



The Smart Set

They say the Hobart house is haunted. Strange sounds at night and white faces at the windows. No one has ever really seen the faces, but every one has heard of some one who has. This is rather a confused and contradictory statement, but it is impossible to be clear and definite about ghosts. They are vague things. One can't say certainly anything about them.

Christmas night there were restless spirits in the Hobart house. Children of the neighborhood heard them. From Washington street toward Polk and from the apartment houses beyond people left their Christmas trees to go and stare at the blank windows of the Hobart house. They saw nothing but the shadows of desolate rooms, but it was said by those who dared go through the garden to where the tennis court lies long deserted and unused that whispered calls were heard and the sound of creatures moving in the darkness.

By 10 o'clock a hundred people had gathered in the street. From Washington street they scattered down Van Ness avenue to the old Stetson house at the corner of Clay, gazing with wide eyed interest, but accomplishing nothing and gaining very little.

Some one telephoned the police. Two preservers of the peace appeared, but there was nothing for them to do. The crowd was peaceful. Especially still and peaceful. An interfering person of the "busybody" class suggested that the policemen quiet the spirits. But the suggestion was ignored. Another man said he'd enter the house if one of the defenders of the law would go in with him. Obviously an unnecessary if not a foolhardy proceeding. Spirits couldn't be arrested, and there were no spirits there. Straying cats and the wind in the blinds, the practical police told the crowd and politely persuaded it to disperse.

If the Hobart house is haunted, one wonders who haunts it. The Hobarts were happy there. When Mrs. Charlie Baldwin was a girl the great desolate hall where a dead clock stands, was gay with Christmas parties Christmas night. And other nights the empty rooms where restless spirits are said to wander were filled with the spirit of youth and good times. Afterward the Josselyns lived there and there were many gay parties for the younger set. Before the Hobarts, was Amy Crocker Ashe Gillig Gouraud. The house was a wedding present from her mother when she was first a bride, and the brief Ashe honeymoon passed there. But Mrs. Ashe Gillig Gouraud still lives. It may be the ghosts of lost happiness that haunt the place. There doesn't seem any explanation.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Sharon entertained at an elaborate dinner last evening. Their guests, taking part in the dance with which Dr. Harry Tevis made the New Year welcome. Lavender and white orchids and pink and white cyclamens, artistically arranged with maidenhair and fernery, effected a pretty table decorations. Covers were laid for 24. Among those who enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. Sharon's hospitality were: Mr. and Mrs. George M. and Mrs. Claus A. W. Kelman; Mrs. Harry and Mrs. Mendell J. New; Mr. and Mrs. Talbot Walker; Mr. and Mrs. Dixwell; Mr. and Mrs. Ward; Mr. and Mrs. Baron; Miss Vera Stone.

General George Stone entertained at an informal dinner party in the St. Francis last evening. His guests including Mr. and Mrs. Lathrop Ellinwood, Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Ellinwood, Mr. and Mrs. Vere Ellinwood, and Miss Leona Stone.

Mr. and Mrs. Cheever Cowden also entertained at supper in the St. Francis last evening, after having enjoyed the New Year celebration in the downtown district. Others who held tables in the city last evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Rod; Mr. and Mrs. Charles; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis; Mr. and Mrs. Otto; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. and Mrs. William Allan Pollack.

The British consul general and Mrs. Carnegie Ross will not hold a reception at Hotel Stewart this afternoon, but instead will be at home tomorrow at 1287 Benton street, Alameda. The reception in San Francisco will be suspended for several weeks.

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The California club yesterday celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of its founding with the annual merry making.

The affair was for members only, but a larger number than ever before gathered around the big round table, which were decorated with quaint straw baskets filled with Shasta daisies. On the tables were scattered clusters of red pepper berries with their lacelike foliage.

At one end of the auditorium, at a long table, were the 12 of the club's founders, the club president, Mrs. A. P. Black, and the state president, Mrs. J. W. Orr. The directors of the club were at a large round table near by. On the tables were distinctive hand painted name cards, most of which were the work of Miss Dorothy Crawford and Miss Marion Baldwin.

The address of welcome was made by Mrs. Black and the response for the founders was delivered by Mrs. Mary Simpson Speck. The order of their number, a toast in verse to "California Women" was read by Mrs. J. B. Schroeder, and between the courses the choral section of the club sang from the stage.

After the breakfast a program was given under the direction of Mrs. Orlo Eastwood, leader of the players' section of the club. The first number was a little play, "The Burglar," in which the cause of the alarm proved to be an Angora cat. The cast was: Peggy, Mrs. William Wilkie; Valerie, Mrs. Henry Eickhoff; Edith, Mrs. C. B. Root; Mabel, Mrs. S. L. Strickland; Freda, Mrs. J. S. A. Macdonald. Mrs. Joseph B. Keenan contributed several songs and then Mrs. M. H. Heron and Mrs. J. S. Phillips of the civic section appeared in costume and sang a ditty on "The Fountain." From this section the club presented a program of a drinking fountain, which was placed in front of the ferry building, and now another is to be erected in front of the Service building of the exposition.

ARE YOU ALIVE?

By RUTH CAMERON

One of the most impressive sermons that I ever heard was a 15 minute talk on the meaning of the word "alive." The preacher spoke from the text, "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." He brought out the point that the word "life," as constantly used in the New Testament, means vastly more than physical life, that it means life in all the finer, fuller senses of the word. And then he asked us all how much of us was alive.

Now don't be afraid; I'm not going to try to preach the sermon, although I'm not so sure it would do you any harm.

But tell me, reader friends, or rather, tell yourselves, how much of you is alive? Today is a milestone day, a day when even the most heedless of us stop a moment to look back at the road we've been traveling and forward to the new road.

As you stand by the milestone, looking now backward and now forward at the road, look again, friends, and this time look inward at the heart you are carrying over that road.

How much of you that started blithering now backward and now forward at the road, look again, friends, and this time look inward at the heart you are carrying over that road.

The engagement is announced of Miss Florence Sumner, the daughter of Mr. John Bryce of this city, and Burnham Williams Marsh of Mill Valley. The wedding will be celebrated at the picturesque Marsh home in Marin county on January 12. It will be a quiet affair and will be attended by only the members of the immediate families. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Marsh. He attended the University of Stanford, where he was affiliated with the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Twenty friends who are accustomed to celebrating New Year's eve with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Peixoto congregated in their home in Washington street for an informal dance last evening. The residence was festively decorated with masses of poinsettias and red roses, which were intertwined with evergreens and fernery. Some of those who attended the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Peixoto, Mr. and Mrs. M. Earl Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peters, Mrs. Arthur Nabl, Mrs. C. E. Greenfield and Michael Weill.

The benefit for the library and reading room for the blind which was held in the Alcazar theater Monday evening is the occasion of joy for the directors who netted \$350 through the sale of seats and \$150 through the disposal of baskets. It is hoped that other donations will bring the sum into the thousands.

Mrs. Andrew Rowan is president of the library and reading room for the blind. Other well known society women who are interested in its success are: Mrs. George P. Towle, Miss Elizabeth Liver, Mrs. William S. Breeze, Mrs. M. E. Avenall, Mrs. Louise Miss Jeanette Hooper, Miss Marion Huntington, Mrs. George J. Bucknall, Miss Ethel Clement, Mrs. Thomas Brees, Miss Josephine Hean, Mrs. Bowie Detrick and Miss Egan.

Mrs. George Martin was the hostess at an informal tea at the Hotel Fairmont Monday afternoon. Several of this year's debutantes enjoyed her hospitality.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Mansfield have returned to their apartments at the Fairmont after having passed the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Ellen G. Mansfield in her home in Napa.

Captain and Mrs. Edward A. Sturgis, U. S. A., left San Francisco Sunday for Seattle, where they will be the guests of the former's mother for the next three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. McIntosh entertained at an informal dinner at the Palace Hotel Sunday evening.

Captain Duncan Elliott U. S. A., who returned on the Siberia from Honolulu Monday, will leave tomorrow to take up his new duties in New York, where he will be stationed for the next three years.

Mrs. E. Whitaker was a hostess Monday afternoon at a children's party which she gave in her home in Vallejo street.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Heyneman were among those who bade the new year welcome, having invited a congenial group of friends to their home in Buchanan street for the occasion. Mrs. Heyneman entertained several children at a dinner and supper party Friday evening in honor of the tenth birthday of her daughter, Miss Rosalie Heyneman.

by down the road when the sun was shining in the sky and the dew was fresh on the grass, and you knew the road led straight and fair to a land of promise—how much of the heart that you carried then is still alive? And your sense of humor still alive? Believe me that is no unworthy second to a sense of honor. Indeed, there are some who say that since it brings peace and happiness into the world it should hold first place. In those days of the first milestones, when the road lay so straight and simple before you, you knew that there was power stirring within you, power to do something worth while in the world. Is that belief still alive? Is your faith in mankind still alive? Of course you have had disillusionments and disappointments; so have all men, and yet the biggest of them have believed to the end that there was more good than bad in the world. Surely your faith is not so soon dead? And what about your faith in the great center of all good, that some men call evolution and some are not afraid to call just God? In those early days,

before the vision splendid began to fade, before you took a cheap pride in posing as a cynic and an agnostic, you held a simple faith in the unseen. Underneath all your pose and pretense is that still alive? How much of you is still clearly alive? And of that part that seems dead how much of you is merely stifled and insensible and can be reawakened? Is not this a good day to try and see?

REDDING OFFICE ENDS

Land Department Books to Be Shipped to Sacramento

(Special Dispatch to The Call) REDDING, Dec. 31.—The doors of the Redding land office were closed permanently today. The office furniture was sold at public auction. All the records will be shipped to Sacramento. Congressman Raker holds out the hope that he may be able to get the office re-established by special act of congress.

CASHIER CLAIMS BELLE FOR BRIDE

Charles Richmond of Woodland Weds Jane Reith

(Special Dispatch to The Call) WOODLAND, Dec. 31.—Christmas chimes were echoed at high noon today by wedding bells for Charles V. Richmond, cashier of the Bank of Yolo of this city, and Miss Jane Reith, an attractive society belle of Sacramento. The wedding was solemnized on the Reith farm, nine miles south of Sacramento, Rev. J. Edward Baird of St. Luke's Episcopal church of Woodland, officiating. Only intimate relatives were in attendance. Society has suspected their engagement for some time and it was hinted that it would be an affair of the Christmas holidays, but the actual date was kept a secret. The bride elect has been a distinguished leader in Sacramento social and club circles. She is the daughter of John Reith, a well to do farmer in this community. The bridegroom has a statewide reputation as a skilled banker and shrewd financier. Mr. and Mrs. Richmond will make Woodland their home. They will spend their honeymoon in San Francisco.

GIVES LIFE FOR HIS HAT

Seattle Porter Killed on Roof Which Day Before Claimed Victim

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 31.—Archie L. Olds, a negro dining car porter, was killed today by falling through the glass roof of the Great Northern passenger train shed, where he had purchased his hat. An unidentified man was killed in the same place and way the day before.

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