

Society

A card party of large proportions numerically and of importance socially with Mrs. Jay Van Buren and Mrs. J. Carr as hostesses, the big band dance, and numerous social activities in various sections of the city made up an active week of society in La Grande. From the first day of the week to the last, affairs social have been on an active plane.

Among the most pleasant social events of the week was the elaborate two-day party given by Mrs. J. T. Van Buren and Mrs. J. J. Carr at the Van Buren home 808 Main avenue, on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, when the ladies were hostesses to a large circle of friends of this city at cards. The rooms were very prettily decorated in white and yellow chrysanthemums which were artistically arranged throughout the house. Many beautiful afternoon costumes were in evidence on each day. The party was one of the foremost of the week and guests numbering over 150 were entertained by the ladies. On Wednesday prizes were won by Mrs. P. S. Robinson, first; Mrs. E. E. Kirtley, second; Mrs. Julius Roesch, consolation. On Thursday, Mrs. Fred Bock, first; Mrs. J. F. Ravenscroft, second; Mrs. Poarch, consolation.

One of the biggest things yet attempted by the ladies of the La Grande neighborhood club will be the home play "The Union County Fair", a comic opera which was written by

Annie Sara Bock, a West Virginian, who has made the drilling and producing of home talent pieces a specialty. The play will be given the 11 and 12 of December and rehearsals will commence immediately after the first of the month under direction of Elenor McCall, an able and skillful director. The ladies of the La Grande club are already planning and making preparations for the big event and it promises to be one of the best in the history of the city. The local club has a wide range of talent to pick from and the play will in no way lack snap and ginger as the number of applicants for each part will insure a person fitted in every way to undertake that particular role. The piece to be staged is a comic opera and is brim full of wit and humor of local strain. The setting will be nothing less than a country fair in full swing which displays the farmers' exhibits just as they were piled upon the exhibit tables a few short weeks ago. Every thing will be there from the pumpkins to the pies and from the tiniest boy to the bashful lover who treats his best girl to taffy candy. Many musical numbers will be presented and dialogues of a humorous nature will hold the center of the stage throughout the production. The sideshows will be in evidence as will also the lemonade man with his "positively the last time round" yell. The balloon men and the fakirs from the "chance" booths will also be heard and the scene will be so real that it

will be hard to imagine that you are not attending a country fair which has had good weather and is at the top most round of success.

The committees under the direction of the club's president, Mrs. Vincen Palmer, are hard at work and preparations are well under way to make this the biggest and best county fair ever held. Rain or shine, this fair will hold the center of the stage on the nights mentioned and local stars will shine more brilliantly than ever before.

On Friday evening, October 31, the Misses Gertrude Halley and Ruth Oliver were hostesses to a number of guests at the country home of Miss Halley. Games true to the spirit of the evening were played until 11:00 when the guests were ushered into the dining room where a dainty two-course luncheon was served. After the luncheon the witches pot was consulted for fortunes, which were drawn by each guest, grasping a yellow and black streamer. So carefully had the hostesses planned the evening's amusements that no moment was left idle. The dining room and table with its unique and artistic decorations was a scene of beauty and elaborateness. At a late hour as the guests departed they expressed many kind wishes for the hostess and the delightful evening's fun they had provided, and also left their best wishes with Mr. and Mrs. Halley without whose hearty cooperation the evening could never have been a success.

Last evening the La Grande high school students were hosts to the Baker football team at Honan hall. Supposing that the Baker boys were to leave on the evening train on preparations had been made but a few of the girls and boys got together and arranged a very satisfactory program for the evening in form of an informal reception, when it was learned the team was to stay. The best of spirit predominated and the lads and lassies of Baker and La Grande "mixed" as never before. At an early hour the party broke up because the Baker boys having to play at Union today, needed rest. Last evening's reception and yesterday's game brought La Grande

and Baker high schools together with the best display of good spirit in the history of the schools and they parted the best of friends wishing for many another such contest.

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