

SINGERS HAVE ORDER STARTED

PRELIMINARY MEETING SET FOR MONDAY.

"Hymn of Praise" First Work of the Chorus.

The first meeting of the La Grande Choral society was held last evening at the home of Mrs. E. C. Moore, corner Spring and Fourth streets. A goodly number of the music lovers of the city were present and the preliminary arrangements for a successful chorus were made. "Hymn of Praise" by Mendelssohn is to be the first work of the chorus. All persons interested are urged to be present at Mrs. Moore's next Monday evening at 8:00 p. m. at which time the final steps in the organization of the society will be taken and arrangements made for the starting of regular rehearsals a week later.

PROGRAM ANNOUNCED.

Hallowell Concert Company to Appear Tomorrow Night.

Details are out for the Hallowell concert to be given to-morrow night. Elks and their lady friends are to be guests and after the concert, dancing will be indulged in. The program for the concert is:

- March Militaire Schubert
- Orchestra
- Overture Oberon Von Weber
- Orchestra
- Trombone Solo Selected
- Chas. B. Shelley
- Song—"Clang of the Forge" J. Lester Haberkorn
- Son of the Putza (Violin Solo) Keler Bela
- Chas. Lowry
- Pilgrim's Chorus from Tannhauser R. Wagner
- Orchestra
- Intermission.
- Overture—"Martha" Flotow
- Orchestra
- Angelus Serenade with Variations (Harp Solo) Broga J. Laurotta
- Vocal Solo Selected
- J. Lester Haberkorn
- Flute Solo Selected
- L. Rider
- Encore (flute and clarinet duet) V. Herbert
- Rider and Mosher
- March Steeltonias Chas. Shelley
- Orchestra

NEW BALCONY ORDERED.

Newlin Book and Stationery Store to Have Extensive Repairs Made

The Newlin Book and Stationery store will undergo some very extensive changes—changes that will add to the appearance of the place and allow the manager to cater to the exacting wants of a discriminating public. Robert Newlin, in speaking of the proposed change, had this to say: "We will build a balcony 16x28 feet and an office room 9x16 in the present room. We will have a first class phonograph parlor with a metal ceiling so that patrons of the store can come in and hear the latest music without interruption. We expect to branch out in this respect in the future, and will have in stock all of the latest song hits and the better class of red seal records for the more exacting tastes. We intend to make the store second to none outside of Portland. Our trade is very good and we look for an increase right along. The changes are to be made at once and will be complete as Mr. Newlin believes in doing things right."

TRAINMEN SHAPE PLANS.

So Punch to Be Sold at Big Annual Ball—Big Crowd Anticipated. Trainmen who belong to Lodge No. 215, this city, have announced that there will be no punch booths at the annual ball which the lodge will arrange January 22. The party will be held at the Elks' hall and will be open to the public. It is generally believed that the Trainmen will have all dancing space taken up with dancers. The lodge has a large number of well known members and La Grande looks with pride to its railroad brotherhoods; hence it follows the Trainmen are destined to enjoy a liberal patronage that evening.

THE CANDLE BUOY

A Friend of the Mississippi Pilots In the Old Days.

QUEER LITTLE LIGHTSHIPS.

They Were Floated and Anchored in the Channel of the River on Dark Nights and Showed the Navigator on Down Trips Where Reefs Were Not.

In the old steamboat days on the Mississippi, before the government had undertaken the duty of marking and lighting the "crossings" where the channel swings over from one bank to the other, the river pilots had to devise their own means of finding their way through these difficult and dangerous places.

In the daytime it was not hard to do, and on moonlight nights the landmarks, which every pilot knew by heart, could be seen plainly enough to make the crossing possible. But there were many nights so dark or foggy that the shore marks were not visible; then the reefs had to be "candied."

Candling was resorted to only on the down trip. Going up the river the pilot might "feel" of the reef with his boat, and if he did not find the best water the first time he could back off and try again a little to one side or the other, wherever the soundings showed the deepest water to be.

In going down the river, however, that was impossible. The pilot had to find the channel the first time, for if the boat struck the current would drive her hard on the reef or else swing her broadside on the bar and in ten minutes land her in the very midst of it with tons of drifting sand.

To guard against such a disaster when nearing Pig's Eye, Beef Slough or Trempealeau bars—or any one of a dozen bars of equal difficulty—on a dark or hazy night the pilot stopped the boat at the head of the reef. With two men to row, a mate or watchman to steer, a "cub" pilot to manipulate the "candle buoys" and an older pilot to take soundings, the yawl was lowered and permitted to drop down the channel below the steamboat.

After the pilot had determined the best course by taking soundings the "cub," under his direction, anchored two, three or even four of the candle buoys, one after the other, in the center of the channel, and then the men let the yawl drop down below the reef, where it lay a little outside the channel. Then one of the men swung a lantern—a signal at which the pilot on watch came ahead, steering for the tiny lighthouses and running over them, one by one, until the reef was passed.

The candle buoy was made of a piece of two inch light pine plank, beveled for four inches at the "bow" in order to prevent its "diving" as the current pressed against it. A tin "sconce" with three legs, three or four inches long, was tacked down to the plank. Half of a common candle was placed in each sconce, and after being lighted an oiled paper chimney, with a base corresponding to that of the candle stick, was placed over the light to protect it from the wind. The outer ends of the tin "legs" of the sconce were turned back over the base of the paper chimney to hold it in place, and the buoy was ready for launching.

A hole was bored about six inches from the end of the plank. Through the hole a small cord some ten or twelve feet in length was rove and knotted, and to this cord a lump of coal weighing perhaps ten pounds was tied. This served as an anchor to hold the buoy in its place in the center of the channel.

Such was the procedure fifty years ago or more. Since the government boats began patrolling the river and establishing permanent lights at all bad crossings it is seldom necessary for the pilots to go out in a sounding boat, although it is not an unheard of proceeding even now.

But the candle buoy is a thing of the past. Probably there are scores of present day pilots who never even heard of the makeshift little lightships that their puzzled predecessors were wont to launch amid the darkness and doubt of former years.—Youth's Companion.

HOW NATURE REPAYS.

The Loss of One Sense Seems to Bring Added Power to the Others.

When the third question put to the girl who was tinting a customer's hair a fashionable shade elicited no reply the woman turned to the manager of the beauty shop and said: "What is the matter with that girl, anyhow? Is she deaf?"

"Very nearly," said the manager. "How does she hold her place?"

"It seems to me that a person employed in a place like this stands in need of her five senses." "That is just what they do not need," was the reply. "If one sense is lacking the other four make up for the deficiency and become the more valuable because more acute. Your hairdresser cannot hear, but her sight is marvelous. She can detect a gray hair half a block away, and her gift

Danger! Look Out!

There is danger of your missing the great Money Saving Sale. Hundreds of articles on sale at

1-2 PRICE

Not linen dusters nor straw hats but winter goods that you need right now. You can buy that coat you have been wanting, at half price. That new dress you need is yours at half price and less. You know all those new suits that arrived late are also half priced. And then the finishing touch to all would be a nice fur set. Any in the stock at half price. Sweaters are an all the year round garment. Regular prices 75c to \$15.00. We will part with them for just the half of it. Men's and Boys' suits and overcoats at half price and hundreds of articles all over the store at the same half price.

DON'T DELAY IT MAY BE SOLD

GEIBEL'S

DON'T LET THAT COAT AND SUIT GET AWAY FROM YOU

for shading and matching colors amounts to real genius. No woman with all her faculties is so consummate an artist as she is in touchtag up a difficult head of hair. When you are ready for massage I shall bring you a blind girl. All her art is centered in her finger tips. She can find and smooth away wrinkles that less sensitive fingers would not discover. Another deaf girl in the establishment is particularly sensitive to scents and is invaluable in mixing and applying perfumes. The manager in a place of this kind needs her five senses and as many more as nature can provide, but for her assistants elimination and concentration are desirable.—New York Press.

SWISS WRESTLERS.

Curious Contests in Which They Display Marvelous Strength.

Wrestling seems to be an international sport, but one of the most curious styles to be seen is probably that of the Swiss. There is generally an immense meeting of the wrestlers every year, called the "swingerfest," meaning literally the "festival of swinging," and to this festival come the mountain men from all parts of Switzerland.

It takes place in an immense arena, generally four or six couples wrestling at the same time, with stands around for the audience. The men who are wrestling each wear a pair of short knickers, very loosely worn, and made of some stout material, with a leather belt at the top to strap it on round the waist, over their costume, and the idea is to catch their opponents by these knickers and throw them. Both shoulders must touch the ground, and the men are not allowed to hold their opponents except by the knickers.

Of course it is mainly a question of brute strength, and on nearly all occasions the mountain men prove the better of the townsmen. Very often a man will throw his opponent clean over his shoulder through the air, and when one considers that this must be done only by gripping a piece of sailcloth or such like material in either hand, at the height of a man's loins, some idea can be gathered of the marvelous strength shown on these occasions.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS.

Here's prettiness. The holly wreath leads. Southern laurel is beautiful. California pepper berries serve to adorn.

Scotch heather is one of the pretty wreath materials. Red immortelles will at least never bluish unseason.

Lycopodium is often used with very good effect for wreaths. But, after all, holly is first favorite, with its lovely bright red berries.

The gay bow of holly-red satin ribbon is the usual finish, though it should not be used with berries of the California pepper tree.—Philadelphia Record.

FABLE FOR BENEFIT OF ADVERTISERS.

Simeon Ford Points a Moral With the Tale of a Goose.

Simeon Ford, the noted humorist, said in praise of newspaper advertising at a banquet in New York:

"There is a fable that all advertisers should have by heart. It runs like this:

"As a shopkeeper dozed, his head on the dusty counter of his shop, the gray cobwebs across his door were rent apart, and a goose entered.

"The shopkeeper rose with a glad smile. He thought he had a customer, but when he saw the goose he muttered an oath.

"What do you want here?" he said. "This is no place for geese!"

"Isn't it?" said the goose. "Quack, quack!" And it regarded the shopkeeper derisively, then went on:

"I've come, my dear sir, because I saw your advertisement on the fence that incloses your barnyard. I know that you must be a goose or else a donkey, because otherwise you would place your advertisement in a newspaper where it would be read by human beings, and not upon an isolated fence, where it is only read by donkeys and geese and other barnyard denizens. So, being lonely today, I thought I'd make you a fraternal call. A couple of donks will probably drop in later."

Wild Oats and Porridge. Professor Zephaniah Hopper, hale and vigorous at eighty-eight, said at the Philadelphia high school:

"My advice to the young is that they sow no wild oats. Wild oats in youth means an old age sad and decrepit. And yet the way some people talk you'd think that wild oats were as essential a part of youth as domesticated oats are of Scotland."

Professor Hopper smiled and added, "A friend of mine in Scotland said to a boy:

"What do you have for breakfast hereabouts?"

"Porridge," was the answer.

"And for dinner?"

"Porridge."

"And for supper?"

"Porridge."

"Goodness!" said my friend. "Porridge every day for every meal! Do you never have anything else?"

"What else would you have?" said the boy.—Washington Star.

Stupid. "I wish I was half as beautiful as Miss Brown," remarked the fair Edith to Mr. Green.

"Well, you are, you know," replied Green thoughtlessly.

Then he wondered why she suddenly rose and left him.

She Could Spend. He—I am a millionaire. Haven't I money enough for both of us? She—Yes, if you are moderate in your tastes.—New York Sun.

Mind is the partial side of man. The heart is everything.—Rivaroli.

Big Family in Reunion.

Mrs. J. L. Felk, who lives seven miles north of La Grande has just received word of the family reunion of her kindred in the old state of Maryland. It was a reunion of the Broadwaters, a sturdy line of Englishmen who helped the colonies whip the Redcoats in revolutionary days and later in the war of 1812. This sturdy family settled in Virginia and then went to Maryland on account of smallness of wages. The progeny of Amos Broadwater, the pioneer, numbered 12 children, 98 grandchildren, 111 great-grandchildren and an army of great-great grandchildren.

They at first settled in Garret county Virginia, but were compelled to move to a state in which wages were not beggarly on account of slavery. The Broadwaters are a numerous tribe and all of them are said to have been at the reunion save Mrs. Felk of Oregon. They had never seen each other before and the day was spent in feasting and getting acquainted. It was perhaps the first and last time on which all of the children of the famous old Englishman assembled and their combined ages would average more than 75.

Each one of the 12 children was at the reunion and all of them are themselves the fathers and mothers of scores of children, giving evidence enough of the sturdy, christianlike character of the family.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the kindness and sympathy shown us by the B. of L. E., also our neighbors and friends in our sad bereavement in the death of our husband and father.

MRS. LUCY GILMAN, MR. BERT GILMAN.

YOU CAN CURE THAT BACKACHE.

Pain along the back, dizziness, headache and general languor. Get a package of Mother Gray's AROMATIC-LEAF, the pleasant root and herb cure for all Kidney, Bladder and Urinary troubles. When you feel all run down, tired, weak and without energy use this remarkable combination of nature's herbs and roots. As a regulator it has no equal. Mother Gray's Aromatic-Leaf is sold by Drug-gists or sent by mail for 30c. Sample sent FREE. Address, The Mother Gray Co., Le Roy, N. Y.

Steeple Chase at Sherry's.

Tonight is the last chance to see this splendid picture that is two thousand feet in length and a thrill to every foot and was pronounced by all who saw it last night to be the greatest picture of its kind ever shown here. Also another musical program will be given by the Emprie Harp orchestra.

THREE COTTAGES PLANNED

Local Contractor Buys Sites on Which to Build in Early Spring.

W. H. Scull, a contractor and carpenter of La Grande has bought the west half of Block 83 in Chaplin's addition to the city and will erect three new modern cottages just as soon as the weather permits. In commenting on the prospects for the coming year J. K. Wright who sold the property said: "From the present outlook there is going to be greater activity in the building line this coming year than ever before. This of course, depends on several things that now are hanging fire. You understand, people will not flock to a town if there is nothing to justify their coming. But several things are under way at the present time and the prospects are bright. I am not in a position to say just what industries will come to La Grande but if they do come, we will see a banner year in the building line."

School District Bond Election Notice.

Notice is hereby given that at a school meeting of school district No. One of Union county, Oregon, to be held at Old high school building in said district on the 18th day of January, 1913, there will be submitted to the legal voters of said district the question of contracting a bonded debt of thirty thousand dollars for the purpose of purchasing land for school purposes and for repair of school buildings, the vote to be by ballot upon which shall be the words "Bonds—Yes" and the words "Bonds—No." Polls to be open at 1 o'clock p. m. and remain open until 4 o'clock p. m. By the order of the board of directors of school district No. One of Union county, Oregon. Dated this 26th day of December, A. D. 1912.

ARTHUR C. WILLIAMS, Clerk of School District No. One, of Union County, Oregon.

S. N. BOLTON, Chairman of District School Board of School District No. One of Union County, Oregon. 1-14-13

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