

Society

Before 300 beaming faces, with a background of Christmas trees, and Old Santa Claus peeping around the corner of the chimney, John Thomas Crawford, an O. W. fireman, and Miss Olive Johnson were married Thursday evening in the Methodist Church South, by Rev. J. H. Lumper, as the first number on the program. The Sunday school children and their parents were present at the wedding and as soon as the wedding was over, the evening's Christmas program was taken up. In many ways the evening was the most enjoyable that Southern Methodists have had in La Grande. The bride is one of the best known workers in the church. For the past three years she has been employed at the A. B. C. laundry; her husband is one of the promising young firemen out of here.

The unique wedding was simple. The church on North Fir had been decorated for the double occasion—Christmas and wedding—and with the twinkling of candlelight and the jingling of Santa's sleighbells, the bridal party consisting of the bride and groom, and Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Crox marched to the altar where the solemn words were spoken.

Christmas Eve marked the happy climax of a romantic ten year courtship with inception in South Dakota, when Bernice Oliver, fourth-grade teacher in the Central building, was married to H. M. Lewis, an attorney of Sturgis, S. D. The wedding took place at the Methodist church parsonage where Miss Oliver has made her home with Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Fyke since she came to La Grande two years ago. The groom came out from his Dakota home to claim the bride that once was his school mate. She formerly lived at Kenton, S. D. At the conclusion of the wedding ceremony at which were present only a few intimate friends, and where-at Rev. Fyke officiated, the wedding party was dined by Mrs. Fyke, and with the departure of the evening train for Sturgis, the bridal couple took their departure. Mrs. Lewis left behind her a large group of friends. During her two years in La Grande she attained popularity as a teacher and became prominent socially.

A long list of social events centered about her marriage. A few days ago she was the recipient of a shower at the home of the Misses White, co-workers in the schools, and at that time suitable gifts were bestowed upon her. Previous to that the teachers in the Central building gave her a surprise shower in the school building. Just before her marriage she entertained at dinner to her intimate friends, having in mind the announcement of her marriage at that time but the "cat got out of the bag" and expressed in terms of slang, "the teachers bent her to it."

One of the pretty weddings of the week occurred on Christmas night when Clarence E. Gibson and Nora V. Duckett were quietly married at the Baptist parsonage, Rev. R. E. Close officiating. The ceremony took place at 7:30 in the presence of a few relatives and friends. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Gibson who reside in May Park. The bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Duckett, reside at 2404 North Birch street.

The happy couple will make their home in Park Addition at the corner of Russell avenue and Pine street.

Everybody in the Greenwood school was ready for the coming of Christmas. The pupils had worked hard and looked forward to a well-earned vacation. Christmas has convinced Principal Arthur H. Hayes of his popularity with teachers and pupils alike. Mr. Lee the faithful and efficient janitor got his work in early in the day and played Santa Claus Thursday before the teachers arrived. He was very kindly remembered by the teachers in turn. "When it comes to faithfulness and courtesy, Mr. Lee can't be excelled," said a teacher in that school. The teachers in Greenwood all spend their vacations in La Grande and vicinity.

Henry Hartgerink and Amy Rundall both of High Valley, were married at the Frank Cullen home Wednesday, with only a few intimate friends present. These included Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Broadway and Willie Wilkinson. The bride is the daughter of John Rundall of High Valley, and both are popular people in their community, to which they have returned to take up ranching.

The Eastern Star social club will meet next Tuesday, Dec. 29, at the home of Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp. The meeting is set ahead one week to avoid a conflict with the important functions set down by the Neighborhood club for the following Tuesday.

Mrs. T. S. Forrester, of Seattle, who spent Christmas day in the city with her mother, Mrs. George Burns, left this morning for Enterprise where she will visit with her sister, Mrs. Art Lyman.

Mrs. Della Wright and daughter, Miss Georgia, came over from Union yesterday morning to spend Christmas day with their son and brother, County Clerk Ed. Wright and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Holm very pleasantly entertained the Knautz family of May Park at Christmas dinner Friday.

At Oregon City Thursday, a marriage license was issued to Ed. Davis of La Grande and Miss Helen Dodson of Sherwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Talbot and little daughter, of Island City, went to Baker to spend Christmas with friends.

Robert Eakin and wife are spending the week with his parents, Supreme Court Judge Eaken and family at Salem.

Miss Edna Green is spending the holidays with relatives in Portland.

Miss Claire Pierce, teacher of Domestic Science in the Union schools, is home for the holidays.

Miss Nellie White left Thursday for Boise where she will spend the holidays with friends.

Miss Hazel McMillan, a nurse at the Grande Ronde hospital, spent Christmas with her parents in Union.

Miss Edith Bailey, a teacher in the Island City schools, went to Ontario Thursday to spend the holidays with her parents.

Miss Gladys Winters is home from Gooding, Idaho, where she is teaching school, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McDonald and their daughter Lillian are entertaining a house party. Guests who were present yesterday and took dinner with the host and hostesses included Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Hector McDonald all of Wallawa, Mr. and Mrs. Will Marsh and son Edward of Ontario, Ben Culver, well known O. A. C. athlete, from Corvallis, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. McDonald and daughter Helen and son George, Miss Stella Oliver and Mr. and Mrs. Turner Oliver of La Grande. Most of the guests are remaining for the week-end, though the John McDonald family found it necessary to take their departure this morning.

800 WAR HORSES READY

Shipment Leaves Walla Walla Tuesday for French Government.

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—W. L. Russell, of this city, who has been collecting horses for the French government for cavalry and artillery, announced today that he had gathered 400 loads of animals, which have been accepted, and they will be shipped Tuesday to Jersey City, N. J., whence they will go to France. The 800 animals will require two trains.

The horses have been bought at nearly all parts of the Inland Empire. The shipment is a record one and represents nearly \$100,000. Mr. Russell and the French government inspectors, who are passing on the horses, he is buying under contract, returned last night from a trip through the Palouse country, in Washington and the Clearwater and Camas Prairie districts, in Idaho, where hundreds of horses were purchased.

These same buyers will be in La Grande shortly, exact date to be announced later.

G. A. R. ELECT OFFICERS

I. W. Faulk is Commander of the Local Post Next Year.

Members of Oliver P. Morton No. 36, Grand Army of the Republic, this afternoon elected officers for the ensuing year. Those chosen were: Post commander I. W. Faulk, senior vice, Mr. Caldwell; Junior vice, J. W. Allen; chaplain, Mr. Gore; officer of the guard, J. Underwood; adjutant, J. W. Oliver.

Two Autos Collide.

When Jack Newbill, of Summer-ville, in his Ford and Dr. G. L. Biggers of this city in his Franklin touring car tried to occupy the same spot on Depot and Fir streets at the same time this morning the result was two damaged automobiles but, luckily, no personal injuries. The Franklin sustained a smashed fender, damaged lamp and a broken steering gear, and about the radiator but able to leave the Ford was also badly damaged the scene of the collision under its own power.

Holiday time has put a crimp in the land office business, only two applications being filed this morning. These were by Orville G. Trester of Trester; and Lucy Campbell, of Galena, Ore.

Thumb Accidentally Cut Off.

While chopping steak with a large knife Tuesday of this week, Miss Nellie Paddock, of North Union, accidentally cut off the end of her thumb, back to the root of the nail, notes the Union Republican. The piece was cut completely off and the injury is correspondingly bad. Surgical aid was called at once and the injured member given prompt attention.

Royal Princess Born.

Rome, Dec. 26.—A daughter was born today to the queen of Italy. Both mother and child are doing well.

Spot Wheat Climbs.

Portland, Dec. 26.—Spot club wheat reached \$1.27 today, establishing a new record.

Oakland Lineman Killed

Oakland, Dec. 26.—Mark Covell, a lineman, was electrocuted early today while attempting to sever a live wire.

New Firemen on Job.

C. A. Riley has accepted the position of fireman to succeed T. G. Van Vlack, resigned.

WANTED—Boards, with or without rooms. Very close in. 1630 Sixth street, opposite Baptist Church. Mrs. Etta Wines.

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Heavy Wearables for Heavy Weather

Prices so low everybody can keep warm

Ladies' Wool Hose	25c	\$6.00 Men's Pelt Coats	\$4.98
Ladies' Fleece Hose	15c	\$7.50 Men's Pelt Coats	\$5.90
Ladies' Cotton Hose	5c	\$8.00 Men's Pelt Coats	\$6.90
Ladies' Unions	69c 98c	50c Men's Wool Mitts	25c
Ladies' Two-piece Underwear	25c 49c 98c	75c Men's Leather Mitts	49c
Ladies' Wool Unions	\$1.49 \$1.98	\$1.75 Men's Lambs Wool Mitts	\$1.49
Ladies' House Dresses	98c	50c Men's Wool Sox	39c
Ladies' Kimonos	98c	35c Men's Wool Sox	25c
Ladies' Dressing Sacques	49c	35c Men's Cashmere Sox	25c
Babes' Outing Sacques	25c	\$1.50 Men's Wool Shirts	98c
Children's Unions	49c 69c 98c	\$2.00 Men's Wool Shirts	\$1.49
Children's Two-piece Underwear	18c 25c 39c 49c 59c 69c 79c 89c	\$2.50 Men's Wool Shirts	\$1.98
Blankets	49c 69c 98c \$1.49	95c Men's Rubbers	69c
Wool Blankets	\$1.98 \$2.98 \$3.98 \$4.98	\$1.15 Men's Heavy Rubbers	95c
Oregon City Blankets	\$4.98 \$5.90	\$1.25 Men's Cloth Top Rubbers	98c
Comforts	98c \$1.49	\$1.50 Men's Sweaters	98c
Comforts, better grades	\$2.98 \$3.49 \$3.98	\$2.00 Men's Sweaters	\$1.49
Ladies' Lined Shoes	\$1.49 \$1.98	\$2.50 Men's Sweaters	\$1.98
Ladies' Shoes	\$1.98 \$2.98 \$3.50	\$3.50 Men's Sweaters	\$2.98
Old Ladies' Shoes	\$1.49 \$1.69 \$1.98	\$1.50 Men's Winter Pants	98c
Ladies' Rubbers	49c 59c	\$3.00 Men's Winter Pants	\$1.98
Children's Rubbers	39c 49c	\$5.00 Men's Mackinaw Pants	\$3.49
Children's Overshoes	60c 98c	\$3.00 Men's Overshoes—Pacs	\$2.69
\$5.00 Men's Pelt Coats	\$3.98	\$2.00 Men's Overshoes, one buckle	\$1.25

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SNOW FAMINE BROKEN

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estimated that over a thousand people were present yesterday afternoon at the Elk's hall. The treats to the children consisted of a toy and a sack of candy and nuts for each child. Over 800 children had been planned for and only four treats remained after the children had been cared for. Ellis Kirtley in the role of Santa Claus played his part as though he had been the old gentleman of the Christmas time himself. Aside from the treat a program of folk games was given by a class of school children under the direction of Miss Ramsdall, of the public schools.

The large auditorium of the Elk's hall had been cleared of all furniture and the youngsters crowded into the room to witness the games and receive the treat. M. B. Donohue, exalted ruler, greeted the children and older visitors at the entertainment, with a very brief but very pointed address as follows:

"Boys and Girls: I wish you all a

Merry Merry Christmas and many returns of the day.

"On behalf of La Grande lodge of Elks, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our annual Christmas tree festival. It has been our pleasure to have had many of you here as our guests on previous occasions of this kind, but each succeeding year brings scores of new young faces to greet old Santa Claus great public reception given in his honor.

"We experienced some new difficulties this year in making the transportation arrangements for Old Kris Kingle. You know the old fellow travels around in sleighs hauled by reindeer, and so far this year we have had no snow around La Grande to travel on. But our Elks Lodge instructed the exalted ruler to appoint a reception committee to see that old Santa arrived here without fail, and he appointed Frank Bay, Ed Coolidge, Charley Harding, Arthur Curtis, Fritz Lotus and L. L. Douglas.

"This committee called on many other good Elks to assist them, and they went up into the snow covered hills and mountains surrounding La

Grande, and land in waiting for Old Santa at every cross road and trail. They found him late last night at the top of Fox Hill, complaining that there was no snow in La Grande to run in on. But when our reception committee assured him that they had a dozen automobiles at the foot of the hill to bring him in with and to carry his many sacks of good things for you, he was overcome with joy. I now have great pleasure in introducing Santa Claus to you."

Back from Trapping.
Cecil Bates and John Van Houten arrived home Sunday from the timber districts above Sumpter, where they had been trapping. The boys caught some fur bearing animals but they say the work does not pay. The war in Europe knocks the price to such an extent that the trapper is about out of a job until it is over. Still they are not going to Europe to help wind up the war.—Union Scout.

Birth Record.
Holiday week saw the birth of a son to County Farm Expert and Mrs. Claude C. Cate.

Big January Sale

Will be in order in La Grande's Stores in a few days. Our sale started December 15th and will be continued.

Printed quotations count for little---Every Article in this Big Stock of Dependable Furniture, Stoves and Ranges is radically reduced; real economy will be exercised by furnishing the home from this store.

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