

Society

The Observer is desirous of publishing all the social affairs of this city and immediate vicinity and because of its inability to acquaint itself with all the social happenings must depend upon the public for aid. A phone call or a letter to the news department, setting forth the details of any entertainment, will be greatly appreciated. Observer Phone Main 13. Persons about friends going and coming are always extremely welcome and the Observer personal column has no limit in length. When anybody comes or goes acquaint the Observer with the facts.

The heat of the last few days and perhaps of the days to come has called many La Grander to Wallowa Lake. Camps of people from this city are numerous and the coming week will take a dozen or more parties to the popular resort. Among the younger local people especially does the Lake work its charms. The item of particular news and interest in society these hot weeks is the fact that the city has just awakened to the possibilities of society at La Riverside park. The present week has seen two auspicious functions at the park and few cities in the state can transfer their social activities from heated parlors to cool rustic pavilions and commodious park grounds with the dignity and ease that can La Grande.

Riverside park was the scene of great festivities Wednesday afternoon when the ladies of the Eastern Star Social club met there for the social afternoon gathering. During the afternoon numbers of ladies motored to the park where they spent the afternoon at sewing and other forms of entertainment. After the business hours the men folks arrived on the scene and a gigantic dinner was prepared. Places were laid for nearly a hundred people, one of the tables stretching the length of the pavilion. After the dinner had been properly disposed of the ladies cleared away the tables and the music began, by which they danced until the moon was high in the heavens, and then motored back to their homes in the cool of later evening. Such a jolly time the members had never before indulged in and it is the hope of many that it may at some time be repeated.

Nearly 300 men and women were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C.

Grady, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Cochran, and Mr. and Mrs. Colon R. Eberhard at Riverside park pavilion last evening at what was numerically the biggest party in the city in weeks, and socially the acme of success. Dancing was the order. From nine until after midnight the park was the social center of La Grande and marvelous as it may seem the cement floor was in superb dancing finish. The only social function of this sort that can approach the party last evening was the recent park commission dancing party at Riverside, but the attendance last evening was greater than the first. The hosts and hostesses were gracious hosts and hostesses and the natural sitting of course unique and novel in the broadest interpretations of the words. The mantlepiece over the spacious hearth was touched off with plant life, and at various other spots human hands had added to the beauty of the pavilion in a simple yet very neat decorative scheme.

A portion of the dance floor was given over to punch servers and late in the evening the happy dancers were refreshed with coffee and sandwiches. The occasion was very informal but crammed full of pleasures from the opening waltz to the closing dance number. A five-piece orchestra supplied excellent music. The park was illuminated brilliantly and no more artistic scene could be imagined than that afforded by a cursory glimpse from the driveway approaches of the pavilion, its dancers and temporarily idle guests—for many who don't dance sat the evening out in delightful enjoyment prompted by the auspicious occasion. Saturday, August 2 had become a reality before the last purring and spurring of automobiles had died away in the park.

Among the out-of-town guests present were: Miss Wellman of Baker, Miss Hendershot of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cochran, of Portland, and Miss McAllister of Ogden.

Several young people of South La and who are students of music, some and who are students of music, some in the early stages of the art, have formed a musical club known as the Hanai Musical club. They met Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hendricks, and violin, piano and vocal selections were played. Duets were also on the program. Once monthly the club will meet for gatherings such as held this week, and customarily the parents will attend too. Those who were present Thursday evening include: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hendricks and family, Miss Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Monroe and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kinne and family, Miss Isabelle Miller, Miss Vinacke and Mrs. Irene King and Miss Bess Hendricks.

Recitations from various people were also heard and fitting refreshments were served during the evening.

The L. A. of the B. of R. T. gave its first annual picnic at the city park on Wednesday. A good crowd was in attendance and a delightful day was enjoyed by all present. This is a young order but is very much alive and is doing a good work, although its field is limited. Many expressions of appreciation were heard for the park and accommodations for picnickers that would no doubt have been greatly appreciated by those who have worked so faithfully to give La Grande a park, had they heard them.

On Wednesday evening the La Grande band gave a delightful concert at the Foley corner which was followed by an ice cream social on the J. G. Snodgrass lawn. A jolly time was enjoyed by all in attendance and the band boys realized a very neat sum as the proceeds. The cake baking contest was another feature of the social.

Sax Bruce, a well known young druggist of this city, and Miss Pearl Rosenbaum, popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Rosenbaum, were quietly married Thursday evening, P. S. Bramwell officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce left last evening for points in Southern Oregon on a wedding tour. The wedding was quick and came as a surprise to the many friends of both bride and groom.

Miss Vera Adel and Miss Grace Pickens entertained the Junior Five Hundred club Thursday evening at the home of the latter. Honors were won by Charlotte Jones and Milton Stoddard.

Mrs. M. B. Donahue entertained the Five Hundred club at her home, 1703 First street, on Thursday evening of this week. Mrs. Charles Cochran of Portland won the honors.

Miss Inez Knowles entertained the Omnia girls at a (slumber) slumber-party on Wednesday evening of this week.

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party, asserting that Diaz' mission to Japan looks bad.

Diaz Remains Reticent.

Los Angeles, Aug. 2.—Felix Diaz today denied his failure to leave Los Angeles last evening for San Francisco en route to Japan was caused by receipt of official orders from Mexico City. He declared he has made no final plans regarding his departure but may leave tonight.

LOST—A red mulley milch cow, notify Red 3692. Adv. 8-2 tf.

Progressives Are Intusued.

Washington, Aug. 2.—(Special)—to the call for progressive volunteers sent out last week from a local progressive headquarters in New York, is exceeding even the expectations of the founders of the volunteer movement. The call which was issued by Hon. Oscar S. Straus, of New York; Senator Miles Poindexter, of Washington; Hon. Albert J. Beveridge, of Indiana, and ex-Governor John M. Parker, of Louisiana, asked for one thousand loyal progressives from all sections to volunteer for a vitally important service to the national committee. The exact nature of this service the directors of the movement declined to reveal, stating that it would not require any expense nor interference in any way with anyone's business or daily work. The unusual character of the movement aroused considerable curiosity in political circles, and has occasioned wide spread comment in the press; with the result that progressives from almost every state in the Union are answering the call.

Among the many hundreds of letters already received at the progressive headquarters in the Forty-second street building, New York, City, more than sixty different occupations are represented. They express the utmost confidence in the future of the party and a willingness to do anything within the power of the writers to assist in the work of organization that is being energetically carried forward by the national committee.

Senator, Poindexter, referring to the results thus far, says:

"In issuing this call for one thousand volunteers for a special service, we did so with the desire of enlisting a body of loyal, earnest progressives, regardless of whether they had had political experience or not. The purpose we have in view, while requiring very slight individual effort, is nevertheless vitally important, and we believe that the progressive volunteers will exert a powerful and far-reaching influence."

"The answers which have come to the New York headquarters from forty different states in response to the call, are remarkable for the spirit of enthusiasm and determination which runs through them all. All types of men are represented,—farmers, lawyers, clerks, salesmen, doctors, manufacturers, mechanics, engineers,—indeed it seems as though every important occupation is shown in the list. As fast as possible, these replies are being classified and letters of acknowledgment with instructions will go out to each one within the next few days. The announcement of the total enlistment will be made on September 1st."

"Four other progressives will soon be added to the committee appointed as directors of the new department, this committee at present consisting of Messrs. Straus, Parker, Beveridge and myself. And on behalf of all, I desire to say that we will welcome any loyal progressive. All that is necessary is to write to the volunteer's department, progressive headquarters, Forty-second street building, New York."

FAITH IN LA GRANDE.

T. E. French Buys Robertson Property Near School House.

T. E. French has closed a deal through Geo. H. Currey real estate agency, whereby he is now the owner of the James F. Robertson property on Third street near the high school building. This is a desirable property and contains three quarters of a block. Mrs. Starr has been occupying the premises for several months but expects to soon join her husband, who went to California in the hopes of getting his eyesight restored.

Ladd Canyon Has 'Em Also.

Willard Couch, of Ladd Canyon, brought to the Observer office today an exhibit of cherries that is certainly fine. Mr. Couch said: "I just wanted to show you that Ladd Canyon has 'em, too," and he is certainly right.

EDUCATOR AND AUTHOR TALKS

SOCIALISM

Back in Toledo, Brand Whitlock's town, some eight years ago was a big college, and the president, after the custom of successful educators, made much money.

The president believed in education for all; and because he so believed it wrung his soul when fathers came to him and told him how impossible they found it to keep their sons and daughters in college until the course was completed. These fathers were hard-working, honest and intelligent men but the son, who was talented in music, had to leave college and take a commercial course; the daughter whose soul longed for a career in art left to enter the over-crowded commercial field and compete with other daughters who were as unfit as she for such work—and with sons as well.

Is Promptly Disinherited. "It made me sad" declared W. F. Ries, one time president of that college, "and I wondered what was the matter. Here were hundreds of girls and boys eminently fitted by nature

pression. The rage against slavery was rage against special privilege in a recognizable form! that same feeling is alive today in the hearts of all just Americans.

"I can remember the first efforts made to have public schools in this country; the agitators for them met with the most violent abuse, one man even being clubbed and stoned because he spoke in favor of education for all, it being claimed that such a thing would destroy all incentive.

"The 'antis' cried out 'Free public schools would be the crime of the age—the greatest calamity that could befall mankind!' We know how much truth there was in that just as we know that the public schools are at once the world's greatest blessing and our only absolutely socialistic institutions."

"Our people have learned to expect education as a right, all working together for all. In the same way we shall learn to expect food, shelter and

clothing as a right and co-operate that all may have them.

"People got used to the idea of free education; they will just as surely grow to recognize that all people have a right to the wealth of the world as much as they can use. When there is no hoarding there will be enough and to spare for all."

Prof. Ries will speak in Honan hall Monday evening, August 4. At his meeting on the street last Wednesday night he challenged any well-known citizen of La Grande to debate, and offered to present him with \$10 for so doing, and to give him another \$10 should the audience decide the citizen had the best of it. There is a possibility of one of our lawyers accepting the challenge, so you can't afford to miss this meeting, as there is likely to be a lively scrimmage.

The lecture will be absolutely free and ladies and students of the high school are particularly invited.

California has engaged Comrade Ries for an entire year, believing him to be one of the best organizers and lecturers in the whole country.

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for one career who were being forced, for lack of means, into ill-paid work for which they had neither aptitude nor taste. It seemed something must be wrong—then I read Edward Bellamy's 'Looking Backward' and everything became clear. In the great white light of my understanding I gave up my college and went out to show men and women the wickedness of a system that gives to the idler \$2,034 of every \$2,471 earned by the worker, for that is what capitalism does; what it will always do. And that is why the roused workers of the world will soon overthrow it.

"My father realized vaguely something of the import of my new doctrine and promptly disinherited me with much paternal wrath. No son of his should spend paternal dollars unless he believed them to be sacred. That disturbed neither me nor my good wife, for we had a vision of a better day, the same kind of vision old John Brown had when they hung him for a traitor two years before a continent shook beneath the marching feet of half a million men going with muskets to make his dream a reality, so quickly do men act when finally their minds rebound from long sup-

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