

Social and Personal News

By Miss Louise Nettles

Lavender
 Lavender
 We are to hide and hoard
 little treasure thus hoarded,
 full of happy hours
 lay aside with tender care
 a tattered book, a lock of hair,
 a bunch of faded flowers.

Death has led with silent hand
 darlings to the "Silent Land"
 we sit bereft.
 Time goes on; again we raise,
 dead are buried from our eyes
 gather what is left.

Books they loved, the songs they sang
 little lute whose music rang
 cheerily of old;
 we had watched them paint
 pictures with tender care
 last plucked flower, with odor faint,
 it fell from fingers cold.

Smooth and fold with reverent care
 robes they living used to wear;
 painful pulses stir
 over the relics of our dead,
 a bitter rain of tears, we spread
 purple lavender.

When we come in after years,
 only tender April tears
 cheeks once white with care,
 look on treasures put away
 pairing on that far-off day,
 whose scent is there!

Sweet and fresh we gather them
 fragrant flowers; now every stem
 of all its bloom;
 sweet and sweet we strewed them here
 lead our relics, sacred dear,
 of beautiful perfume.

Scent abides on book and lute,
 eul and flower, and with its lute
 eloquent appeal!
 Miss from me a deeper sob
 our last dead, a sharper throb
 we are wont to feel.

Whispers of the "long ago"
 love, its loss its aching woe,
 buried sorrows stir;
 tears like those we shed of old
 down our cheeks as we behold
 faded lavender.

HONOR OF DELOACHE

A lovely bridge party was given on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. King with Miss Rhetta DeLoache as assistant hostess. It introduced a series of bright parties to be given in honor of Miss Nau DeLoache, a popular bride whose marriage to Mr. Rufus DeLoache on Saturday the 27th will claim the interest during Christmas week.

The attractiveness of Mrs. King's party was enhanced by the elaborate forest greens and cut flowers. Refreshments from a table lovely in its appointments and having as a center a huge bowl of pink roses. Miss Rhetta DeLoache poured tea and King passed the refreshments. The prize was won by Mrs. L. A. Kirkland. It was a bottle of dainty perfume, brought over as a souvenir from France. Miss Francis Kennedy the consolation, another reminder of King's thoughtfulness during his sojourn overseas. The honor guest was seated with a lovely pair of wool

O. W. Nettles, now stationed at Taylor, has been on a visit this week to his brother Mr. W. F. Nettles. Nettles was with the American army in France and saw long service over there.

B. Pitts of Camden, was registered at the Mockenbush hotel, Charlotte, Wednesday.

Miss Addie Roberts, who is teaching Blaney, and Albertus Roberts, a student of N. G. B. A. at Tigerville, will spend the holidays at home.

Majestic Theatre PROGRAM

Today Friday Dec. 19th.
 S. Z. Arkoff Presents
 EUGENE O'BRIEN IN
 An Amazing Remarkable Romance
 "THE PERFECT LOVER"
 Supported by Marguerite Courtot,
 the Lee Stewart and Others
 Also a Barrow Holmes Travelogue

Saturday Dec. 20th
 Merry Fox Sunshine Comedy
 "HER FIRST KISS"
 And a new episode of
 "THE GREAT GAMBLE"
 Also a Mack Sennett Comedy
 "BACK TO THE KITCHEN"

Monday Dec. 22nd
 The Paramount Artercraft Star
 MARGUERITE CLARKE IN
 "LUCK IN PAWN"
 You will find plenty in this picture
 make it one of the most enjoyable
 things entertainment you have spent
 a long time.
 Admission 25c Children 15c

Tuesday Dec. 23rd
 Rex Beach Presents
 BILL ROGERS IN
 "LAUGHING BILL HYDE"
 This play personally supervised by
 Rex Beach himself.
 Also Pathe News and Briggs Comedy

Wednesday Dec. 24th.
 Wilcox Fox Presents
 Ray and Elinor Fair in
 "VAGABOND LUCK"
 Also a Bray Pictograph

CHRISTMAS DAY 1919
 S. Z. Arkoff Presents
 ELAINE HAMMERSTEIN IN
 "THE COUNTRY COUSIN"
 A tale of life to the story, gay times,
 pretty sets, beautiful gowns and pret-
 ty costumes. It's simply great.

CHRISTMAS

Before another issue of The Chronicle the happy yule-tide will have flowed and ebbed, bearing on the crest of its waves, we hope, a full measure of pleasure and genuine happiness to our readers. But whatever blessings it may bring, we know that it will be redolent with the memories of Aul Lang-Syne, 'Friends of long ago who have seemingly passed out of our lives shall be pictured in fancy, and the rosy dreams of youth again span our horizon like a beautiful rainbow, as we receive the gifts or greetings from those who the winds of chance have wafted far away. Silence nor absence have caused us to forget them; they still hold their own place in our hearts, and for this day at least, they come to claim it. And again in fancy we live over our yesterdays, and the Christmas twilight is peopled with those we knew and loved in the days that are no more. We do not agree with the great Burns when he said:

"Pleasures are like the poppies spread;
 You seized the flower, the bloom is shed;
 Or like the snowdrift on the river,
 A moment seen, then gone forever."

Real pleasures like true friendships are lasting, for we never forget the drinking from a cool spring, seeing a brilliant sunset, watching a glorious dawn, breathing the perfume of a flower. And so it is with all that is good, bright and beautiful in life, its loves and its friendships, for they are evergreens in a garland of years that time or conditions cannot wither.

We wish for our readers not only a Merry Christmas, but one filled with brightness and beauty, thoughtfulness and love—a Christmas unmarred by acts of forgetfulness, indifference, selfishness or sin, so that each succeeding yule-tide may bring a rush of happy memories—sunny memories to make sunshine in the shady places that may be awaiting us in the path of life, memories over which remorse or regret can never cast a lingering gray shadow, for remember that

"The gold must die from sunset skies,
 The purple from far hills,
 The foam-flowers fade from opal waves
 Drought hush the babbling rills,
 The earth grow cold and passionless
 'Neath winter's bitter blast.
 But the heart will hold its memories
 'Till life itself be passed."

DELOACHE-THURMAN CARDS

Mr. and Mrs. R. Blair DeLoache have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter Anne Kennedy and Mr. Rufus Randolph Thurman, December 27th, twelve o'clock noon at the Lytleton Street Methodist Church. A reception will be given at the home of the bride's parents immediately after the ceremony.

MRS. T. J. KIRKLAND ENTERTAINS

On Monday afternoon Mrs. T. J. Kirkland was an agreeable hostess at an informal tea given in honor of Mrs. Bowls of Boston, whose husband is an Admiral in the U. S. Navy. Mrs. Bowls is visiting her brother Mr. Henry Savage. Mrs. Kirkland's rooms were bright and cheery as they always are and the charming hospitality for which this home is noted was dispensed with the usual graciousness. Tea was poured by Mrs. Robert Marye and the dainty and delicious refreshments passed by Miss Mary Withers Kirkland. The rooms were filled with cutlers during the afternoon.

PARTY FOR MISS DELOACHE

Miss Lal Blakeney and Miss Francis Kennedy were hostesses at a lovely party Tuesday afternoon, when Miss Nau DeLoache was again the guest of honor.

Four tables for bridge were arranged and the rooms were ablaze with cut flowers and pot plants. A color scheme of pink was carried out in detail—the score cards being tied with dainty pink ribbons and the refreshments consisting of block ice cream, macaroons and coffee were not only delicious, but the cream and cakes suggested a rosy future for the happy bride-to-be. The score prize, an artistic basket was won by Mrs. Lawrence Kirkland, while Mrs. Geo. Brunson, of Chicago, cut the consolation, a box of almonds. The honor guest was presented with a lovely brides book, in which to chronicle the interesting and important events of her wedding.

MET WITH MRS. C. P. DUBOSE

The Kirkwood book club had an agreeable hostess in Mrs. C. P. DuBose on Wednesday morning. The rooms of this attractive home were especially bright and cheery on this occasion. Bright fires glowed behind the polished old-time brasses, and holly and mistletoe added a touch of Christmas cheer and beauty that they never fail to lend.

The new president, Mrs. John S. Lindsay, presided, and in the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Eugene Blakeney, Mrs. H. O. Houser acted.

Plans were perfected for the coming year and books selected—each member selecting and paying for one book. The club has about twenty members and has decided to meet on the first and third Thursday afternoons in each month.

Mrs. Frank M. Wooten will be the next hostess, the meeting to be at her home at 3:30 p. m. New Year's Day.

Coming Tuesday, Dec. 23rd to the Majestic, Rex Beach's "Laughing Bill Hyde" with Bill Rogers.

SHOW WAR'S APPALLING COST

Figures Reveal Price World Paid to Prevent Hunnish Hordes Extinguishing Light of Liberty.

Some comparative figures which force a realization of the magnitude of the world war are given in Henry Ford's Dearborn Independent, from which is quoted:

"There were 19 major wars fought in the world in the 117 years from 1793 to 1910. The late war cost 50 per cent more in lives and cost 700 per cent more in money spent than the whole 19 other wars put together.

"The most costly in lives of the previous wars was that between England and France, 1793-1815, a total of 1,000,000 men having perished.

"Next came the war of 1854-56, in which England, France, Sardinia, Turkey, Austria and Russia fought; 609,797 men were killed.

The more recent war between Russia and Japan came third, claiming the lives of 555,900 men.

"In our own Civil war both sides together lost 494,400 men, ranking fourth in loss of life in the great wars previous to the late one.

"In the struggle between France and Germany, so disastrous to France and which played a very important part in the recent peace settlement, 311,000 lives were lost.

"We Americans who remember or have read of the Civil war, of Gettysburg, of Pickett's charge, of Sherman's march to the sea, of Andersonville, have been wont to look on it as one of terrible slaughter—and it was.

"But Russia alone lost more than three times as many men in the late war as were lost by both the North and the South in the Civil war.

Germany lost more than three times as many.

"France lost nearly three times as many.

"Great Britain lost nearly twice as many.

"Austria lost nearly twice as many.

"So great has been the development in the engines of death that it is almost impossible to conceive the increase of fatalities in the late war as compared with previous wars.

"There were 69 years of war among the various nations in the 117 years prior to 1910.

"As nearly as can be learned, 5,098,007 men lost their lives in those wars.

"That would mean 73,885 lives lost a year, or about 200 a day.

"In the late war there were 200 men killed an hour, about 4,800 for every day of the war; a total of 7,450,200, according to the best available figures. That would be about 1,750,000 a year.

"In money cost of previous wars the French-English war, 1793-1815, comes first with its tax of \$6,250,000,000."

Alaskan Fur Seals.

A tentative annual census of the Alaskan fur seals just made by Dr. G. Dallas Hanna indicates the strength of the herd as 524,269 animals of all ages, compared with 496,432 seals in 1918. The number of pups born, equivalent to the number of breeding cows, was 157,172, an increase over 1918 of 10 per cent in each class. The aggregate figures for 1919 do not include the seals taken for their skins.

According to the telegraphic reports, 22,027 fur-seal skins have been taken on St. Paul Island and 3,354 on St. George Island through the regular killing season ending Aug. 10. A special effort has been made to reduce the excess of large male seals, with the result that over 6,400 such skins have been taken.

Sympathetic Neighborhood.

"How do you go about locating a 'still' in these parts?" asked the stranger.

"Be you a revenuer?" asked the ancient mountaineer.

"Oh, no. I'm a newspaper man, spending my vacation up here in the hills."

"Is that so? Well, I never yet heard tell o' one o' yer paper fellers that didn't set aroun' a powerful thirst. You just set aroun' a spell, sonny, an' some o' th' boys'll git so durned sorry for you they'll come right up an' offer to lead you to a 'still.'"—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Agreeable Outlook.

"I just now overheard an argument between a theorist and a hard headed business man."

"I presume the theorist said the business man lacked vision?"

"Oh, yes. That's a stock phrase among theorists who can't pay their board bills, but the business man said he could see a net profit of not less than \$200,000 next year, with a little fling at Saratoga, Palm Beach or Monterey, and that was vision enough for him."

Latest Excuse.

The Missus (at 2 a. m.)—Nice how to arrive home and a nice state to arrive in. I must say! Explain, you brute!

Himself—Oh! friend asked me to bet him gather evidence of violations of the wartime prohibition law, m'dear, an' I just (hic) couldn't refuse.—Buffalo Express.

Six to One.
 "What a wonderful family! A charming wife and five beautiful daughters. You must be a very happy man."
 "Yes, I suppose I ought to be, and I suppose I really am, but right now I want to say that I can tell you a lot about the difficulties of being out voted six to one."

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