

La Grande Society

Society will get but little chance to parade its new bonnets tomorrow; at the best it will be snowy and chilly, but those who had lived on the anticipation of new gowns, new hats and new gloves tomorrow, and feel that the Christmas weather is a serious setback to their anticipation, can content themselves with the knowledge that Easter will not come so early again for years and years. Easter on March 23 has not been heard of since 1856, and won't be heard of again for years and years; furthermore, the date lacks but one in being the earliest that Easter ever has or ever will or ever can come on.

A stirring address delivered by Rt. Reverend J. F. Murphy of Wallowa, preceded and followed by musical numbers well rendered and appropriate in theme to the day, characterized the Knights of Columbus celebration in honor of St. Patrick's last Monday evening at the L. D. S. church. The musical numbers were exceptionally good and each performer took for his theme one that harmonized with the nature of the celebration. The following program was ably carried out: Instrumental solo—Gertrude Ferguson.

Vocal solo, "Killarney"—Miss Hendrickson Foley.

Vocal solo—J. A. Hadaller.

Vocal solo—"Killarney and You"—Mrs. J. F. Corbett.

Recitation—Louis Cherrier.

Vocal solo—"Where the River Flows"—Miss Mary Rafter.

Vocal solo—"Innisfallen"—C. P. Martin.

Address—Rev. J. F. Murphy.

The orator of the evening was Rev. J. F. Murphy of Wallowa. He gave a eloquent panegyric on the life work and influence of Ireland's chief patron. For one hour he held the attention of the audience with his graphic description of the conversion of the Irish chieftains and the gradual decay of Druidical worship as it was supplanted by the Christian religion. The ancient and modern heroes of Ireland received a due meed of praise and the audience was raised to a high pitch of enthusiasm as the gift of orator predicted the rosy future of Erin's Isle under more auspicious circumstances than those which favored her in the past. The musical program was distinctly high class and the true spirit of the Irish songs was injected in their rendition by the vocal artists. The Knights realized a goodly sum which they donated to the building fund of St. Mary's church.

Miss Alice Hill, Miss Helen Curry and Miss Ida Billings entertained the Omas girls at a five-course dinner at the A. T. Hill home on Third street last Thursday evening. All the members of the club of young high school co-eds, were present and enjoyed the hospitality of their hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Keenan of X avenue entertained on Thursday evening March 20 in honor of the birthdays of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Noah. Mrs. John Bennett and Mrs. Lester Quinlan. The entertainment of the evening consisted of music and games. A dainty four course luncheon was served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Noah, Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Quinlan, Mrs. J. F. Quinn of Starbuck, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moas, Mr. and Mrs. E. Z. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. James Wade, J. Q. Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Keenan. After a late hour all went home well pleased with the evening's amusement and wishing to have birthdays oftener than once a year.

The Elks are going to throw post-Lenten society into the full speed ahead notch next Monday evening when the lodge entertains at dancing for its members only. It will be the first important social event after Lent, for it follows Easter by a day, and from then on various other organizations, societies and individuals are going to unloosen strings tied by Lenten practices, and the usual free and easy gait that society takes in this city, will be the rule once more.

The members of the Moose lodge were very pleasantly entertained on Monday evening at a very informal dancing and card party at their lodge hall in the I. O. O. F. building. These parties are monthly affairs and are well conducted, well attended and well enjoyed.

Musical numbers, a brief address on the Irishman, and refreshments at the conclusion of the program, was the order of things at the St. Patrick's day celebration conducted by the Epworth League of the Methodist church last Monday evening. The church was filled with interested listeners to the delightful program. The order of numbers heard was: Vocal solo—Miss Pauline Newton. Reading—Miss Mildred Bush. Vocal solo—E. B. Pyke. A Little Irish Play. Instrumental solo—Lucille Jorris. Vocal solo—Mr. Ferrin. Lecture—"The Irishman"—E. B. Pyke. Vocal solo—Thelma Leffel.

Miss Gladys Metcalf entertained a number of friends at an Easter party last evening at her home on 702 N. street. The home was very artistically decorated with ornaments suitable to the occasion and in every way the affair was very pleasing to the eye and the mind. Mrs. J. B. Fisher and Mrs. J. P. Price assisted the hostess in serving a delicious two-course luncheon. Those present as Miss Metcalf's guests were:

Misses Helen McDonald, Mina Ash, Gertrude Moore, Margaret Moore, Mamie Snider, Fern Geddes, Marlan

Smith, Blanch Black, Leah Swalberg, Vera Swalberg, Gladys Miller. Of these Miss Black and Miss Moore received prizes.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Parker entertained a number of their friends on St. Patrick's day, at their comfortable home on Second street and Adams avenue. George could not resist the temptation to celebrate the day of his Irish patron in a befitting manner and succeeded admirably. After a tense game of Five Hundred, the invited guests sat down to a mid-night dinner. The table was beautifully decorated in Irish tinted carvings, and valuable pieces of cut glass added to the effect. The luncheon was more of a dinner and consisted chiefly of a choice turkey bird which George had been feeding selected noodles for a month. The table groaned with tasty eatables and the party voted Mrs. Parker a great chef. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thomas, Mrs. Michelo and daughter, Mrs. Grinnell of Walla Walla, Mrs. Stringer, Mr. and Mrs. Ray and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Nutter, Thomas Williams and J. A. Hadaller.

Ralph H. Nibler and Miss Helen J. Brown, both of this county were married March 17 at the Presbyterian manse by Rev. A. G. Lane.

Leland S. Clark of Union and Miss Velma A. Gaylord of Halfway, were united in marriage on the 18th by Rev. A. G. Lane. Mr. Clark is a well known athlete of Union.

The Methodist church Aid society was entertained by Mrs. Sam Biever, Wednesday of this week.

The Lyle Tuesday Musicals will give its fifth open program Tuesday evening, March 25 in the parlor of the La Grande Commercial club. All lovers of music are cordially invited to attend. The program is:

Yampa Overture—Harrold. Gertrude Ferguson and Ilean Pearce. Vocal Duet—Selected. Mr. and Mrs. George Birnie.

Vocal Solo—(a)—"Darling My Own"—Glordini. (b)—"The Asra"—Rubenstein. (c)—"Andreas Hafer"—Shubert. Jno. A. Hadaller.

Quartette—(a)—"Serenade"—Frank Dradles. (b)—"Little Lady"—Intermezzo. M. Klein. Mr. Wilson, violin; Miss Young, viola; Mr. Snapp, bassoon. Mrs. Snapp piano.

Soprano Solo—(a)—"Serenade"—Rich. Str. (b)—"The Yemas at the Spring"—B. B. Mrs. A. L. Richardson.

Piano solo—Selected. Robert Aiken.

Vocal duet—Selected. Messrs. Ferrin and Stoddard. Monologue—"A Christmas Star"—Mrs. E. C. Moore, Mabelle Pick. Ladies quartet—Mrs. Scroggin, Mrs. Corbett, Mr. Upson, Mrs. Bridges.

The Neighborhood club met Wednesday afternoon and notwithstanding the disagreeable weather had a good attendance and a most excellent program was rendered as follows:

"The Life of James Russell Lowell" by Mrs. H. T. Love was an exceptional paper.

"Lowell's letters with readings from same, prepared by Mrs. Duigan and ready by Mrs. Oliver was splendidly gotten up, and the one on "Art: Animal Painters," by Mrs. E. E. Bragg was equally as good.

Mrs. Scroggin with Mrs. Bridges as her accompanist, then sang in a most charming manner to the delight of all present.

It was decided at this meeting to postpone the Annual Social day to April the 15th, this being done for various reasons. The program, however, assigned in the club calendar for April 15, will be had at the next regular meeting April 1st.

Catherine Oliver McCoy, the noted interpreter of Scotch literature will be in La Grande during the first week in April. She will at that time, under the auspices of the Neighborhood and Musical clubs, give one of her splendid evening entertainments. Choosing one of her most popular subjects, "When Bunty Pulls the String." Many will recall having heard Mrs. McCoy when she was here before and gave the reading of "The Little Minister."

Watch for the exact time and place. This should be well patronized as one half of the door receipts go to library fund.

The Happy Hour club met at the home of Mrs. Billings on Friday, Mrs. Bigners assisting the hostess. The refreshments were chosen most suitable to the occasion; the first course of egg salad was followed by fruits and cream representing fried eggs,

cakes and coffee. Eighteen ladies were present.

Mrs. Frank Bay and Mrs. Nate Zweifel entertained Tuesday afternoon complimentary to their daughters' 5th birth anniversary, at the Zweifel home in East La Grande. Miss Elma Bay and Miss Margaret Zweifel were the guests of honor, each celebrating her fifth birthday anniversary on that date. Delightful games followed by refreshments constituted the entertainment for the little folks who were present.

Those present were: Vie and Dewey Crawford, Violet and Lillian Young, Mildred and Helen Wilson, George and Cora Baker, Sadie and Alfred Zweifel, "Tubby" Zundell, Margaret Baker, Dorothy Johnson, Dallas Jacobson, Verniel and Frankie Tatman, Nedra Hunt and Wilma Wade.

Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Newlin will entertain the evening section of the Kaffee Klatch next Friday evening at the Richardson home, the first card party that club has enjoyed since before Lent.

The Latin club of the high school will be entertained this evening by Miss Mabel Oesterling and Miss Laverne De Lastmatt at the Oesterling home.

THE ART OF POISONING.

Subtle Methods Used by the Natives of Central Africa.

The Central African native is a master in the art of poisoning and always on the watch for it. He will never take a drink of water or beer or eat of a dish, even when offered by a peaceful acquaintance, until the host has eaten or drunk some of it to pledge his harmlessness. He is always in fear of treachery, and with good reason, for an assassin is cheaply hired. Vegetable poisons may be made by almost any one, and the methods of administering them are cunning beyond description.

One of the cleverest ways, often resorted to when a man gets into his head an idea that a neighbor is injuring him by witchery, is to kill the unsuspecting victim by means of poisoned stakes and at the same time avoid suspicion, which would inevitably lead to a similar vengeance.

Procuring little sharpened sticks, the murderer hollows their points and inserts poison (usually made by boiling down the juice of certain shrubs or creepers) into the cavities. These he secretly plants upright, but leaning a little along the path which leads from the doomed negro's hut to his garden. Sooner or later the intended victim slightly lacerates his bare foot by hitting one of these sharp stakes. He takes no notice of the scratch, for he is used to such trifling injuries, but in a few moments his foot and leg begin to swell, and an hour or so later he expires in agony.

The bark and roots of several trees and shrubs yield virulent poisons when properly brewed, one of which has the peculiar effect of at once paralyzing the organs of speech. The gall of the crocodile when dried in the sun and pulverized is also very deadly. The most fatal poison, however, is that prepared from an ugly, whitish tree called ujungu in German East Africa. It grows in only a few localities, and few natives will venture to cut it down, for a mere prick with a splinter will cause terrible and sometimes fatal inflammation. The negroes say that neither moths nor snakes will go near it and that birds never rest in its branches.

To make this poison the wood is burnt and its ashes are mixed with water and then boiled down to a thick paste. The natives will travel hundreds of miles to procure this paste with which hunters anoint their arrows and spears and the bullets of their guns, dipping them after the smearing in hot beeswax to form a protective covering against loss of power as well as against accident. Harper's Weekly.

Scattering Disease.

Dr. Leonard Hill of London holds that it is an "offense against society for any one with a cold to cough, sneeze or even talk without covering his mouth with his handkerchief. Cold-kills tens of thousands every year," the doctor adds, "and yet we persist in taking no special precautions to escape them. We go to great trouble to prevent the spread of diphtheria or scarlet fever or smallpox, but the person with a cold, who is scattering deadly microbes everywhere, we treat as perfectly harmless. I thoroughly agree that during the sneezing, coughing stage the person with a cold should be isolated, so that the germs he is constantly scattering may not be breathed in by his neighbors."—New York Tribune.

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