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**THE GRANDE RONDE HORSE**

It would seem that either intentional or unintentional, certain state live stock officials are making statements that have a tendency to destroy the horse market in this immediate vicinity. That anyone should wilfully claim glanders exists among horses of this section is more than can be understood by local people, for as a matter of fact no glanders have appeared in this valley for years, and

there is not and has not been a horse under quarantine for a long time. Statements of this kind are most damaging and every man, especially every official clothed with the least particle of authority, should be very careful in making them. One man serving as a minor official even by appointment can do more damage to a market with one or two utterances than ranchers can repair in years of constant care and attention to their breeding animals.

Now, it is well known that the Grande Ronde horse is in many ways superior to other horses and the reasons are plain to even the layman who does not study horse breeding. In the first place, the altitude of this part of the state seems to be especially adapted to bringing out and developing the strong, sturdy horse. The feed raised here has considerable to do with successful horse raising for it is admitted that the bunch grass is far superior to the grass of the coast country.

Knowing that these facts are established horse buyers come to the Grande Ronde valley every year and buy large numbers of animals which are shipped to different points. This

valley has sent a great many horses into Canada, which means they must undergo the severest tests as to health before they are permitted to cross the boundary line and the English horse examination is recognized as one of the most minute, yet Grande Ronde horses have never been refused entrance to Canada and each year the buyers come back for more.

But it makes no difference how well a horse business is established, and the reputation of the horses carry, just let the story get in circulation that glanders are prevalent and the horse buyer will shun that community. It is therefore important that local horsemen do all they can to overcome such reports.

**SOCIETY.**

While La Grande is not society mad, it does maintain a steady gait, and though the holidays are still in mind, there has been a wide range of social affairs, and club activities have been resumed in this first week of 1911. Strangers coming within our gates remark at the great number of club- and societies in La Grande, and therein lies democracy. A weekly review of club life and social life involves every walk of life almost, and "society" as used in La Grande is synonymous with pastimes that uplift and entertain.

Last Saturday evening Miss Ethel Wright was hostess to a large number of her friends who had gathered at her home on 1202 Pennsylvania Avenue to watch the New Year in with Wayne Pickler of Portland as "moff." Many amusing games and contests were heartily enjoyed by all. Light refreshments were served soon before the whistles announced the beginning of 1911. The guests spent a very pleasant evening and certainly could not have been more royally entertained.

The invited list was as follows: Misses Olive Maassee, Zoe Bragg, Hilda Anthony, Jannette Smith, Lillian Baker, Lillian McDonald, Nellie Pickens, Grace Pickens, Sarah Smith, Mir-

iam Smith, Ida Billings, May Nellie, Alice Hill, Naomi Kirtley, Louise Roesch, Ethel Hanley, Frankie Crawford, Phyllis Moore, Gladys Oesterling, Mary Penington, Charlotte Jones, Nellie Hill, Elsa Couch, Margaret Romig of Baker City, and Runa Bacon. Messrs Wayne Pickler, Lynn Bohnenkamp, Harley Richardson, Milton Stoddard, Russell Ralston, Lee Reynolds, Tracy Wade, Merlin Batley, George Currey, Frank Ralston, Frank Earls, Joe Whitby, Hal Bohnenkamp, Harold Grady, George Kerr, Clarence Garrity, James Irwin, Grover Grimmett, Cecil Bolton, Fritz Lottes, Willard Carpy, Robert Kelly Ernest Vehrs, and John Ruby.

Miss Ethel Bearden entertained a few of her friends in her home at 603 Fourth street last Wednesday evening. The young folks were entertained until a late hour by many amusing games. The guests partook of a dainty luncheon served by Miss Viola Knapp and Miss Elsie Bearden. After several more games had been played they all departed for their homes after spending a most pleasant evening. The house was decorated in evergreens in a very novel manner. Those present were: Misses Winnie Ladd, Esther Wilson, Clara Carbine, Vera Swalberg, Fay Strigham, Letitia Foster, Etta Mathews, Lizzie Mathews, Rosalin Wilson, Louise Pierce, Viola Knapp and Elsie Bearden; and Messrs Ralph Nicoles, Harry Moon, John Schofield, Ray Baum, Irving Watson, Clarence Cole, Arthur Johnson, Clarence Stevenson, Al Harris, Harry Baum, Arno Johnson, Estil Wright and Elmer Curtis.

A farewell party was given to Mr. Earl Vaughn Tuesday evening at the residence of Rev. Ford A. Ellis, 1701 Washington Avenue. The time pleasantly passed while numbers of the party played amusing games and listened to delightful music. Light refreshments were served and the young people departed with joyful hearts. The following persons were present: Misses Lela Hough, Anna Meloy, Jennie Meloy, Leona Wilcox, Helen Richardson, Ruth Cother, Nina Erickson, Lela Hendricks, Bella Kindred, Edna Bankson, and Messrs. Frank Miller, James Clay, Earl Hough, and

Henry Saline, and Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Conner.  
 Mr. Vaughn will leave for Portland at the close of the present semester of the La Grande High school to join his parents. He will finish the year's schooling in that city.

Among the many pleasant New Year parties, was that of the La Jaunesse club last Saturday evening when the club members entertained their gentlemen friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bay. A three course luncheon was served by as many sections of the club. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bacon, who were closely affiliated with the La Jaunesse club before their removal to Montana. The other guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bay, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Nelson, Misses Lena Jones, Marjorie McCall, Etta Foley and Irene Murphy; Messrs. Leo Herring, Walter Francis, Frank Conners and C. O. Ramsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dresner will commemorate the golden anniversary of their wedding on January 1st. An event, which will take place at the home of Mrs. Isaac Simon, 2178 Pine street. Several hundred guests have been invited to participate in the happy event, and the hours of the reception will be from 1 until 5.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Dresner will be assisted in receiving their guests by their children and grandchildren. Among them will be: Mrs. Isaac Simon, Mrs. Isaac Jones, Mrs. Adolph Newman, Mrs. Julius Hirsch, Mrs. M. P. Meidelsohn and Isaac Dresner.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Baker near Summerville occurred the marriage of their daughter Effa Conrad Baker to Mr. Wm. F. Chatten on Sunday, January first, at one o'clock in the presence of a few relatives, Rev. H. P. Petersons of Summerville was the master of ceremony. A sumptuous dinner had been prepared and was greatly enjoyed by all. The young

people departed for La Grande where they will visit friends and relatives for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Chatten are well known and a host of friends wish them a long happy, and prosperous life.

On January 25, the Brotherhood of Trainmen of this city will make another bow to the social world when it gives its annual ball—an event similar to the Firemen's ball, which is always waited for with much interest. Not only to the trainmen but to the railroad employes and the public at large do these railroad events prove themselves of especial interest. Several committees have the matter of details in hand. In years past the lanterns and headlights which the firemen lay claim to in their decorations, are superseded by fuses by the trainmen.

There is every reason to believe that this year's event will be up to the former dances given yearly by the Brotherhood in this city. The Elk's hall will be the scene of the event.

A dance will be given by the Modern Woodmen of America on Monday evening, January ninth. The installation of officers is to be held at that time. This is the first event of a social order that the M. W. A. has attempted for some time and all the members are laboring faithfully to make this a grand success. It promises to be the stellar M. W. A. social event for the coming week.

On the evening of January 5th, a number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Dickenson "took" them by surprise and spent a very enjoyable evening at their home in May Park. The occasion was the birthday anniversary of Mr. Dickenson. After playing games and enjoying a social evening the Mr. and Mrs. Dickenson were served to a splendid luncheon which the guests had prepared. It was approaching midnight when the guests departed after wishing their hosts many happy birthdays. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Castle, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Glass, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Snydam, Mrs. George Keltz, Mrs. S. B. Will-

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