

La Grande Society

It is seldom that two dancing parties of such magnitude as prevailed this week are given in a seven-day period. It is accounted for by the rush of social life over which the actual Christmas week rolls. Monday and Friday evenings each saw an elegant dancing party at the Elks' auditorium.

Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Snodgrass, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd C. Scriber and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Snodgrass entertained at dancing at the Elks' auditorium. Nearly a hundred couples were guests at the function which was one of the few formal dances given this season. The Elks' auditorium has been decorated before, but it is doubtful if it was finished as beautifully as it was both Monday and Friday evenings. On Monday a novel and new scheme of the decorating art created a festooned canopy over the entire dancing floor with the lengthwise center beam of the ceiling the catching point and from the fastenings the garlands swung in graceful curves, parallel to the wall space and there fastened again equidistant from the floor, large mirrors breaking the line of fastenings. Supplementary to the main canopy were four minor ones, one in a corner, forming rest nooks and adding to the happy blending of color created by the shades of festoons. The rostrum was latticed in with harmonious colors. Indian robes covered all the seats and gave a touch of color to the entire combination that was pleasing. Punch was served from beneath one of the minor canopies. Beautiful gowns were numerous indeed and the hostesses were elegantly gowned. Mrs. J. G. Snodgrass wore a beaded black chiffon over white crepe motor cut on train. Mrs. Scriber was gowned in pink charmeuse, on train, covered with white shadow lace. Mrs. L. L. Snodgrass was gowned in beaded pink chiffon. The music was excellent and not a turn of the hand was left undone in the detail of entertainment for the guests. It was a happy affair—elaborate, well attended and immensely enjoyed.

Christmas schemes of decoration were hit upon with splendid success at the Elks' auditorium last evening when Messrs. D. I. Stoddard, R. J. Greene, G. E. Stoddard, and A. Squires and Misses Ruth Russell, Lucree Wood, Harriet Thatcher and Nelle Grimmit entertained informally at dancing. Scores of dancers were guests and enjoyed the hospitality of the evening. Mrs. James Russell, Mrs. Mac Wood, Mrs. Fred Holmes and Mrs. Will Y. Stoddard were patronesses. In decoration, the hosts and host-

esses hit upon something new in Christmas schemes. A huge, inviting home like Christmas tree dotted the center of the dancing floor and from the very tip of the big, profusely lighted fir, swung dozens of long fir garlands, spreading out in ever-widening angles like a May pole attachment, touching the wall with drooping curves. Wreaths of fir, and sprays of holly decorated every light and each window, with excellent effect, and in each corner was a rustic fir canopy effect. At frequent intervals about the side and end walls were wreaths of fir and holly. It was very pretty. The large number of guests present are vociferous in their praise of the event. Hostesses and patronesses wore very beautiful gown creations, and the same can be said of the guests. Punch was served and the music was excellent.

Mrs. F. T. Youle was hostess at a pretty luncheon at one o'clock last Saturday at her home near Allice, in honor of Miss Callie Howell, who is to be married to Arbie Thomas on Dec. 25th. The affair was also a plate shower. The gifts were given to the guest of honor after luncheon while seated at the table mid a shower of rice. The luncheon was served in four courses. Mrs. Norris and Mrs. Howell served. The table was beautifully decorated in green with a miniature Christmas tree in the center. Cupid place cards were at each plate. The guest of honor was seated under a bower of evergreens lighted only by one Turkish lantern. The guests were Misses Callie Howell, Sadie Howell, Gladys Van Housen, Lena Moss, Mary Carter, Mary Schwelke, Minnie Schwelke, Laura Hammon, Ethel Fuller and Mesdames Lee Graham, Norris and I. A. Howell.

The regular meeting of the Outlook Preas club will be held at the C. D. Huffman residence on Friday, Dec. 27 at 8 p. m. The members who are away at school and teaching in other parts of the state will be at home and the meeting will be largely attended. Several invited guests will also be present at this meeting. The program will be as follows:
Vocal solo—Miss Etha Huffman.
Paper—"The First Christmas," Miss Mayfield.
Instrumental music—Miss Lillian Holman.
Discussion—"The Value of Specific Words in Writing," Led by W. R. Gekeler, literary director.
Vocal Solo—Miss Nell Young.
Paper—"Editorials Good and Bad," J. L. Robertson.
Vocal Solo—Kathryn Gekeler.
Journalism at the U. of O.—J. F. T. Galloway.
Discussion on poems written by residents of Union county.

BIG COLLARS AND JABOTS ARE IN USE.



The girl with a well-rounded neck may make a stylish affair out of a very plain waist by attaching the new collar and jabot of lace and net, so much in vogue just now among the well-dressed women of New York.

Among the musical attractions booked for La Grande this winter is the coming of the University of Oregon Glee club. Among the singers are two La Grande boys, Ray William and Harold Grady. The club is making all of the important cities of the state and will be here on January 1st. Two stars of the club are M. L. Bowman and Kenneth Frazer of Portland. Bowman has been a member of the Henry W. Savage Grand Opera company, and was the leading basso. He has supported Blanch Walsh, Viola Allen and other singers of note. Frazer is a young man and is said to have a rare deep voice for his age. He has had the best of training before coming to the northwest. This concert should arouse interest in the proposed La Grande chorus, and give local people an idea what can be done with good talent a bit of willingness to work.

Members of the Kaffee Klatch were made well aware of the rapid approach of Christmas last evening when they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Donohue and Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Robinson, at the home of the former, corner First and Spring. Christmas decorations of holly and the other articles that help distinguish Christmas from other generally-observed periods, were much in evidence. In the matter of decoration the party was considerably more elaborate than the usual social sessions of this institution, and refreshments too helped make the evening delightful in every way. Miss Margaret Newlin won the favors at cards in the women's score and Franc Wilhelm earned the gentlemen's prize.

Mrs. Kate Hanley entertained the Parkdale club last Wednesday with a three-course luncheon. After the luncheon, many of the members responded with five-minute talks on current topics. The interest and instructiveness of these "speeches" were keen. The success of the Parkdale club has long since been established, but the interest in its welfare keeps growing. Mrs. C. C. Coolidge entertains the club on New Year's afternoon.

On Tuesday evening the Crystal Rebekah lodge No. 59 initiated four new members. A cut glass sugar bowl and creamer and a beautiful bouquet of carnations were presented to Mrs. Bella Wagner, past president. Addie Grout made the speech of presentation. The evening was a banner event in the lodge's social history.

The Cleonean club met with Mrs. L. M. Hoyt on Main avenue yesterday afternoon. Nineteen were present and Mrs. Anthony, a former member of the club, was a specially invited guest. The Hoyt home was tastefully decorated in Christmas colors set off with bouquets of red carnations. A Christmas tree for the members and guests was a novel feature of the decorations. The little children shared with the tree festivities as well as the older folks. A present was there for each guest, a basket of nuts and candy, refreshments were served during the evening and it is a long time since the club has had a more delightful time.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Duignan very pleasantly entertained the Pinoche club at its regular twice a month gathering Tuesday evening at their new home on Spring street. Card honors were won by L. L. Snodgrass.

Members of the Five Hundred club were delightfully entertained at bridge by Mrs. J. C. Gulling Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Jay Van Buren won the honors at cards on this occasion.

The Social club of the Eastern Star was assembled on Tuesday afternoon. Honors were won by Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp.

PERSONALS.

Mabel Wallace returned from Washington points today.

District Superintendent Winters of the M. E. church went to Cove and Union this morning.

Miss M. E. May of Elgin went to North Powder this morning to spend the holidays.

rs. W. H. Gilbreath from Western Oregon, and Baby Dean will spend the winter in Elgin.

Cecil Bolton is home from Portland for the holidays. He has been attending a business college there.

Martin Witty, a business man of Elgin, returned to that place after transacting business with La Grande merchants.

Turner Oliver and District Attorney Ivanhoe returned this morning from Salem where they argued a case before the supreme court.

Dan Sommers, the enterprising merchant of Elgin, was in the city last night visiting the theatres and meeting friends.

Miss Ruth Woodruff of this city



went to Union this morning where she will spend the Christmas season with her sister, Miss E. E. Woodruff. Mrs. Dr. Northy from Portland stopped off in the city to visit her friend, Mrs. Hannan, who is quite ill. From here she will go to Huntington to join her husband.

C. W. Nibley, Sr., of the Nibley-Mimnaugh Lumber company, was a passenger on the eastbound train this morning, on his way to Salt Lake.

W. W. Yantis, representing the Oregon nursery and well known in this section of the state, left this morning for Salem where he will spend Yuletide with his family.

Dr. Myrtle Long, chiropractor, leaves in the morning for Portland, where she will spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Browning of Enterprise was a homeward bound passenger this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Currey of Hot Lake were in the city last night. They returned this morning. Mr. Currey is publicity manager of the sanatorium.

Ruth Winters of Willamette university, and Gladys Winters of Gooding, Idaho, where she is teaching, will spend the Christmas holidays with their parents in this city. They will arrive this evening.



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