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Free Will Laughters for La Grande's Performance at Portland.

Detailed descriptions of the Eastern Star drill team's meritorious performance at Portland last week, are given to the Observer by two well known Eastern Star members, Jessie S. Vert, past worthy grand matron and Robert A. Miller, past grand patron. Their description follows:

Immediately after the exemplification of the ritualistic work by the grand officers, they vacated the floor and to the strains of music Hope chapter entered the chapter room.

Dr. Lincoln, the worthy patron, escorted the worthy matron, Miss Carrie B. Hunter to the east and Miss Wilma Rinehart to the piano.

The 25 ladies, gowned beautifully but simply in cream silk mull were greeted with great applause from the large audience assembled in the grand lodge room of the new Masonic temple, as they entered. They wore white shoes and their only decoration was a large corsage bouquet of pink roses, presented to them by the ladies of the Portland chapters.

The team was composed of the following ladies: Dora B. Schilke, composer and instructor, Wilma Rinehart, organist, Mesdames C. T. Bacon, Frank Jackson, H. C. Grady, M. K. Hall, Mac Wood, John Wade, A. B. Cherry, C. E. Cochran, Chas. Noyes, Col. Eberhard, Lew Given, C. E. Dunn, Pete Belver, Perry Oliver, L. M. Hoyt, C. M. Lockwood, N. Mollitor; and the Misses Bess Bohnenkamp, Stella Black, Ethel McKennon, Bertha Berger, Cynthia Stine and Mabel Van Fleet.

Upon the entrance of the 12 officers, the floral degree was conferred upon Worthy Grand Matron Jennie G. Rinehart as a mark of honor.

The additional 12 then entered the chapter room and joining with the floral team—for almost an hour—created an enthusiasm which called for encore after encore from the large assemblage of Eastern Stars for their military appearance while marching and counter marching and forming the following symbolic figures:

Hope 13, O. E. S., "Scrolls and Double Scrolls," "Triangles," "Double Labyrinth," "Caballistic" and all signs of the order and "Rinehart." The 12 officers then formed an anchor in the east, symbolic of the "anchor of hope," when Dr. Seemann stepped down completing the number "13" which alluded to the number of the chapter and also 13 diamonds set in a small anchor of gold. The last was a beautiful emblem which was presented by Dr. Seemann on behalf of Hope Chapter No. 13, to Worthy Grand Matron Jennie G. Rinehart. The drill team then presented to Mrs. Schilke as a token of their appreciation of her many efforts, her unrelenting energy and skilled military ability, a handsome solid silver set of knives and forks.

Following this, Wilma Rinehart was the recipient of a beautiful ruby ring, presented to her by the drill team as a compliment for the talented manner in which she executed the beautiful musical strains which lead La Grande's most popular team to success.

To say that the presentation of the drill work was grand, is expressing it lightly for upon every hand compliment after compliment has been extended them. None but those present can in the least appreciate the beautiful military effect, the precision of movement, the unity of sweet facial expression and apparent hypnotic power which seemed to emanate from that most illustrious leader and trainer, Mrs. Dora Schilke.

Alluding to the personal beauty of the members of the team and the many compliments paid them we recall the accession of Queen Esther to the throne, for it is said that "after the divorce of Queen Vashti, the king caused search to be made throughout the empire for the most beautiful woman to be her successor." It seems that in this case a similar order was issued from the metropolis of Eastern Oregon and being unable to select one from the many presentations who was more beautiful than the rest, the whole body of 25 were impressed and

amid shouts of joy and enthusiasm, presented before the grand chapter of the order of the O. E. S. of Oregon where they were hailed as the most beautiful collection of ladies who have ever appeared in one body within the confines of our great beauty producing state.

Mrs. Schilke and Miss Rinehart have ingratiated themselves with the Portland people and those who were fortunate in being present from other parts of the state, with their able leadership and power producing effect of enthralled musical strains.

We consider it as a whole a great success and La Grande should be proud of her representative ladies who have so nobly done their part, and remember them with kindness and every courtesy possible.

JESSIE S. VERT, Past Grand Matron.
ROBT. A. MILLER, Past Grand Patron

SHE THANKS HER FRIENDS.

Miss Van Housen Also Delighted With Her Journey.

To the La Grande Observer: I wish to thank through the Observer each and every one who helped to show us the good time at Portland and Gearhart park.

I know we all appreciated the kindness shown us by the management at the Hot Lake sanatorium.

We were treated very kindly at the Imperial hotel and the banquets given at the different places were greatly enjoyed by all, as also were the parties given in our honor.

The rose carnival and the parades were simply great. I wish to thank especially the people at Gearhart park who showed us so much consideration. Also Mr. Dennis who was the means of making such a trip possible for us. Miss Rotan and Mr. Brock cannot be equaled as chaperones.

Taken all together it was the most enjoyable time of my life and will always be remembered as such.

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