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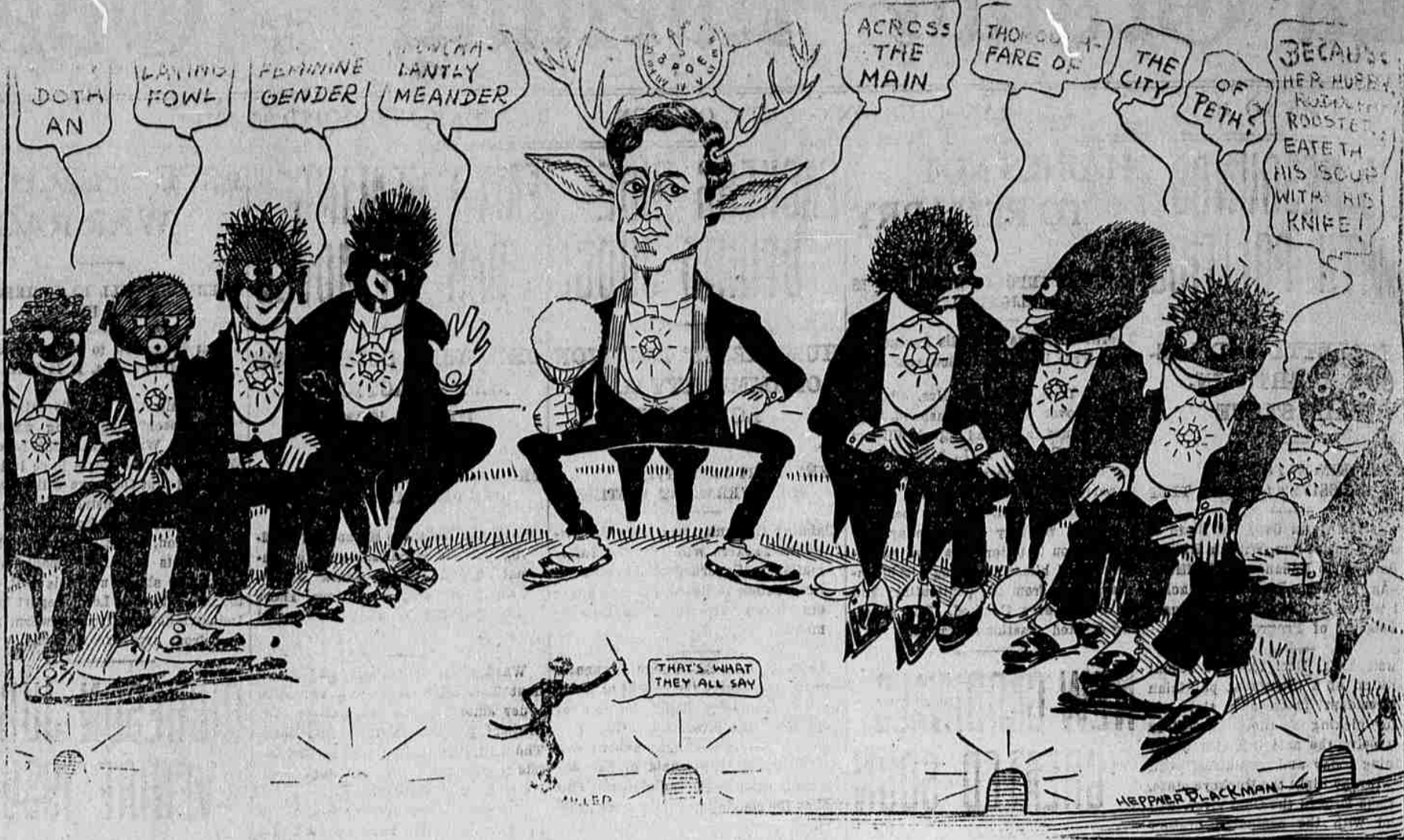
THE SCHOOL AS A SOCIAL CENTER

The movement to make the school a social center is growing. Through the work of the Russell Sage foundation and the efforts of individual boards of education and other sources, a great impetus has been given the project.

While the amusement problem in relation to young people in Chicago probably is much different than in La Grande, the plan is worthy of consideration in this city. In bringing young folks together under the right kind of association and with capable supervisors in attendance, the influence undoubtedly is for good.

IT IS WELL.

The Christmas festivities just closed cannot pass without a word of praise. No city ever did her part so nobly and so well as has La Grande this year.



Some of the Elks' merry minstrel men who will appear in the show on Wednesday and Thursday. Reading from left to right: Fred Henning, J. M. Richey, Chas. Hackman, C. R. Harding, M. B. Donohue, Dick Jones, Norman Deselet, H. A. Zurbrick and Elmer Iddings.

in their gifts and happy in the giving. Such things makes life worth the living and gives falsehood to the oft told story of "this cold and heartless world." The churches did their parts, the Elks' lodge was a wholesale Christmas joy shop this year, the theatres were liberal and the people as a whole could not have been more generous.

W. R. Kivette on Christmas day showed his boyhood spirit by hitching the youngsters' sleds to his automobile and giving them some fine rides on the pavement. Nothing could have pleased Mr. Kivette more than those merry children whom he was making happy.

Chief Waldon will never be called a Santa Claus by the young couple from Walowa county who wanted to get married in La Grande, but the mother of the bride objected.

The Grande Ronde turkey that escaped the axe is safe now for a short period of time, at least.

Manila Bay Hero Is Greeted by Many Friends.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Admiral George Dewey, hero of the battle of Manila bay, and the ranking officer of the United States navy, entered upon his seventy-fifth year today, having been born at Montpelier, Vt., December 26, 1837.

almost continuous stream of callers at the Dewey residence. The admiral remained at home with his family, and gave a cordial welcome to the many friends who called to pay their respects.

Admiral Dewey has almost completely recovered from the illness which confined him to his home some months ago and is now in good health considering his years and arduous service. It has been a matter of regret in society that the admiral and Mrs. Dewey have been seen so seldom in public during the past year or two.

The Dewey home is situated at the corner of Sixteenth and K streets, next door to the house which was occupied by President Taft and family when he was secretary of war. The residence on Rhode Island avenue, which the country presented to the admiral as a token of its affection, proved too small for him and he leased it to agreeable tenants.

The so-called Blue Room, where the admiral and his wife received their friends today, is another interesting apartment in the Dewey home. The walls are covered with autographed photographs presented to the admiral by notables in many parts of the world.

Washington Society Agog. Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—A new mark for lavishness and splendor is expected to be set for society by the entertainment to be given by Mrs. W. F. Draper tomorrow night to introduce formally her daughter, Miss Marguerite Draper, who is a close friend of Miss Helen Taft.

It is estimated that the cost of the function will exceed \$25,000. The walls and ceiling of the large ball room will be hidden from view entirely by the floral decorations. Live humming birds will fly around the miniature garden of daisies and rare exotics that is to be the central feature of the decorative scheme.

married woman in Washington. She inherited from her father, the late General William F. Draper, representative from Massachusetts and later ambassador to Italy, a fortune of \$5,000,000. She was to have been brought out here two years ago, but the death of her father made a postponement necessary and Miss Draper has spent the intervening time in European travel with her mother.

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