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GUILD MASQUERADE

GRAND SUCCESS

Although in all probability there were other similar events in Seattle the same evening to detract from its patronage, it being the last Saturday before Thanksgiving, the Grand Masquerade Ball, given under the auspices of St. Paul's Guild, of East Seattle, Saturday evening, November 23rd, at Sandell's Hall, proved to be a splendid social and financial success.

The grand march took place at 9:30, after which fully one hundred disciples of the gentle art of terpsichore did the light fantastic in a great variety of disguises, and costumes, while many who did not dance were comfortably seated around the spacious hall enjoying the antics of those on the floor.

Entrancing music by Williams' Orchestra, coupled with an apparent desire on the part of all present to make the event one of pleasure for everybody, regardless of social distinction or formal acquaintance contributed a great deal to the suc-

his lady partner to indulge in the "grizzly bear," "Frisco glide," "turkey trot" or "chicken flip" simply out of the question.

There were no white hopes present but up to the time of unmasking there was a pair of very dark mysteries in a pair of very white skirts who when their identity was revealed proved to be the Ament-Whitcomb combination, well-known village cut-ups, giving a very clever imitation of a pair of black face comedians, presenting their very latest original side-splitting, laughter provoking black face comedy sketch, entitled "Giving Things a Local Color."

There was also the well fed country gentleman in working attire, very suggestive of the harvest field and new mown hay.

Presiding at the punch bowl, in a bower of dainty Island ferns and evergreens were Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Meerscheidt. The hall festooned with ferns and evergreens gathered from the forest

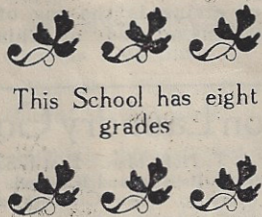
defer, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. H. W. Upper and son Barrington, Dorothy Ament, Myrtle Carr, Louis Bruns, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Albin, Mr. and Mrs. Ament, Miss Hicks, Miss Trumbull, Mr. and Mrs. A. Meerscheidt and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Leiser, Mr. and Mrs. Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Lane Dodge, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Newton Leithead, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Fintze, Mrs. F. K. Shelley, F. A. Donley and many others.

There is some talk of giving a Christmas dance during the week of Dec. 15.

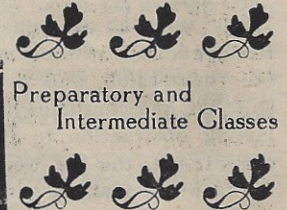
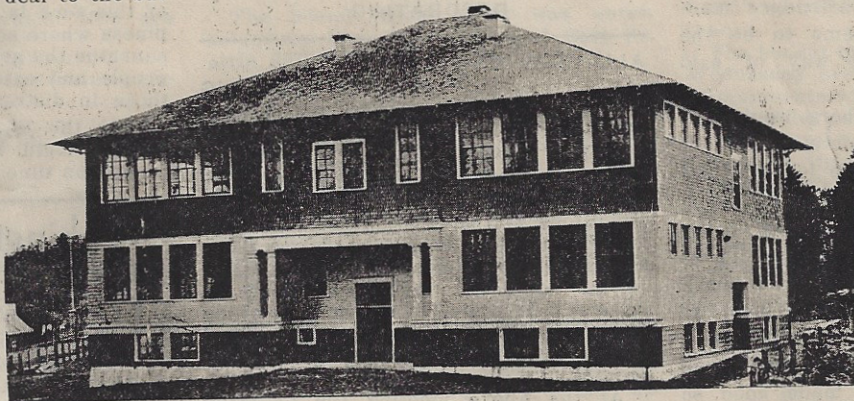
The net proceeds of the masquerade will be added to the church building fund.

DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS.

William Gilbert, a well-known resident of the East Side of the Island, who lived at Cedarhurst with his wife and son Charles, who is master of the steamer Arrow, died at 1 o'clock on the afternoon of Saturday, November 16th, after an ill-



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cess of the event and made it appear as one grand community family affair in which each Islander was constituted a committee of one to play a part in the success of the occasion.

Among the costumes on the floor were colonial dames; the lady of ante bellum days, made conspicuous by her fluffy dress of white and dainty pantalets; the lady from Spain; the Scandinavian group, the Orient; the exquisite little lady in pink, and the lady of mature years, whose sailor costume of blue gave her the appearance of sweet sixteen. There was the equestrienne, with the high riding boots; "O you beautiful doll," might well be applied to another costume, while many more seemed to be taken from the realm of pure fancy; there was the polite buffoon in abundance, one of whom was made conspicuous by a well developed frontal extension to his system which made any attempt on the part of

near by made an ideal setting for the happy event.

Among those present were: K. C. Beaton, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Whitcomb, J. F. Lane, wife and children, Max Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bernth, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Moore, Frank Brightman and wife, Dr. and Mrs. Burns, Wm. Collier and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Kellogg, Miss Ethel Bowes, James Archibald, Mrs. W. A. Hopkins, Mrs. E. T. Weeks, son Harold and daughter Marjorie, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve San-

ness lasting but two days.

His remains were taken to the city on the steamer Arrow the same day and placed with the Home Undertaking Parlor, Ninth avenue and Union street, for burial.

He was born in England, June 9, 1842, and was seventy years of age at the time of his death. He was a carpenter by occupation and formerly lived in Seattle. He was not affiliated with fraternal orders of any kind and in his declining

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TO VOTE FOR PORT COMMISSIONER.

One day after date of issue of this number, Monday, Dec. 2, there will take place a port commission election to elect a successor to C. E. Remsberg, whose term of office soon expires.

Of the three aspirants to the office, Remsberg and Nelson, the first named has the largest endorsement of taxpayers and seeks election to the office to succeed himself.

Bob Bridges, in his recent campaign speeches, has made Remsberg the object of his wrath, accusing him of general incompetency and being unfit for the important office he now holds and wishes to continue holding.

But, according to reports of the big dailies, there is method in Bridges' madness, and Remsberg seems to be the greatest obstacle in the way of said "method."

The removal of Remsberg would put Bridges almost in complete control of the commission, and if he is permitted so to do, and continues his policy of everlasting obstruction to the plans of the commission, the big work of developing the facilities that are to handle the greatly increased maritime commerce bound to follow the opening of the Panama Canal, will move along about as fast as a slow funeral. Remsberg has made good so far—vote for him again.

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NEW COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

The people at the recent election voted in favor of the county building a new court house on the site it owns at James street and Third avenue, Seattle. Bids for the construction are to be called for before long, but it is thought actual work will not begin until April or May, and it will be fully two years before the seven-story structure, as proposed, will be ready for occupancy. The architectural planning for the building is in charge of A. Warren Gould.

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George J. Mackenzie, who is an Island lover and property owner, and expects to erect a home in the spring that will add another attractive feature to Sereno Cove, as manager of the Klaw & Erlanger interests in the Northwest, has won his way into the hearts of the good people of Seattle, by donating the proceeds of one performance at the Metropolitan theatre to buy Christmas goodies for all the poor kids of Seattle.

The spirit shown by Mr. Mackenzie in giving up the theater for one night to bring happiness to the children of Seattle's destitute homes is worthy of commendation and the support of all who love the little children of the poor and would help bring a little Christmas sunshine into their gloomy lives.

The date of this performance has not yet been arranged, but it will probably take place during the week of Dec. 15, and an exceptionally good show in which there will be headline performers, musical acts and vaudeville stunts will furnish the best of amusement at this Christmas benefit.

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ALL VIEW HEIGHTS HOLDS MEETING

A good roads meeting by the citizens of the county dock section of the Island was held at All View Heights School, Saturday afternoon, November 23rd, for the purpose of arousing interest in road conditions in that section of the Island.

We now have a good roads organization at the north end, the south end and in the center of the Island which we hope will be united in one solid working body at the meeting of the Mercer Island Improvement Club to be held next month.

At the above meeting the following committee was appointed to boost for better roads: Vitus Schmid, F. W. Zimmerman and T. F. Basse.

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James F. Lane, vice president of the Scandinavian American bank, lives at East Seattle, where he has one of the most beautiful homes in Seattle's suburbs. And connected with his household is a small boy five years of age who has just started to school. Of course the youngster is learning something every day, but the most startling information came on the opening day of school.

"Papa," said he, "do you know that some of the boys at school talk about God a whole lot, and they don't bow their heads when they do it, either."

JOY OF XMAS GIVING.

The holidays will soon be with us, and afford an opportunity to do something to make somebody happier. Those who can should give fully of material things, as well as of the heart. Driving pessimism from your make-up, you should, during this season cultivate a spirit of cheerful content with your lot in life, and try to feel, if possible, that, like all other living things, you are a creature of destiny in the hands of Divine Providence, representing an investment of just so much of the same universal energy as animates all living things and responds automatically to the call of the Creator.

A profound study of the meaning of the above will be of great assistance to us, in this season of universal joy, in the matter of eliminating, if only for a time, the social and religious distinctions that are the cause of so many heart-breaking estrangements among those who at all times should be friends.

The healthy man's chronic grouch should not be tolerated at Christmas time. The grouch is generally associated with the crippled, the halt, the lame and the blind, whose physical defects they believe to be an ever present reproach of society.

The unfortunate children in our midst should be remembered (as well as those who are not unfortunate) and each little gift should be consecrated with love.

Blessed are they who find themselves at this time in a position to bestow happiness where sorrow exists, flooding with sunshine the grief-darkened lives of other people and extending a helping hand to those in distress.

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ISLAND IMPROVEMENT CLUB NOTES

We lately were asked what had become of the Mercer Island Improvement Club.

Speaking recently with Raymond D. Ogden, its secretary and treasurer, we were informed that there were no new developments that would justify the calling of a meeting to discuss the club's affairs at this time, and that in view of the expense to which the club would be put in providing the necessary transportation from the city and various parts of the Island to and from East Seattle, unless the transportation companies volunteered their services, as was the case at its first meeting, it would not be advisable to call a meeting unless there was something of vital importance to place before its members.

In a previous issue we announced that at a meeting of the officers of the club held some time ago in the city, a temporary good roads club had been organized, which would call a meeting of the Mercer Island Improvement Club shortly after the first of the year, at which a full report of receipts and expenditures would be made and a permanent good roads club organized.

It is hoped that in our next issue we will be able to announce the date of this meeting.

WINTER TIME TABLE
In Effect September 15, 1912.
Lake Washington
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To Mercer Island, East Seattle

Daily		
Lv. Leschi	Lv. Merc. Hts.	Lv. E. Seattle
6:30 am	7:00 am	7:15 am
*7:30 am	8:00 am	8:15 am
*8:30 am		8:45 am
10:00 a.m.	10:25 a.m.	10:35 a.m.
11:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
12:30 p.m.	12:45 p.m.
1:30 p.m.	1:55 p.m.	2:05 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
4:00 p.m.	4:25 p.m.	4:45 p.m.
5:30 p.m.	5:55 p.m.	6:05 p.m.
6:30 pm	6:55 pm	7:05 pm
*Sunday 8:00 am and 9:00 am.		
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Divorcee—A derelict whose last captain was shipwrecked.

Her Age—A mathematical freak which diminishes as it grows.

Debutant—A yearling heifer butting into an overcrowded pasture.

Adam—The unspeakable glutton. He bartered paradise for a spare rib.

Gossip—Universal currency; the smallest medium of exchange—and the meanest.

Flirtation—Skating on the thin ice of indiscretion around a spot marked "danger."

Eve—The only woman who did not ask before she went out: "Is my hat on straight?"

Honeymoon—The month between grass and hay. When it ends the greenest blade is cured.

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THE ISLAND HERE AND THERE.

News items for this column must reach The News office, 1407 Fifth Ave., Seattle, not later than the 12th of the month for the issue of the fifteenth, and not later than the 27th for the issue of the first. We are glad to print all items of social gatherings, lodge events, etc., free of charge. Send them in promptly.

Mr. and Mrs. Collier of East Seattle will spend the winter in town.

W. J. McDonald, formerly of Appleton, is now making his home at Beaux Arts.

Mrs. Fred K. Shelley entertained Mr. and Mrs. Sisley, of Chicago, Tuesday, November 26.

Mr. Metke and family recently returned to their home at East Seattle, after an absence of about a year.

Jack Bowes, of East Seattle, is at present a Vancouver Island nimrod, with headquarters at Victoria, B. C.

The Island Bridge Club was entertained by Mrs. Lane Dodge of East Seattle Saturday evening, Nov. 16.

Mrs. Clark and son, of Palo Alto, Cal., are spending the winter with Mrs. Weeks of East Seattle, who is a sister of Mrs. Clark.

A tree being felled by Lambert Peterson, Saturday afternoon, Nov. 23, fell on and slightly damaged the Tennant dock at the shore end.

To correct an error in our last issue, referring to the total vote of the precinct of Mercer, which appeared in one article as 228 and in another as 238, we beg to state that the latter is correct.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ellis, of All View Heights after a recent visit to Port Angeles in search of a suitable farm site, are undecided as to whether or not it is advisable to leave the Island at this time.

H. D. Stewart, contractor and builder, of East Seattle, has been awarded a contract for making extensive alterations to the Mercer Island home of Fred. Clark. The contract calls for an expenditure of about \$2,500.

A tank with a capacity for about 50,000 gallons of water for irrigating purposes is to be built by J. W. Ellis, of All View Heights. In addition to the needs of his own place he will have a surplus which he will endeavor to sell to neighbors.

A sixty-foot shaft lined with twelve-inch burnt clay sewer pipe has been driven to tap an unlimited supply of sheet water at that depth and a small pumping plant will be installed to carry the water from that level to the tank.

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7:45 am	8:30 am	8:55 am	9:10 am
11:00 am	12:15 pm	12:45 pm	12:55 pm
3:30 pm	4:30 pm	5:00 pm	5:10 pm
6:00 pm
11:45 pm Saturday night only.			

Sunday			
Leave Leschi	Leave Kennydale	Leave Mercer Hts.	Leave E. Seattle
8:30 am	9:30 am	10:00 am	10:10 am
11:00 am	12:15 pm	12:45 pm	12:55 pm
3:30 pm	4:30 pm	5:00 pm	5:10 pm
6:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:40 pm	7:50 pm

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BENEFIT BRIDGE.

For the purpose of raising funds with which to purchase gifts and goodies for the children of the Island and the decoration of the annual Christmas Tree, the ladies of St Paul's Guild, of East Seattle will hold a benefit bridge at the residence of A. Meerscheidt, who has kindly consented to give up his home for this occasion, for which the ladies of the Guild wish to express their sincere thanks.

The benefit takes place at eight o'clock Wednesday evening, December 4. Light refreshments will be served and all those who would contribute to this event, which means so much for the children at Christmas time, should assemble at Mr. Meerscheidt's home on that evening and contribute what they can to the success of the event.

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H. D. Stewart, contractor and builder, of East Seattle, with offices in the American Bank Bldg., has been awarded the contract for the construction of a 75x1010 foot dock at Port Townsend for the Standard Oil Co., to cost about \$10,000. Creosoted and back piling will be used.

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PARENTAL SCHOOL BOYS CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING

The boys of the Parental School have long since been noted for their splendid entertainments given at Thanksgiving and Christmas time, and the one given Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 27, was up to the standard in every way. The weeks preceding these festival times are spent in practicing for the event and every boy enters into the spirit of the occasion to such an extent that they become memorable occasions in the minds of all of them. The fact that there are no girls in the school is a disadvantage which is easily overcome by the boys as some of them take the feminine parts in the little plays and farces, and make surprisingly pretty girls.

An amusing feature of this year's program was a railway scene in which the deaf man and the man who stuttered became engaged in heated arguments.

"Uncle Sam's Thanksgiving Dinner," in which Uncle Sam entertained his nephews Hawaii, Porto Rico, the Philippines and Alaska, given by the older boys, was also an appropriate and enjoyable act.

Music between the acts was furnished by the Parental School Quartet.

The menu of the Thanksgiving Dinner served the boys on this occasion follows:

- Roast Chicken and Dressing
- Mashed Potatoes
- Baked Sweet Potatoes
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- Creamed Carrots
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Dies After Brief Illness

years sought the peace and quietude of his Island home, where, for years, he had lived with his wife, Mrs. Sophia M. Gilbert, and his son Charles.

In addition to the latter, he is survived by another son, W. A. Gilbert, who lives at 1526 Twenty-fifth avenue, Seattle, and a daughter, Mrs. Ralph Reid.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a. m., Monday, November 18th, from the Home Undertaking Parlors, formerly the Rosenburg Undertaking Co., Ninth avenue and Union street, and his remains interred in their last earthly resting place in Mount Pleasant cemetery.

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BELLEVUE BRIEFS.

Mr. A. Shipeck is clearing up his lots in Lochleven.

Mr. G. Milliken is back from his visit east of the mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers entertained friends Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Adams are moving back to Seattle this week.

The Bellevue football team lost to the Seattle team Thanksgiving.

Mr. Walter Tuckett, of Seattle, spent last Sunday visiting in Bellevue.

Mr. J. A. Hoadley has erected a new building for Mr. E. Sherman's new car.

Mr. S. Underline expects to build a new house on his lots near Bellevue landing.

The home of Mr. Oscar Vollmer, of Medina, was burned since our last issue. It was a total loss.

Mrs. D. Nightingale and son left last Monday for a few weeks' visit with relatives in Lewiston, Idaho.

Mr. J. Gillette has repainted his house after remodeling it. It certainly looks fine in its new coat of green.

Mr. C. R. Campbell has rented his place north of the Baptist church and expects the new tenant to take possession this week.

The regular meeting of the Bellevue Grange will be held at Community Hall, Dec 11 at 8 p. m. It is important that all members make a special effort to be present.

"Township Organization" will be discussed at the meeting of the Bellevue Improvement Club at Community Hall, Monday evening, Dec. 2, 8 p. m. You should be present.

VISITS HIS SON.

Mr. O. V. Hurt, collector of the Port of Newport, Ore., father of Frank Hurt, proprietor of the East Seattle Grocery, is celebrating Thanksgiving week with the latter and family at the Hurt residence, East Seattle.

Miss Erna Meerscheidt, of East Seattle, gave a party to a number of college boys and girls, Friday afternoon, Nov. 29.

Louie Sandell is responsible for this one: A gentleman of color, slightly spifflicated, while carrying a tray containing Louie's Thanksgiving dinner at the Rathskeller, spilled himself all over the floor, causing the following complication: The downfall of Turkey, overthrow of Greece, the consternation of Africa, and breaking up of China.

A chicken-farm is established on the roof of the largest family hotel in New York. The hens lay eggs for those who dine in the hotel. The first experiment at keeping chickens twenty stories up in the air failed because the chickens were taken to their high place from a country farm. They became homesick and did not lay. Then an incubator was bought, and the chickens were hatched on the roof. About two hundred and fifty are now kept there all the time, feeling at home in the only sort of scenery they have ever known. But it makes a country chicken-raiser homesick to think of chickens, twenty stories up in the air, deprived of the joys of digging worms in the flower-beds.