding took place at Great Falls, Montana, thirty years from the day on which she married C. C. Jeffrey. Mrs. Houghton is the mother of Mrs. A. E. LaBar and Bert Jeffrey of this city and has numerous friends here. She will reside in Lewistown.

Dr. Alma Cannon of Eugene left this noon for her home after a visit of several days with friends in this city.

The French classes that were held in the public library last year were such successes that a meeting has been called to arrange for their re-establishment this winter. Monday evening, October 13, has been chosen as a suitable date for the gathering and if a sufficient number of students desire it, the classes will reopen in the near future. Professor Gustav Ebsen of Willamette university will conduct the classes when organized.

Miss Coraella Marvix, accompanied by Miss Dudd of Monmouth and Miss Foster of Wisconsin, will leave tomorrow on the first lap of her trip to the Orient. During her absence her place at the state library will be filled by Miss Maude MacPherson of Seattle.

Mrs. M. L. Tipple left today for Delmar, Iowa, where she will be the guest of her son, Frank Tipple, during a visit of six weeks' duration. She will be accompanied as far as Omaha, Nebraska, by Mrs. C. R. Bell.

Among the Salem folk who are registered in Portland hotels are G. B. Cross and F. W. Stenioff. They are guests at the Cornelius.

Dr. and Mrs. R. N. Avison went to Portland today where they will remain for several days as the guests of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Barnes motored to Portland yesterday and spent the day.

Mrs. David Eyre went to Portland yesterday for a brief visit with friends.

## HUNS HORRIFIED AT PROHIBITION IN U. S. BUT FIND IT HELPS

By Carl D. Grant

(United Press staff correspondent.) Berlin, (By mail)—Although Germany will have none of the American prohibition, her statistical bureaus show that reduced war time alcoholic consumption has had a beneficial result on the nation.

The German holds up his hands in horror at the idea that America has gone "dry." He simply doesn't comprehend. Nothing to drink? No, not a thing. What are they thinking of in America, he asks.

On the other hand his own statistics have proved to the German that alcohol is a demon, destroying as it goes. While statistics are not available for the entire war period, and there are no figures for recent days, it develops that in Prussia there were in 1914 insanity cases numbering 6136 due to alcohol, while the figures kept dropped to 1917 when the last accurate statistics were available.

In 1915 alcoholic insanity cases numbered 3406; in 1916, 2469 cases, and in 1917, 1564 cases while deaths from alcoholism amounted as follows: 1914—917; 1915—650; 1916—271; 1917—148.

Suicide has been reported on the increase in Germany, but figures are lacking to prove this theory. During the war, the government kept no statistics to show where self destruction stood. Since the revolution however, it is reported that many middle class people have been suicides. This is said to be due to despondency over Germany's future; to the fact that some of these middle class people have seen their small savings of years eaten up in the all consuming drop of the German "valuta"; and to a general indifference toward life, engendered by four years of war.

Suicides in Germany during 1913 numbered about 15,000 while they dropped in 1914 by about 1000. At the same time there appeared a smaller number of cases of insanity in the German asylums. For 1913, there were 152,351 cases of insanity in Prussia, while in 1914 there were 149,699 cases; and this number dropped in 1915 to 138,792. Reverting to the effect of alcoholism on the German vital statistics, it may be pointed out that, during the war, the German nation was shut off from some of the stronger alcoholic beverages—"schnapps" to which it had formerly been accustomed, while its beer—the national beverage—went down from above 10 percent alcohol to about one percent or less.

The German resents the idea of prohibition as an infringement on "personal liberty" and says that it will never come here. But, it is to be noted that only a few days ago a prohibition gathering assembled in Berlin, and favored the introduction of this system here.

## TO LINK FRENCH AND SPANISH RAILROADS

By A. C. Randue

Paris—(By Mail)—Forced to abandon all her trans-Pyrenean railroad projects during the five years of war, France has now set herself to the completion of the long postponed tunnels which will link the French and Spanish lines at three inland points.

At present only the round-about lines by way of Perpignan or via Beyonne connect the two nations. Spain has, however, just celebrated the completion of her section of the line which will join Ax-les-Thermes in France with Ripoll in Spain.

The line between these junctions was first proposed by M. Delescluse, in 1903, when he as minister of foreign affairs in sorted this proposition in the Franco-Spanish convention. The line should have been completed in 1917. In France the work was pushed forward rapidly and would have been completed on schedule had not the war interrupted.

In Spain the work was carried on. On Sunday, August 10, under the presidency of M. Galdes Canyero, under secretary of state for Pomento, the completion of the first section from Ripoll to Ribas, a distance of fifteen kilometers, was celebrated at Ribas, near the frontier. On the rest of the route, from Ribas to Puigcerda and to the frontier line, the roadbed is prepared. The tunnel under the Tosas hills is completed and only the laying of the rails remains unfinished. Fourteen millions have been devoted to the project, and hopes are held that the line will be in full operation within two years.

John Pappas, believed leader of a liquor ring operating between Pendleton and Umatilla, was fined \$300 at Pendleton.

F. T. Sturgis, George W. Trusty and John H. Trusty of Trail, Or., have filed on the waters of the Right Hand Prong of Elk creek in Jackson county for the irrigation of small tracts of land.

An application filed by Ray Harshb of Eagle Point covers the appropriation of water from Little Butte creek in Jackson county for irrigation purposes. W. H. Seig, J. E. O'B., and John Almsworth of Baker have made a reservoir filling on Rock Creek lake in Baker county for the storage of water for irrigation purposes.

**Spring Wheat Crop To Run Near 203,170,000 Bushels**

Washington, Oct. 8.—The spring wheat crop was forecast at 203,170,000 bushels today by the crop estimate bureau of the agriculture department, as compared with a harvest of 258,651,000 bushels in 1918. This indicates a decrease of 4,879,000 bushels since the forecast of September 1.

The total forecast of all wheat was given as 918,417,000. Other crops forecast were cotton 10,396,000 bales; corn, 2,900,511,000 bushels, and oats 1,219,521,000 bushels.



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## IMPORTERS ARE HARD HIT BY WAR'S ENDING

New York, Oct. 8.—(United Press.)

Shelves of importers stores are absolutely bare of European goods, according to traders of this city. Since most of the foreign goods coming from Europe go through New York, the situation here is considered indicative of the rest of the country.

Importers say there has never been a time when European goods were so scarce and they find the situation growing more difficult instead of improving, since the war ended. This is laid to shortage of materials and labor troubles in Europe and discontinuance of stimulated trade.

During the war, European countries made a special effort to ship their goods to America for the effect it would have on the exchange, which at that time was made stable by international agreement. Exchange has dropped since peace was declared and no effort is any longer made by governments to stimulate trade.

The result is that fewer goods are being sent to America now than during the war, according to importers. This applies especially to manufactured products, such as tools, small machines, clothing materials and perfumes.

Many New York importing houses which specialized in European goods are now almost without a business. Some would close their doors, it is said, if it were not for the hope that conditions will improve very soon, when labor conditions in Europe and trade flows this way again.

Incidentally, importers expect that the Germans will be the first to get their goods back into the markets in great quantities.

## MAE MARSH PRESENTS THRILLER AT LIBERTY

A thrill unlike any Mae Marsh has heretofore encountered brings pleasurable moments to an end in one of the scenes of her latest Goldwyn picture, "Hidden Fires," which comes to the Liberty theatre, beginning Thursday. The winsome Goldwyn star, who is an accomplished equestrienne, enjoyed a rare treat during the taking of some 400 feet of film for the picture. Not since the filming of her first Goldwyn picture, "Folly of the Circus," has Miss Marsh revealed in her favorite sport-riding astride a spirited steed.

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## GOVERNMENT AGAIN ON TRUSTS' TRAIL FOR ILLEGAL ACTS

Washington, Oct. 8.—With the reconvening of the supreme court today the government's big trust busting campaign postponed on account of the war was on in full swing in its final stages.

Seven cases of anti-trust prosecution are before the court for final decision, and the result of the suits undoubtedly will have a far reaching effect on American business. Much depends on the construction the supreme court puts on the Sherman and Clayton anti-trust laws, under which the suits were brought.

All of the cases are near the top of the docket and will be argued as soon as a few special cases are disposed of. Decisions are expected early in 1920, if the court does not take longer than the usual time allotted for deliberation after the verbal battle of the government and big business attorneys. The suits were postponed during the war because the government felt it could not interfere in any way with production of materials that might be necessary for the war.

Attorney General Palmer however, has now given notice the cases will be prosecuted vigorously.

Some of the cases represent nearly nine years of legal battles between the government and the corporations. The first case on the new court docket is the United States vs. the Lehigh Valley Railroad, which No. 3, is the government against the Reading railroad. These are the celebrated anthracite coal cases, the railroad lines being charged with having a monopoly of the anthracite coal production and shipments. The government lost both of these cases in lower courts.

The notid struggle of the government against the United States Steel corporation known as the "Steel Trust" is No. 6 on the docket. Here again the government is on the defense, having lost in the lower courts. Cases against the Eastman Kodak company and the Associated Bill Posters follow closely, both of these being victories for the government so far. Numbers 12 and 14 are the suits against the American Can company, and the Quaker Oats company, both victories for the corporations so far. The case against the Keystone Watch Company is also near the head of the docket.

The session of the court opening today is expected to be one of the most important in history. Many puzzles

## MALHUR IRRIGATION PROJECT ASKS WATER

The irrigation of 90,000 acres of bad adjoining Malheur lake on the south, involving the expenditure of approximately \$400,000 is contemplated in an application filed with State Engineer Cupper, Tuesday, by the Eastern Oregon Livestock company. The application, which was filed by Henry L. Corbett of Portland, covers the appropriation of 1125 second feet of water from Donnee and Blitzen river and its tributaries in Harney county. Part of the land in the project is already under irrigation.

The appropriation of 60,000 acre feet of water from McKenzie river for storage in Big Lake reservoir for irrigation purposes is sought in an application filed by G. W. Allen of Portland. Allen has also filed on 500 second feet of water from the North Fork of the Santiam river.

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