

SOCIETY

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THE OUTSIDER

THERE is a lingering superstition that society women are given over to the frivolities of life, however much they try to prove occasionally that they are not only capable but willing to face the aspect of serious things. The belief clings in the west perhaps more than in the east, for the suffrage movement in the east is undoubtedly keen, and there an address upon the subject of "votes for women" is nearly always assured of a fashionable audience at any time or in any place. The spectacle of society trying to solve a social problem like that of suffrage is convincing proof of a stability that seems to be undreamed of in the west. And so it may be that the society woman in this city will be classed as of the frivolous until she takes a stand and a voice in the national question among women.

But just now she is devoting her time to any number of things, and seems to be indifferent to suffrage. The charity affairs occupy the leisure hours of the rich and the vaudeville entertainment is once more to the fore.

The girls of the Burlingame set are rehearsing clever stunts that are to be presented at the San Mateo country club on the afternoon of September 11, and Miss Jennie Crocker is to be one of the fair accompanists and musicians of the entertainment, while several other girls are taking a conspicuous part in the preparation for the gala event. The entertainment is for fun pure and simple, but the surplus money will probably be devoted to charity, it is said.

However, just now the rehearsals are the thing. Miss Mary Keeney is to take part, as is her attractive intimate, Miss Florence Hopkins, while Mrs. Frederick McNear is coaching some of the girls for their roles. It will be an interesting affair for the amateurs and their friends.

Those in society who have not been discussing vaudeville have given much time to the talk of weddings and engagements that have cropped out in the social gossip of the week, and, although some of the wedding news comes from the east, there has been quite a flutter of interest over the pleasant tidings. The army and navy dance had a special place in the happenings of the week, and there were many other parties of a more informal sort that must be a matter of record for the sake of their interest to society.

The news of the wedding of Miss Hess Pringle and William Morris Houghton, which took place at noon Wednesday, September 1, in East Baldwin, Me., received more than the usual attention due a wedding announcement from afar. The bride has a host of friends here. Her father, the late Edward J. Pringle, was one of the well known lawyers of the state, and her brothers are extremely popular in a wide circle of friends.

Mrs. Pringle, accompanied by her two daughters, Miss Nina and Miss Hess Pringle, left early in April for a visit to the family home in Charleston, S. C., and after a delightful round of entertainment went north, where the engagement of Miss Hess Pringle and Mr. Houghton of New York was announced.

Since early summer the Pringles have been traveling in the east and Canada, but the wedding took place at East Baldwin, Me., at the home of relatives. The ceremony was performed out of doors under some historic trees in the grounds surrounding the old home, and the setting was extremely picturesque and effective. There was a reception after the ceremony and Mr. and Mrs. Houghton left for their cottage at the White Mountain lakes, where they will pass their honeymoon in ideal fashion before taking up their residence in New York. Mr. Houghton is a clever writer, is engaged in newspaper and literary work and is a son of Prof. William Houghton of Bowdoin college.

Mrs. Pringle and Miss Nina Pringle will return to their home here.

The announcement of the engagement of Miss Dorothy Draper was not one of the unexpected bits of news that regaled society last week, but it was a happy occasion for the friends of Kirkwood H. Donavin to offer congratulations. "Patsy," as Donavin is affectionately called by his close friends, is one of the most popular of the navy set and is a midshipman in the service, while Miss Draper is the youngest daughter of Colonel and Mrs. W. Morgan Draper. Her sister, Elsie, whose engagement to J. Lawrence Kaufman, U. S. N., was announced early in the summer, is visiting in the east, but will be home soon, for her wedding will be an event of the coming year. It is also probable that the wedding of Miss Dorothy and Midshipman Donavin will take place some time next summer. Donavin is a close friend and classmate of Kaufman, so that the congratulations have more than ordinary cordiality for the amiable arrangement of fate. Midshipman Donavin is attached to the U. S. S. Virginia.

The announcement last week that Miss Belle Garnette Clements was to become the bride of Jefferson Lamar Gehee, September 3, at 3 o'clock, in the Methodist church at Tuscaloosa, Ala., was a startling bit of news for local society. Miss Clements had left here recently for her home in the south after an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Sterling P. Adams, and there was no hint of an impending wedding before her departure. Then Captain and Mrs. Adams went south for a visit to their family home, but there was no hint of an approaching wedding in this interesting family until the cards received in this city last week proclaimed the coming event in September.

While Miss Clements was here her name was persistently coupled with that of a gallant young captain in the army, whose devotion seemed to be approved of, but this rumor is disposed of with the news of last week. There have been few visitors at the Presidio who have made as many friends as this charming southern girl, who was the guest for several months of her sister, Mrs. Adams, and was a regular attendant at the dances in town. At one of the Greenway dances last winter Miss Clements made a social sensation when she appeared in the costume of a Spanish lady with the picturesque mantilla and quaint costume of early California days. She was a general favorite and every one is hoping that she will come here on her honeymoon trip.

The home of the couple will be in the south, and it is doubtful whether they will visit here for some time. The wedding will take place this week and among the guests will be Captain and Mrs. Adams, who will return to this city later for a brief stay before sailing for the Philippines.

Another wedding announcement of more than ordinary interest is that of Miss Katherine S. Johnson of Salisbury, Conn., and Algernon Sidney Ashe of this city. The bridegroom has a host of friends here and is a brother of Mrs. Norman MacLaren, Miss Elizabeth Ashe and Porter Ashe.

Sidney Ashe has been away for several years, but will return with his bride to make his home in this city after a honeymoon trip in the east. The wedding was marked with simplicity and the reception was held at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. William Johnson of Salisbury.

The bride is a daughter of the late Rev. William Johnson and is a charming girl of more than usual accomplishment and cleverness. Mr. and Mrs. Ashe are in New York at present, but will arrive here some time this season.

Mrs. Frederick Funston, the attractive wife of General Funston, is here for a visit until October 1, when she will leave for the east accompanied by her children and will join her husband at Fort Leavenworth.

The summer season at the latter station is not particularly alluring, and the young army matron has many friends who have prevailed upon her to remain here as long as possible before going to her eastern home.

General and Mrs. Funston, however, are making arrangements for a country home near San Leandro. The relatives, and, in fact, the parents of Mrs. Funston, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Blankart, live in Oakland, and the summer home will be near by. The place comprises an acre of ground in San Leandro avenue and has a quantity of fruit trees. The Blankarts have purchased half the property and each family will build on the land. The plans for the Funston house are under consideration and it is said that it will be two stories and will be fitted up in the style befitting a genuine country home.

General Funston has resumed his duties at the army service school, of which he is in charge at Leavenworth, but some of his time in future will doubtless be passed at the San Leandro home when it is completed.

Mrs. Funston has been the complimentary guest at many delightful parties during her stay here, and one of the most notable was the luncheon given by Mrs. Charles Fee at her home in Buchanan street for less than a score of the closest friends of Mrs. Funston, many of whom were schoolmates.

One of the old society men in town, who has a reputation for learning and a sort of personal pride in his linguistic achievement, was put to rout by a debutante recently in an amusing dialogue. The conversation was acent the study or rather the reading of French, and a book in that language was being passed around for inspection of the pictures by those who could not assimilate the vocabulary and more entertainment, of course, for those who had the advantage of being able to read it.

The book finally reached the debutante, who pored over the sentences aloud and gloated in an amazing fashion over her knowledge of French. The older people of the party were openly amused, but the society man, who had a genuine interest in the contents of the volume, reached his hand impatiently for the prize. The girl thrust the book away from him, while she said, arrogantly: "Oh, Mr. —, you can not read this book. It is in French."

There was a murmur of amusement and many a quiet giggle, but the man in his astonishment made no reply. A woman with a keen sense of the ridiculous came to the rescue. "Why, Gladys," said she, "can you read French?"

The debutante proudly replied: "I have had six years of it, my dear!"

The learned man never murmured. The woman who told it said of the debutante, who, by the way, is supposed to have had every modern advantage available for the young person nowadays: "She was crude, my dear, crude, to the point of insanity."

Which was funny, as well as the answer of Gladys to the philosopher.

Miss Frances Wilson, a portrait of whom appears on the society page today, is a debutante of last winter who has been entertaining at a series of pleasant affairs this summer at her home in Berkeley. She has been hostess at several informal parties, but the dancing party for her home guest, Miss Helen Gardner of Los Angeles, had an important place among the events of the month that are of particular interest to the girls of the younger crowd.

A new portrait of Miss Elizabeth Simpson is reproduced today, and it is of particular interest at present, for this attractive young daughter of Colonel Simpson will leave shortly with her father for the east, where she will marry Lieutenant Harold Naylor, U. S. A., on November 10. The marriage will take place at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Valentine Chappell, in New London, Conn. The ceremony will be without ostentation, but the event will be of wide interest, for the young couple have a host of society friends, not to mention the many family friends and the acquaintances in the army set, where the young officer and his bride elect are favorites. Colonel Simpson will return to this city immediately after the wedding. Lieutenant Naylor and his bride will enjoy a honeymoon trip through many interesting places before coming back here early in December, for their return is certain, owing to the fact that Lieutenant Naylor is stationed at the Presidio.

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MISS ELIZABETH SIMPSON

Attractive girl in the army set who is to marry Lieutenant Harry Naylor, U. S. A., in November

both not so far away but that they may be of interest to alert mammas: Viscount Newark, one of the most eligible young men in England, came of age a few days ago, and in spite of the alleged poverty of the great land owners, the festivities were marked with great splendor and included the usual ball and presentation of a plate from the tenants.

Lord Newark is the son and heir of Earl Manvers whose magnificent estate, Thoresby, is situated in the Midlands district known as the "Dukeries." Other great estates in this neighborhood are owned by the duke of Newcastle, at Clumber; the duke of Portland, at Welbeck; Lord Galway at Serby hall and Lord Saville at Rufford.

Moreover, Earl Manvers' mother, who is a very aged lady, was a daughter of a great French nobleman, the last duke of Coligny, whose estates and chateau in France she inherited. Thus Lord Newark will come in for both the magnificent English and French estates.

Although much pursued by match making mothers, he is a very sensible, steady youth, and has so far shown no signs of entangling himself with chorus ladies.

Those society women who have loaned their homes for charity affairs in an hour of philanthropy or ordinary good nature will appreciate the predicament of one leader in London, whose affairs are described in an interesting narrative as follows:

"Lady Naylor Leyland, who was a Miss Chamberlain, and who about 10 years ago was considered the most beautiful American in London, is pestered more than any one else by organizers of charity functions anxious to borrow her magnificent town house for a bazaar or a concert. Hyde Park house is not only one of the largest private houses in London, but one of the most magnificent, and is filled with artistic treasures.

On one occasion two years ago, when the house had been lent for charitable purposes several of the most portable of the treasures were discovered to be missing, and ever since that event Lady Naylor Leyland has given point blank refusal to all organizers of charities.

She is now in a rather awkward dilemma. Princess Alexandra of Teck has written to her to beg the loan of the house for a sale in November in aid of the Ada Leigh homes for American and English women in Paris—one of the young princess' pet charities. Lady Naylor Leyland has not as yet replied, but she can scarcely refuse a royal request, especially as she is so delicate that she never passes a winter in London, and can not therefore make the excuse that she will be occupying Hyde Park house.

The Army and Navy club entertained last Tuesday evening at a brilliant reception for the officers of the Thirtieth infantry, and several hundred guests found their way to the clubhouse in California street for the occasion.

The clubrooms were decorated with flags and American beauty roses, and after the reception there was dancing and an elaborate supper. The officers were all in full dress uniforms and the scene was one of the most attractive that has been harbored this season at the attractive clubhouse.

Among the gowns noticed in the assembly of pretty costumes with many others were:

Mrs. M. C. Gordon, white satin and lace.

Miss Roberta Connor, dainty gown of white, with clusters of pink roses.

Miss Dorothy Smallwood, Paris gown of pale blue satin.

Miss Alice Pollock, blue silk, covered with white lace.

Mrs. J. G. Berry, black lace.

Mrs. Dorothy Berry, pink mousseline de sole and pink roses.

Mrs. W. L. Maxwell, black sequin, train and diamonds.

Mrs. Horace Wilson, black grenadine.

following ingenious account without a smile of amusement? The sentimental may have a fitting thought of pity but it is all in the game they say and here is the record of one social struggle as it is seen by some one writing for an eastern exchange:

"The marchioness of Donegal, whose struggles to enter the smart set in London have not met wholly with success, intends once more to visit the Dubu horse show, in the hope of attracting the attention of those exclusive Irish families who so far have failed to receive her.

"Lady Donegal's name is probably better known to Londoners than that of any titled woman in the country. No charity function is complete without her name among the list of patronesses. She and her small son are to be seen at all bazaars and fetes, and the son usually hands a bouquet to a royalty and is patted on the head, while the mother goes on her heroic way untroubled to the aforesaid royalty.

"During the last season the marchioness has been 'starred' at something like 50 charity functions, but the smart set declines to give the Canadian marchioness anything more valuable than an invitation to become a patroness."

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The wedding of Miss Juliet Letitia Sexton and Charles Daniel Bambauer took place Wednesday, August 25, at St. Joseph's church in this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. E. Mulligan, who is an old friend of the bride's family, and after the church service the wedding party repaired to the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Martin W. Fleming at Larkspur, where a wedding breakfast was served.

The wedding is of more than ordinary interest, for the bride has been for many years vice principal of the Dudley Stone school and was beloved by a large circle of friends and pupils.

Mr. and Mrs. Bambauer have gone to Seattle on a honeymoon trip, where they will pass several weeks and will visit the fair. They will reside at Volta, the home of the bridegroom.

One of the events of the month of interest to a large circle of friends is the grand Portola ball to be given by the Mission turn-schwesternverein on Sunday, September 26, in Mission Turner hall in Eleventh street between Valencia and Guerrero streets.

The dance promises to be a successful affair and a large attendance is expected.

The arrangements are in charge of a capable committee and among those who are taking an active interest in the preparations are Mrs. M. Hendricks, Mrs. H. Brooks and Mrs. R. Fromen.

The wedding of Miss Mabel Frances Solen of this city and Joseph Leo Coughlin of Oakland took place last Tuesday evening at Sacred Heart church. A large company of friends attended at the pretty ceremony. The officiating clergyman was Rev. W. P. Sullivan, a friend of the Solen family. The bride wore a gown of white chiffon cloth with a voluminous veil of tulle and wreath of orange blossoms.

She was attended by her sister, Miss Nellie Solen, who wore a gown of blue messaline with a black picture hat. Edward Tyrrell acted as best man.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Solen of 1607 McAllister street, and is a graduate of the convent of Notre Dame in this city.

Coughlin is a graduate of St. Mary's college and holds an important position in the civic department in Oakland, where the couple will reside after a honeymoon trip.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Cornish of 27 Fairview avenue in Piedmont left last Saturday evening for Seattle and other northern cities, where they will remain about three or four weeks.

The Clara de Hirsch beneficial society announces that it has removed to new quarters and will in future hold its meetings in the assembly hall of the Temple Beth Israel, Geary street, between Fillmore and Steiner, on the first Tuesday evening of each month. The society will celebrate its advent to the new meeting rooms with

a whist party, to be given on the evening of Tuesday, September 7, at 8 o'clock, when the members and their friends are cordially invited to be present.

The marriage is announced of Miss Mattie E. Polk and Alexander C. Peterson, which took place August 8 in this city. The ceremony was performed by Swami Trigunaita.

Ralph Meyer of 2950 California street was the recipient of a pleasant surprise party given recently at his home by a dozen of his friends and former classmates. Among those present were:

- Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Hartman
- Miss M. Cohen
- R. Bernstein
- Miss Mary Downs
- Miss Annie Walter
- Miss M. Gorman
- Ernest Morton
- Miss Ada Gaudé
- Miss E. Galt
- J. Murphy
- Miss E. Galloup

Mrs. H. Flood, Miss Anna Flood and Miss Kathleen Flood of Los Angeles, who have been visiting Lake Tahoe, have returned to the city and are the guests of R. J. Flood.

Dr. and Mrs. A. H. McNulty are enjoying a delightful tour of Europe and at last accounts were in Paris for a brief stay.

Mrs. Carlos S. Unna of Portland is visiting her parents at 2140 Pierce street in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Jacobs announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Edna, to Zachary T. Conroy. No date has been announced for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Zeiss and family have returned to town for the winter. They will pass the season at their country home at Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. James' Eva were the recipients of a pleasant surprise party given recently at their home in Fair Oaks, when a party of young people motored down for an enjoyable holiday. The party was in the form of a stein shower, and each guest presented the hostess with a stein to commemorate the occasion.

The marriage of Miss Olive Waters and William Griffith Macdonald took place last Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Waters, in California street. The bride was attended by Miss Jessie Clark of Berkeley, and Ernest N. Smith acted as best man. The officiating clergyman was Rev. L. C. Sanford. The ceremony was followed by an informal reception at the Waters home.

Mrs. Florence Williams has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Bertha, to S. Edward Segal of Oakland. No date has been mentioned for the wedding.

Mrs. A. K. Tiernan entertained recently at a delightful bridge party in compliment to her mother in law, Mrs. Tiernan, who left last week for Salt Lake, where she will make her future home. The house was attractively decorated and the prizes were unusually pretty. There were 14 guests and a luncheon was served after the card game.

The news of an enjoyable surprise party comes from Klingensmumner, Germany, where Jacob Wesser was the complimented guest, and a number of people from this city were among those present. Among those who assembled at the pleasant affair were:

- Mrs. C. E. Hansen
- Mrs. S. Mook
- Miss Anna Hansen
- Mrs. Dahl
- Mrs. K. Nickel
- Mrs. L. Damsel
- Mrs. L. Rick

The girls of the Alpha Nu Omega sorority entertained recently at an evening and house party given at Laguna with Miss Edna Brown of San Luis Obispo as the complimented guest, and those who enjoyed the jolly affair were:

- Miss Edna Brown
- Miss Eloise Scovell
- Miss Jeannette Comer
- Miss Helen Asst
- Miss Alice Patterson
- Miss Florence Wells
- Miss Hilma Levee
- Miss Elizabeth Thrane
- Miss Kathryn Leonard
- Miss Grace Schmalz
- Miss Helen Ingles
- Miss Evelyn Schmalz
- Miss Lydia Faulkenstein
- Miss Constance Platts
- Mrs. Eva Hackett

Mrs. Edna M. Smith has taken a house at 1862 Hayes street in this city, where she will remain during the winter.