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The Social Side of Life Local Affairs of the week

By the Observer

Miss Josephine Sidley will entertain a number of friends at a dinner and dance this evening at her home on North Linden Avenue, at which time she will honor her guest, Miss Jeanette Horlick of Racine, Wis.

The Misses Mary and Katherine Card will be hostesses to forty-five of their friends at dinner at the Highland Park Club preceding the Junior dance on Tuesday evening.

The North End Embroidery Club met with Mrs. O. G. St. Peter at her home on Onwentsia Ave., Thursday afternoon.

Miss Kathleen Bergen will be hostess at a dinner party for a number of friends on the twenty-ninth preceding the Iota Pi dance at the Highland Park Club.

Of interest to many Highland Parkers is the announcement of the coming marriage of Miss Cynthia Edrington and Mr. J. Foster Symes to take place January Twenty-sixth. The wedding will be one of the fashionable events of the winter season in Memphis, Tenn. The bride elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Edrington of Memphis. During her visit to Highland Park this summer she was very popular with the younger set and made a host of friends.

Mrs. John Glass of Cary Avenue, will be hostess Christmas night to thirty-two guests preceding the Christmas dance at the Highland Park Club.

Miss Margaret Phillips sang at the Jennings-Williams wedding in Wilmette, on Wednesday evening, December fifteenth. Miss Phillips sang the Carrie Jacobs Bond composition, "I Love You Truly," which was beautifully done.

Miss Helen Warner will entertain at a dinner party, at her home on New Year's eve preceding the masquerade dance at the Highland Park Club.

Mrs. John A. Bunnell of N. Linden Avenue, will be hostess Friday afternoon, the thirty-first, informally at cards for Mrs. Bladell Shapleigh, formerly Miss Dorothy Schofield.

The young people of the St. James' Parish, Highwood, will give a dance at the Parish Hall, Wednesday evening, December 29th, at eight o'clock.

The season of dances, card parties, and social activities in general is at hand, and with it comes a rush of social duties, when everyone is busy with final arrangements for all sorts of social functions. Last evening Miss Mary L. Whitman was hostess at a dance for a number of friends. This evening friends of Mr. Raymond Geer will gather at his home to welcome him back from school; Christmas eve will see a gay party of friends of the Misses Elizabeth Buckley and Margaret Merryweather, who will come together for a sleigh ride to be followed by informal dancing at the Buckley home. On Monday evening the twenty-seventh, Mrs. Joseph Card, and Mrs. John M. Tuttle will be hostesses at the Highland Park Club at a dance, the guests of honor being Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Baylies of New York, formerly of this city. On the same evening, Miss Elizabeth Bacon will be hostess to a number of friends at an informal frolic at her home on N. Sheridan Road. Sleigh riding and informal dancing will be features of the evening. On Wednesday afternoon the twenty-ninth, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Rosenfield have issued cards for a tea dance from four to seven at their Chicago home for their two daughters and son, who are home for the holidays. In the evening the Iota Pi sorority will give a dance at the Highland Park Club.

Mrs. Benjamin Fessenden and daughter Dorothy Fessenden, of Chicago, formerly of this city, were hostesses on Friday from three to six at their home on Kenwood Avenue, Chicago, at afternoon tea.

Mrs. Ruth Coffin Collins was hostess to her two Monday afternoon dancing classes, the Aesthetic and Modern ballroom classes, at the Elm Place Auditorium on Monday afternoon at a Christmas party. The afternoon was spent in dancing and games. The game which created much enthusiasm among the little boys and girls was a sleighbell game, which was played by two girls in sleigh-bell harness driven by a boy. Pretty favors and candy given to the children completed a very pleasant afternoon for all.

On Sunday evening Mrs. Carl Kuist of N. Green Bay Road, was hostess informally at a buffet supper in compliment to her week-end guest, Mr. Franklin Pease of Rochester, New York. The out-of-town guests were, the Misses Olive Hofert of Chicago, and Isabelle Kuist of Wilmette.

Master John Beatty was host last evening to forty of his friends at a dinner party preceding Mrs. Fred A. Preston's dance at Exmoor Country Club.

Mrs. Fred A. Preston gave a dance at Exmoor Club last evening complimentary to Miss Charline Baylies of New York, who is a guest at the Preston home this week. Miss Baylies was formerly of this city.

The "Merry Makers," the young people of the parish of the St. Mary's Catholic church, will give a dance at the Parochial School Hall, on the evening of Thursday, December thirtieth. The Phellis Orchestra of Lake Forest will furnish music. A good time is promised to all those who attend.

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Obituary

After a short illness of pneumonia Mr. Silas Booth, for many years a resident of this city, passed away at the Evanston Hospital, Saturday morning at six-thirty o'clock. Mr. Booth was born here and lived in and near this city all of his life. He was taken to the Evanston Hospital Monday where he continued to get worse until his death. He leaves to survive him, a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Booth, of Scotville, Mich., two sisters, Mrs. Herman Smith of Scotville, Mich., and Mrs. Fred Royston, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and a brother, Mr. John Booth of Custer, Mich. Funeral services were held Monday at the home of his uncle, Mr. William Booth of N. Second Street, at which time Rev. Van Evers officiated. Interment took place in Deerfield. Mr. Booth was thirty-one years of age.

Obituary

Carl England, aged forty-five years, died at his home on Llewellyn Avenue, Highwood, Sunday morning, at 11:45 o'clock, following an illness of one week of pneumonia. Mr. England leaves to survive him a widow, and seven children, the oldest aged fifteen. Other relatives in Michigan survive him. Funeral services were read yesterday afternoon at the residence.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the relatives, neighbors and friends for the kindness shown during the illness and death of our son and brother, Mr. Silas Booth.

Mr. and Mrs. John Booth,
Mr. and Mrs. John Booth, Jr.,
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Smith,
Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Royston.

CONSTANTINOPE HAS HAD A BOOM

City Has Grown Far Beyond Walls of Ancient Capital.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS NOTED

Germans Seen to Have Express Trains Running Between Berlin and Turkish City Via Vienna and Sofia—Their Efficiency in Conducting War Strikingly Illustrated.

Nothing better illustrates the German system of conducting the war than the manner in which their railways are operated. In a couple of days after the fall of Warsaw the Germans had through express trains in operation between Brussels and the Russian city, going through Berlin. Now, since they have opened the way to Turkey, the German railroad officials are ready to establish through service between Berlin and Constantinople via Vienna and Sofia. A glance at the map illustrates the magnitude of this achievement, as the distance is approximately 1,200 miles.

Interest in the war is now centered around the Turkish capital and in Greece, and many close observers are of the opinion that the result depends on the outcome in the Balkans. This Constantinople is one of the most interesting cities in all Europe at this time.

Constantinople extends far beyond the ancient walled city of the emperors, which only covered the promontory known today as Stamboul. This promontory, bounded on the north by the poetic Golden Horn, which, extending some miles inland, forms perhaps the most magnificent harbor in the world, and on the south by the blue waters of the Marmora, is indeed the most enchanting part of the city, but the present population, estimated at about a million and a quarter, could not be housed within its borders. Facing the eastern side of Stamboul, on the Asiatic shores of the Bosphorus and Marmora, stand the ancient cities of Calcedon (Kadikewy) and Chrysopolis (Scutari). These now form part of Constantinople. Across the Golden Horn to the north, up the slopes of the hill crowned by Galata tower, built by the Genoese, houses upon houses are so crowded together that, looked at from the sea, it would seem as though there were no streets to separate them.

Many Villages on Shores.

The shores of the Bosphorus are strewn with villages, some insignificant, some fairly considerable, all of them part of the city. To the west, beyond the Leven towers and the magnificent marble gate through which the emperors rode in splendor, numerous other villages have sprung up, and today Constantinople may be said to extend to the length of some twenty miles. The coast running south from Kadikewy and the Princes Islands is also included in the city, so that in width, too, there is a very great difference since the days of the Turkish conquest.

Constantine founded his capital in 325, and for 1,100 years it was a Christian city. Walking the narrow streets today one comes across here a mosque which was once a Christian church, there a Greek inscription, here a column with beautiful capital, there the foundation of a once gleaming bronze column. But most wonderful of all stands that noble edifice, the church, now mosque, of St. Sophia. Built on the top of the first hill, immediately behind the site of the emperor's palace, it dominates the city. Its dome, outlined against the horizon, catches the eye from every point of view.

What has St. Sophia not seen? The crowning of emperors with all the pomp and ceremony, empresses riding in state into the spacious ladies' gallery, quarrels, intrigues and, lastly, a conquered emperor fleeing to it for refuge from the invading Turk. All these form a succession of events whose narrative holds one in spell. The conquering Turk did not in any way lessen the romance of the life in the city, and today the charm is still there. Who, having once threaded his way through the fascinating bazaars, does not picture again the quaint shops with vendors sitting cross-legged on the floor, the curious old arches, the oriental crowds in their gay colors?

Since the revolution and counter-revolution of 1909 much has been done to improve the general aspect of the city, and also to facilitate communication. A splendid new bridge has been thrown across the Golden Horn, streets have been widened and paved, electric trams have taken the place of horse trams, public parks have been opened. In various parts of the city, the Turkish postoffice has been reorganized, and last, but not least, a telephone system has been established.

The Turk is polite to a fault. He is often shocked by the brusqueness of the westerner. His sense of humor is large. His inimitable way of story telling is proverbial. Those who have known him intimately have found him a generous host, a kindly neighbor and a good comrade, but as a ruler quite incapable of falling in with modern methods.

Grounds For Divorce.

Because wife often held baby on one arm and pet rattlesnake on other, Preston (Kan.) man got a divorce.

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For the construction of an eight (8) inch main sanitary sewer, together with manholes and house junctions to be constructed and laid in, along and under Judson Avenue, beginning at a point in the center line of said Judson Avenue ten (10) feet North of its intersection with the Northerly line of Ava Street produced Easterly, thence Northerly on said center line 260 feet, thence North 17 1/2 degrees East 82 feet to and connecting into a manhole in the present sewer in said lot 3, block 87.

Highland Park Special Assessment of said Court Docket Number 222, and that application has been made to said Court to consider and determine whether or not the facts stated in said certificate are true. That a hearing will be had upon said application on Monday the 3rd day of January A. D. 1916, at the hour of ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the County Court Room of said Court, in the County Court House, at Waukegan, in said Lake County. Objections may be filed to said application on or before the hour of ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon of said day.

Samuel M. Hastings,
Howard H. Hitchcock,
Fritz Bahr,
E. G. Huber,
Ward W. Willis.

Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park, Illinois. Dated at Highland Park, Illinois, December 10th, 1915. 42-43

No Fire Within.
Times have changed. Our fathers for some strange reason preferred a cold meeting house to one which was warmed by artificial heat. When a stove was put into the Old South church, Boston, in 1783 a newspaper of contemporary date contained this significant lament: Extract the sacred fire of love. Our soul grown cold and dead. In the house of God we fixed a stove To warm us in their stead.

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