

NEW YEAR'S PLANS MATURE

SEVERAL CHURCHES WILL KEEP NIGHT WATCH.

Leading Social Affairs to Occupy the Attention of Local People.

New Years is to be greeted by many gatherings in La Grande. Several churches have watch night plans afoot, and various social gatherings will occupy the attention of people. The Baptists have a night service planned, the Methodists will hold a mid-winter picnic to which all friends of the church are invited. The basement of the church home is being made over into a primeval forest.

Watch Night Meeting.

The Lutheran church will hold a watch night meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Humbel, 2009 First street, Wednesday. The members and friends of the church will gather in the evening for a social and entertainment and remain until 12 o'clock when a short service will be held.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

W. H. Miller and his daughter, Mrs. David Cook, the former of Salt Lake and the latter from Garland, Utah, left today for North Powder with Mr. Carbine, where they will visit and look over prospects.

Blanche Clark of La Grande, who conducted an art studio for some time in this city, left last night for Chicago, where she will enter the Chicago art institute for the purpose of further development in her work.

Jack Kirkham, who for many years made La Grande on his rounds as traveling salesman, but who is now engaged in the real estate business

in Portland is in the city meeting some of his old Tillicums. William Church, Jack Pearce, Doctor Lincoln and a host of others were some of the cronies with whom he made merry in the good old days that are gone.

OLD SETTLER MOVES.

Wallawa County Stock Man to Spend Winter in the South.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Williams of Joseph, left this morning for San Diego, California, where they will spend the winter. Mrs. Williams has not been in the best of health and they are going principally for that reason. Mr. Williams is one of the most prominent stock men of the Joseph country, and has been raising cattle, sheep and horses successfully for 25 years, or since his coming into this valley. He came here from Missouri and thinks there is no country like the valley.

They will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. Haas and their daughter Victoria, who will also make their home in and around San Diego. Mr. Haas is a retired sheep man and capitalist and enjoys the reputation of being one of the best versed men on cattle and live stock in the county.

He is an old Tillicum of Judge Knowles of this city and in leaving declared he would be back in time to catch the first salmon that swam up the Imnaha river. He will not stay in any city longer than two weeks at a time, barring accidents, and intends to be back in the Joseph country sometime in April or May.

Before leaving he subscribed to the Observer in order to remain in touch with affairs of this community.

Important legislation.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Important labor legislation for the coming year was considered today in the opening session of the two-days session of the American association for labor legislation and the American Political Science association. Such problems as workmen's compensation, occupational diseases, one day's rest in seven, federal museum for accident

prevention, social insurance and enforcement of labor laws, were scheduled for consideration.

LUCK AND LOVE.

First He Won the Father, and Then He Captured the Heiress.

A dozen years ago, fresh from the school of Versailles, came a young under lieutenant of artillery in his new uniform, returning from Normandy, where he had been to see his brother. On the train the young officer found himself seated beside an old man, who, like himself, was going to Paris.

They entered into conversation. An amiable intimacy was established between the two travelers. At the west station the old gentleman, taking leave of the young officer, said, "I need a son-in-law like you."

Three months later the officer returned to Normandy. He narrated the incident of the journey to his brother and questioned him about the strange companion.

"I know this old fellow," responded the brother. "Do you know that he offered you a very pretty partner? His daughter possesses an income of 100,000 francs."

"Where is she? I'll go after her," said the officer.

The brother made a sorrowful gesture. "Alan! you are a little late."

"Eh, what! Is the young girl to be married?"

"No; her father was buried eight days ago."

The lieutenant was silent for a moment. "But I knew her father. A visit of condolence is imposed upon me."

Dressed in his best uniform, he called upon the lady. He spoke in the most tender terms of the old gentleman. Without doubt the prestige of the uniform was not without effect on the young provincial, and the story as in the pleasant dramas, ended with a marriage. The lieutenant is now a prominent member of the chamber of deputies.—Cri de Paris.

TALES OF TWO DANCES.

London Society at First Rebelled Against Waltz and Polka.

When the waltz first appeared in London it raised a social rumpus. The dance came from Poland to London by way of Portsmouth, where its advantages were at once apparent to the women, though the men did not much like seeing other men clasping their wives. It was first danced at Almack's in London by Lady Jersey and two or three of her friends, and

society was riven from top to bottom into the waltzers and anti-waltzers. In spite of Lady Jersey's powerful influence, there seemed little chance of the acceptance of the waltz. In 1816 the allied sovereigns came to London and visited Almack's. There they joined in the waltz and removed it from the realm of discussion. The waltz needed but three sovereigns to make it respectable.

The polka excited almost as much controversy as the waltz on its first introduction into England. Lady Dorothy Nevill recalls a scene at a ball in the late thirties when a deputation of ladies begged the hostess, Mrs. Spencer Stanhope, to allow the polka to be danced by six ladies who understood it. Permission being accorded, the six stepped out with their partners, all of them, curiously enough, dressed in black, which caused people to say it was a chimney sweep's dance. Extraordinary excitement was created by the innovation, Lady Jersey, the Duchess of Bedford and a number of other women clambering up on the chairs and benches to gain a better view.

Figgerative.

"A schoolboy of eleven," said Professor Thomas R. Lounsbury, Yale's authority on English, "once gave an apt illustration of figurative usage. He gave it in a composition, writing:

"A figgerative saying is, 'to keep the wolf from the door.' It does not mean to keep a real live wolf from the door. A good instance is when the landlord comes for the rent. He knocks at the door and you keep awful quiet. In the hope that he will think there is nobody in and go away."—Washington Star.

The Paragon.

"Have you any employee who doesn't talk baseball, horse racing and prizefighting all the time, to the exclusion of business?"

"Yes."

"Where did you get him?"

"It isn't a him; it's a her."—Pittsburgh Post.

Was It?

"I gave Walter a beautiful necktie of my own make for a birthday present," said Mabel.

"Was he pleased?"

"Oh, yes; he said its beauty shall be for no other eyes than his own. Wasn't that lovely of him?"—Lippincott's.

Friendship is love without his wings.—Byron

Notice to Stockholders.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the United States National bank of La Grande, Oregon, will be held at their banking rooms in the City of La Grande, Tuesday, January 13, 1914, at 2 o'clock, P. M. or the purpose of electing a board of directors and for the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting:

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Chinese Show Progress.

Shanghai, Dec. 30.—The arrival recently of Yang Tchong, the first special envoy for foreign affairs, is evidence of the desire of the Republican government at Peking to increase its representation in this foreign controlled Chinese city in the very center of the China coast.

Until Yang's arrival the agent of the Chinese government here has been called the commissioner of trade and foreign affairs, with rather doubtful power, other than advisory and conciliatory, when it came to negotiations with the foreign consuls general.

It has been recognized for a long time that the position of Chinese representative at this port is almost as important as that of minister plenipotentiary to foreign countries. The action of Peking in raising the rank to that of special envoy for foreign affairs appears to give the republic diplomatic and official precedence over all the foreign representatives. This

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Merlin Batley of La Grande, and Bert Jerard of Pendleton, in an excellent vaudeville number with the University of Oregon Glee Club here next Friday at the Arcade Theater.

In this skit Jerard is looking for a partner to fill a vaudeville engagement and he finds Batley on the stage seated at a piano and he decides to try him out. With this introduction the boys sing all the late popular songs which they intersperse with

jokes and the regular vaudeville dope. This skit has made a big hit wherever the club has shown and the organization is very fortunate in having two such artists with them. Tickets no selling at Van Buren's cigar store.

does not, of course, in any way affect the extra territorial rights of the foreigners.

All Carry Baskets.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 30.—Carrying a market basket has become the fashion in Cleveland for rich and poor alike—according to John Kamp, the

marketmaster, and he ought to know as the records of all municipal markets are submitted to him every month. According to Kamp, Clevelanders spend \$400,000 a week at the city markets. At one market alone—the new West Side market house—the total buyers in one week numbered 30,000.

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