

# Society and Clubs

Mrs. R. F. Ivanhoe yesterday afternoon entertained a few of her friends to meet Mrs. C. M. Starkweather of Pendleton. The party provided an opportunity for Mrs. Starkweather to renew her old acquaintances and to make new ones. The afternoon was spent in a most enjoyable manner. Mrs. A. T. Hill reviewed in a most delightful way the story of the popular tale, "Mary Carey," the scene of which is laid in Loudon county, Virginia. Mrs. Stella Ingle read in her characteristic and captivating manner, "The Flowers," a poem from Longfellow's works. Mrs. Starkweather read in a pleasing style John Hay's poem "Littie Breeches." Mrs. Hattie McDonald delivered that masterpiece of literary productions, "The Perfect Tribute." Several hours were spent in a very instructive and entertaining manner. Mrs. Ivanhoe's guests immensely. The new bungalow home was decorated very neatly for the occasion and the party was one of the very foremost of the month. Light refreshments were served. Those present were: Miss Margaret Anson, Mrs. C. W. Nibley, Mrs. George Palmer, Mrs. Turner Oliver, Mrs. W. K. Davis, Mrs. A. L. Richardson, Mrs. A. T. Hill, Mrs. J. C. Henry, Mrs. N. Moffitt, Mrs. Stella Ingle, Mrs. Hattie McDonald, Mrs. W. Y. Stoddard of Perry, Mrs. McCune of Salt Lake and Mrs. C. M. Starkweather of Pendleton.

A very pretty and quiet wedding was solemnized this week at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kellen, near Imbler, where their daughter, Cornelia, was given in marriage to Walter Hickman of Oklahoman. At the appointed hour the young couple took their places at an improvised altar where a very impressive ceremony was performed by Rev. Wm. E. Whitlock, of the M. E. church. The bride wore a handsome gown of white silk and carried a bridal shower bouquet of roses. After hearty congratulations the

guests were served a dainty three-course luncheon.

After a short honeymoon in Oregon where they will be home to their friends after August 1st.

Mrs. Hattie McDonald entertained the junior division of her music class this afternoon at the home of Mrs. George S. Bernie in South La Grande. Under the spreading trees of the lawn social hours were spent with music and light refreshments. The juniors of her class who were present were: Fredericka Schilke, Lorna Cookidge, Juanita Halsten, Alladen Halsten, Ruth Newton, Elvina Edmond, Edna Carpenter, Marjorie Lozan, Arion Oliver, Dewey Crawford and Ruth Millerling. Other guests for the occasion were: Vic Crawford, Gladys Herr, Eunice Bolton and Jean Monroe.

A delightful little surprise party was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Huffman on Thursday evening, July 20, when a number of friends and neighbors gathered in to help celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. The visitors brought their refreshments of ice cream and cake and presented Mr. and Mrs. Huffman with a beautiful silver cake tray. Short addresses were given by Dr. Stevenson, Mrs. J. W. Redhead and Mr. Huffman, followed by a number of excellent vocal and instrumental selections.

Mrs. Joe Whitby entertained Wednesday evening in honor of their son Joe, who on that day celebrated the 21st anniversary of his birthday. Luncheon was served in a very pleasing manner and several elegant presents were given to the young man. Plates were laid for Maribel Green, Cecel Bolton and Joe Whitby, and Misses Marie Bolton, Bernice Stanchfield and Muriel Burke.

The Young People's union of the Baptist church enjoyed a very pleasant evening last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Happersett. A delightful luncheon was served.

# UNION RESENTS STATION PLANS

## PROBABLE ABANDONMENT OF STATION REGRETTED.

Union Republican Outlines Railroad Situation There.

### POSSIBLE ELECTRIC LINE

J. H. Hutchinson has announced his willingness to put in an electric line from Union to Union Junction, in the event that the Central company does not rebuild from Cove switch to the junction, and the proposition meets with quite general favor. It is thought the line can be built and equipped for less than \$2,000,000.

(Union Republican.)

The work of scattering ties and rails along the right of way of the Central railway of Oregon from Union to Hot Lake was commenced this week, and it is understood that this line will be placed in shape for travel at the earliest possible day. It is reported from La Grande and it is the general belief that it is a part of the Central company's plans to not rebuild the line from Cove Junction to the Union Junction station, but to carry all business destined for this place via Hot Lake.

The Republican has this week interviewed Superintendent R. H. England, of the Central, and is informed by him that the service over the new line will be first class in every respect, as good or better than that maintained by the O-W road, and that from his point of view the change will be for the benefit of the town. Fares and freight rates, Mr. England states, will not be higher than at the present time, while the service will be improved. He reports that an appropriation has been made for a new station at Hot Lake.

The new gasoline motor and combination car are on the way from the east, Mr. England says, and will be here soon, and will be placed on the line as soon as the track is completed. From Hot Lake, it is understood that traffic arrangements have been made whereby the motor car will run into La Grande over the O. W. R. & N. tracks.

On the other hand, taking the actions of the company and the report from La Grande in consideration, there are reasons for believing that the Central company does not contemplate rebuilding its track from Cove to Union Junction, and that all traffic for this place will be carried via Hot Lake, and right here is where all of our people are dissatisfied. They are not ready to give up the Union station in the O. W. R. & N.

We are not advised that it is the intention of the O-W company to abandon that station, but without a railroad from Union to the station our people would be handicapped to a certain extent in reaching that point. And there seems to be no way of forcing the Central company to operate a railroad from Cove Junction to Union Junction unless that company sees fit to do so.

But does the O-W contemplate abandoning the station at Union Junction. That is the question of importance just now, and one of great interest to our people.

There are two sides to this matter—the side of the Central railroad company, and the side of the people of the city of Union.

On the first side we have a losing railroad proposition conducted in a "manic" but has been a source of humiliation to our town. Under the new plan, the company promises a better service at practically the same rates—cheaper in some respects. By the long haul the company evidently hopes to change a losing proposition to one that will pay its way.

On the other side, we have a station known as Union station or Union Junction on the O-W road that may possibly be abandoned under the new rule, and all Union traffic will come and go via Hot Lake. The effect on the shipper, the effect on the town by

the obliteration of Union station, the effect of taking our town off the main line map, are some of the things to be considered in this case on the part of our town.

Evidently we cannot make the Central company maintain the road to Union Junction—can we induce the O. W. R. & N. to maintain the station as before?

These are points to be considered. All of our people favor the retention of the O. W. R. & N. station and will fight hard to that end, but with this accomplished we are up against the matter of transportation to and from the station.

The question in a nutshell is this: Will the increased business and better service promised by the new line overcome the distance from main line connection and disadvantages that many believe will accrue from this change?

The Republican is not reconciled yet to giving up the station at Union Junction, but realizes the handicap of lack of transportation facilities between that station and the city. And that is a condition that will have to be met.

The Republican is not here to stir up strife and discord, but is here to guard the welfare of this town, and to point out any possible menace to its prosperity.

And we don't just feel like acquiescing in a proposition looking toward making Hot Lake our whistling station on the main line, even though there may be some points to commend the change.

### RECEIVES YEAR SENTENCE.

Van Deyne Will Join Road and Bridge Making Crews for County.

One year in the county jail with instructions to join the road and bridge making crews, was the term pronounced upon Charles Van Deyne today by Circuit Judge Knowles. Mr. Van Deyne had previously been convicted of larceny from the person. He will commence his sentence immediately.

### GOVERNMENT AFTER SLAYERS

White Slave Traffic on Coast to Be Ferreted Out Soon.

San Francisco, July 29.—The federal government will take action soon in hunting down and breaking up gangs of white slavers who have been active in California, as soon as evidence can be secured to back theory that ramifications of the gang extend to Portland, Seattle and other Pacific slope cities.

### MISSING GIRL RETURNS.

New York Mystery Cleared When Girl Returns of Own Volition.

New York, July 29.—Remorseful and ashamed, Louise Swan, aged 19, whose disappearance turned the police department upside down in the effort to find her, returned home today. She had left her home to earn her own living, and had secured a job as a governess in a small town where she did not see the New York papers.

### TOBACCO COMPANIES MEET.

Plans to Fulfill Dictates of Supreme Court to Be Formulated.

New York, July 29.—A conference of officials of various companies included in the \$300,000,000 American Tobacco company will be held tonight to decide a plan of dissolving the trust as the supreme court has ordered. Work of separating the trusts is already started. It will take over six months to complete it.

### Mississippi Valley Spiritualists.

Clinton, Ia., July 29.—Everything is in readiness for the 29th annual camp meeting of the Mississippi Valley Spiritualists' association, which will open at Mount Pleasant park tomorrow and continue until the end of August. A large attendance of members of the organization from eight or ten states is expected.

### In Memory of King Humbert.

Rome, July 29.—In connection with the celebrations of the semi-centennial of Italian independence an imposing pilgrimage of delegates from patriotic societies throughout the kingdom made its way to the Pantheon today and deposited a wealth of floral offerings at the tomb of Humbert I., this being the 11th anniversary of the assassination of the king by the anarchist Bresci at Monza.

### What's the Matter With Thomas?

There are some names which seem peculiarly suited to royalty; Louis, for instance, has a kingly sound. Francis, George, Henry in both spellings, Charles, William, Edward and James all have served their turn. John there have been, and Stephens, I remember a Robert in Sicily and a Peter in Russia and Servia. Frederick has often worn the crown, and royal honors are even now paid to Ferdinand in Bulgaria. But was there ever, anywhere, a king named Thomas? Oscars and even Hankens ascend the dais, but ever through all the centuries Thomas remains the subject, sometimes struggling up to a bishopric or an earldom, but never attaining the crown. Nicholas wear the imperial purple; Godfrey lord it over Jerusalem; Alexis struts in ermine; Alexander fare forth to conquest; Julius and Leo don the triple crown, but Thomas, poor pebbled Thomas, has never a crown to his name. Now tell me, you who are wise in the occult influence of names, what is the matter with Tom?—London Idler.

### Washington as a Humorist.

While president Washington's humor seemed to find expression in the diplomacy of his protection, the revolutionist came to him for a general testimonial, which Washington did not care to grant, yet he did not wish to give offense to the French by a curt refusal, so he wrote an evasive card worthy of Lincoln—"G. Volney needs no recommendation from G. Washington."

After Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown Washington treated him with high consideration. At a dinner given in honor of the distinguished prisoner Rochambeau proposed "The United States" as his toast; Washington responded with "The King of France"; Cornwallis, perforce, faintly suggested "His majesty," when Washington started them all by announcing, "The king of England—may he stay there!" with a ready wit that made even Cornwallis laugh.—Century.

### Cards and Card Playing.

In a paper in the Journal of the Royal Society of Arts Professor H. Cheney, discussing the part played by gambling in magic, observes: "The use of cards is said to be derived from the Turot cards, which were originally employed for occult purposes. The legend which ascribes the invention of cards to the purpose of amusing a mad king does not seem at all a sufficient explanation, and there is in addition the fact that cards of a kind existed before the said king. In further support of this idea the well known practice of telling fortunes by cards may probably be regarded as a survival of a regular form of divination by such means. It seems, in fact, that card playing for stakes is a mere development of a ceremony in which individuals consulting the oracle decided to abide by its pronouncements as to the holding of disputed property."

### Meteors and the Atmosphere.

One of the most useful results arising from the study of sporadic meteors is the light thrown upon the question of the height of the atmosphere, since it is the friction of the air that sets them on fire, and if their elevation is known at the moment of their first ap-

pearance the probable height of the atmosphere can be calculated. On Aug. 11, 1906, a brilliant meteor happened to impress its picture simultaneously on three photographic plates, at Taubkend, Iskander and Tschingau, in Russian Turkestan. The distances between these places furnished lines from which the height could be deduced. The calculation shows that the meteor first appeared at a height of 59.45 miles above the earth and disappeared at fifty miles.

### The Orange in Spain.

It is considered a very unwholesome thing to eat an orange before breakfast. But who can eat an orange well? One must go to Spain to see that done. The senorita cuts off the rind with her silver knife, then, putting her fork into the pitted fruit, she detaches every morsel with her pearly teeth and continues to eat the orange without losing a drop of the juice and lays down the core with the fork still in it.

### Unpalatable.

The Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon was fond of a joke, and his keen wit was, moreover, based on sterling common sense. One day he remarked to one of his sons:

"Can you tell me the reason why the lions don't eat human beings?"  
"No, sir. Why was it?"  
"Because the most of him was backbone and the rest was grit."—Youth's Companion.

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