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Society is seldom privileged with two magnificent parties in one week, yet that was what befell in La Grande during the week which is just now almost in history. Social affairs were at the apex of action Monday and Wednesday nights, when, on the former occasion Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Scroggin gave a farewell party to Mr. and Mrs. August J. Stange, and when within 48 hours, much the same crowd was once more assembled on the same floor for another magnificent function with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Kirtley and Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Crowe entertaining at dancing. Both parties were staged with lavish disregard for costs and enacted with brilliant success. It was a parade week for stylish dressers and Rex hall had displayed in it these two nights more modiste creations than it will have for many a day or has had in its short but brilliant career. On the two occasions fully 800 people were entertained with marked splendor.

Marked on every side with tasty results of artistic decorative hands, Rex hall on Monday evening sparkled with elegant gowns, twinkling jewelry and beaming countenances of well-entertained guests, when Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Scroggin and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall K. Hall entertained complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. August J. Stange who leave in a day or two, Mrs. Stange going to California for the winter and Mr. Stange to Merrill, Wisconsin. The motifs of the brilliant affair were in the receiving line where fully 300 people were greeted. In the past it has required the annual Elks' ball to bring the greatest array of beautiful gowns, but on this particular occasion and the function following on Wednesday, there was no comparative basis—each party was a precedent in itself, and Monday night the week's apparel show began. The hostesses and the guests of honor were particularly handsome and costly gowns, emulated to a great extent by scores of the guests.

Mrs. Stange was gowned in a most beautiful creation of embroidered goblin blue chiffon and carried red roses. Mrs. Scroggin wore a fascinating gown of violet and white, the white lace over drap being caught up with tiny bunches of violets.

Mrs. Hall wore an elegant white charmeuse gown and carried red roses.

Though Rex hall is a monster auditorium, and decorations hard to conceive, Monday night's decorative scheme was catchy and beautiful. Light globes dotting the edge of the mezzanine floor were touched off with light ray-diffusing colored crepe paper. This simple feature was strikingly pretty. The central decorative scheme, however, was that which was made a libation-serving headquarters. Rectangularly built, and canopied with tasty effect, a spacious punch emporium took up the center of the floor and within the palace dainty little girls waited upon the guests. Taking advantage of the Christmas month the decorators had loaned a touch of Yuletide by placing on each corner at the base of a gracefully curved canopy arch, tiny decorated Christmas trees which, during the evening were kept illuminated with candles. The effect was exceptionally pretty during the "moonlight" dances. A profusion of cranations and roses finished off the decorations for the punch booth.

Ice cream and wafers were served from a corridor booth during the later hours of the evening. The music was of a high class, stamping perfection on the element which goes to make a function of this sort perfect. Out of town guests were many.

Wednesday night Mr. and Mrs. Kirtley and Mr. and Mrs. Crowe were charming entertainers when they had assembled about them fully 400 guests to dance. Novel decoration schemes, the same high quality of gown displays, equally as much genuine pleasure as reigned two nights before it, summarizes the function. The decorations for the evening were exceptionally pretty. Thirty-two suspended flower baskets hung from the balcony railing and each was stuffed with cranations and chrysanthemums. Approximately 50 dozen cranations were used in these baskets and on the other phases of the decorations. A bower with its posts set off with clinging poinsettias, added smartness to the east end of the hall and served as a refreshment nook where caterers served coffee and sandwiches.

The Episcopal Guild ladies, under direction of Mrs. C. H. Conkey, presided over the serving tables. To add luster to this particular portion of the hall, four huge baskets of roses, one of cranations, pink and white in color, were swung from the balcony railing, and China lilies, Oregon grape,

and smilax touched off the corners and added beauty to the whole affair. A five-piece orchestra supplied music. The center of the floor was taken up with a most unique work of art in the form of a moss-covered well.

Resting on the lichen-covered railing about the well stood profuse groups of cranations and within the railing proper, filling their dippers from real oaken well buckets swinging from a well wheel of the sort boys and girls down on the farm quenched their thirst from, serving girls quenched the thirst of the guests. From the bottom of the well, through ingenious devices sparked the cooling waters. To carry out the novel scheme more effectively "The Old Oaken Bucket" was sung by C. P. Ferrin later in the evening.

The top of the framework was decorated with autumn leaves; rustic seats by the well were partially hidden by four palms, one at each corner. The basket arrangements were put in place by Florist A. B. Cherry, whose floral house made it possible to procure the abundance of baskets and flowers.

The idea was strikingly novel and was one of the best decorative schemes any La Grande party has seen. The gowns worn by the hostesses were in complete harmony with the fashion and tone of the whole affair.

Mrs. Kirtley wore a very becoming gown of yellow charmeuse, the bodice being draped with white and yellow chiffon.

Mrs. Crowe was gowned in a creation of white charmeuse with an over drape of embroidered pink chiffon.

Corvallis, Dec. 6.—(Special).—Mrs. Kittie G. Turner, formerly of Union, entertained the sons and daughters of former Union county friends on last Saturday evening. The evening was spent in playing old-fashioned games; after which light refreshments were served. A most enjoyable time was reported by all. Those present were: Mrs. Adah Walters, Mrs. Alice Allen and Mrs. Frances Walters of Cove; Messrs. Lee Reynolds, Winfield Eckley and John Proebstel of La Grande; Missess Letitia Thompson, Fern McIntosh, Myra Wigglesworth and Elsie Casper and Messrs. Elwyn Davis and Glenn Wolfe of Union; Miss Ruth Winters of Willamette University; Byron Goodall of Fort Canby; and Mrs. Kittie G. Turner, Missess Winnifield and Margarite Turner and Arthur Turner of Corvallis.

Last Thursday Mrs. Turner and Mrs. J. B. Wolfe entertained the former Unionites now residing at Corvallis at a banquet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wolfe. The guests were Prof. J. B. Horner, who organized the Union High school; Mrs. Horner, a primary teacher at the same place; Missess Myra Wigglesworth, Elsie Casper, Fern McIntosh, Letitia Thompson and Arthur Turner, and Elwyn Davis, graduates of the Union High school; Winnifield, Margaret and Harold Turner, and Glenn Wolfe, who began their work there; Miss Ruth Winters, a student at the Willamette University, daughter of a former pastor of the M. E. church at Union; John Proebstel, who claims but a few months' residence there, but is a member of the clans of the Old Blue Mountain university of La Grande; Paul Turner who began his early career in Union and several others who claim only association with school life. Members who were out of town and unable to attend were Miss Violet Hancock and Leo Crouter, graduates and Paul Crouter and John Turner, who began their school life in that town.

Professor Horner's "Tales of the Grande Ronde" were an enjoyable feature of the evening, and the occasion was so thoroughly enjoyable that the vote for other Grande Ronde reunions was unanimous.

Though rehearsals have only just gotten under way, it has demonstrated that "The County Fair" is going to be a tremendous success. The rehearsing is done under the direction of Miss Bock, the author of the piece and from the little tots that are to take part, to the semi-professional actors who will take parts, she is loudly cheered as the peer of any director that has been here yet.

This one-act comedy was written by Annie Sara Bock, a West Virginian, who had made the drilling and producing of home talent plays a specialty—this play has been her biggest and most successful. The plan and plot is very simple—nothing but a county fair with all manner of people coming to enjoy the festivities of the event. It will be a real picture of the real old time county fair with displays of innumerable rich, yellow pumpkins, big potatoes immense squashes, red-brooding ears of yellow corn, red apples, and maybe Si Jones, of Sque-dunk, will have some of those mar-

velous patch quilts there. Yet the real interest is centered in the dialogue of the visitors at the fair and in the musical numbers to be presented.

As the scene opens the loud-mouthed fakers, lemonade man, side-show barker and the balloon man will almost deafen you with their mighty yells. Then follows a quick succession of farmers, old maids, school boys, jockeys, preachers bride and groom, gold-brick men, city visitors—a conglomeration of the characters one can possibly imagine at a county fair, each with an appropriate dialogue and conversation. All of this colloquy is of the most humorous nature and has life and spirit to it that keeps the audience in constant convulsions.

One of the big features of the County Fair is the moon chorus by a large number of girls between the ages of three and nine years. It is said to be one of the prettiest and cutest ever. There will be another children's chorus and six young men and young ladies' choruses. All of these are the latest, catchiest song productions and are presented in a beautiful, attractive manner.

The best talent of the city will participate and there can be no doubt of the fair being a rousing success, as our talent, we believe, is rather superior to that of the average town.

One of the delightful informal affairs of the week was a party given last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Leffel, 902 Main street. The guests came dressed as misses of tender years and amusing games were played during the evening. Those in attendance included Mrs. E. B. Fyke, Mrs. T. Bartholemew, Missess Lucile Mulkey, Marie Bolton, Ruth and May Day, Mariam Smith, Gladys Van Housen, Viola Bennett and Enid Stanchfield and the hostesses, Missess Vera and Thelma Leffel.

Under the tutelage of Miss Edwards, "dean" of the Domestic Science department of the High school, a score of High school girls last evening served a delicious banquet to the High school and alumni football teams. From many standpoints it was the most important function of its kind held in the department, for seldom have such elaborate dinners been served there as was the order of things last evening. The dishes set before the hungry gladiators of the gridiron, representatives of the school board, superintendent Girdler, Principal Olson, the coaches and the players themselves, consisted of:

Bouillon-Croutons	Halibut, Hollandaise Sauce
Chicken Maryland	
Rice Potatoes	Stuffed Pepper
Hot Rolls	Brown Bread
Fruit Salad	Wafers
Ambrosia	Peanut Wafers
Cheese	Stuffed Raisins
	Coffee

The guests were profuse in their praise of the achievements of the embryonic cooks.

"Pat" Kiddle acted as toastmaster and during the brief speechfest, John Girdler, superintendent of schools, C. T. Bacon, representing the school board, Ray Couch, the 1913 captain, Gilbert Hunter the 1914 captain, Charles Reynolds, coach and A. W. Nelson, were called on for extemporaneous utterances.

The Ladies of the Maccabees held their regular business meeting on last Monday and took in several new members. After the initiatory ceremonies the Mesdames John Dordon, T. W. King, Hough and Bert Hughes served a banquet. After the banquet was over all regaled themselves with music and dancing.

Mrs. B. B. Nutter entertained the diamond section of the Maccabees at her home on Elm and Sixth. Refreshments were served the assembled ladies and musical numbers made up the rest of the delightful program.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Hough and Mrs. Frank Harris entertained the ladies of the Diamonds at a matinee party at the Arcade and in the evening the same club was entertained by Mrs. John Dordon and Mrs. Bert Hughes at the Sherry theater.

The Eastern Star social club was pleasantly entertained at the Masonic hall Wednesday evening by Mrs. F. E. Stilwell and Mrs. E. C. Tuckey. Mrs. H. C. Grady won honors at cards.

Mrs. Herman Seigrist was hostess to members of the Biliken club on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Colon R. Eberhard will entertain the evening section of the Sans Souci club next Wednesday evening.

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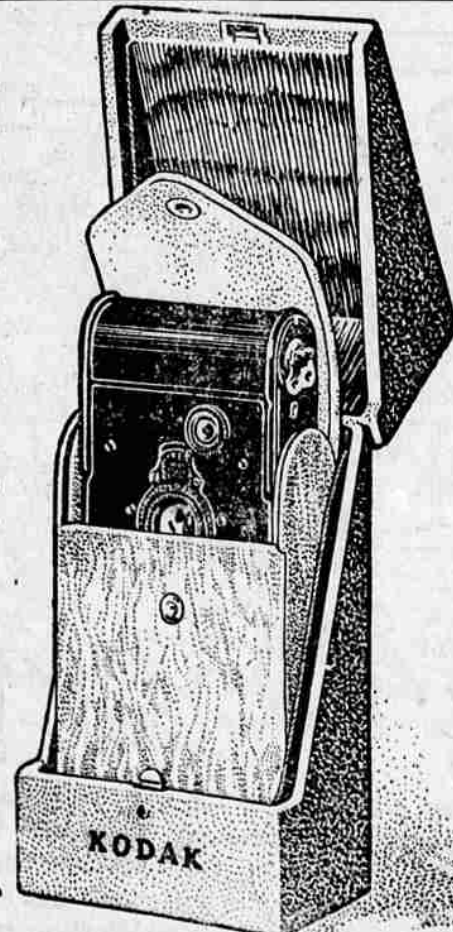
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