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Interest socially for the coming week centers about the "Charity Ball" to be given by the Wednesday evening Bridge club at Rex hall, next Wednesday, February 10. This dance promises to be the biggest society event of the season. Tickets will cost \$1.00 per, and the entire proceeds are to be turned over to the associated charities of this city. The committee in charge of the affair are Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Scroggin, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Kirtley, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Lilly, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wenzel, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Newlin and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Van Buren.

No more delightful event has been chronicled in the history of La Grande's fraternal organizations than the one at Elks auditorium last evening when the Hollowell Concert com-

pany filled an engagement and after the concert furnished music until midnight for a most delightful dancing party. The Hollowell company is well known in the city and with each return engagement it seems to have more nearly perfected its musical organization. Excellent is the only word that can describe the beautiful harmony, the extraordinary solos and the vocal selections. La Grande's society turned out well to greet the company and the ball after the concert was well attended. The occasion was one of the most satisfactory events ever given by the B. P. O. Elks, which lodge has a reputation far and wide for furnishing entertainment of an extraordinary nature.

Taking Postmaster E. E. Bragg entirely unawares, and springing a most delightful surprise upon the genial servant of Uncle Sam, several neighbors and close friends of Mr. Bragg Thursday evening helped him celebrate an anniversary of his birthday

—which one need not be set out in print. Mr. Bragg's wife and daughters are sojourning in the South but this didn't deter the neighbors in the least. Women of the party took possession of the home and Five Hundred was played. John Girdler winning first prize. At the proper hour the visitors displayed their self-arranged refreshments, consisting of two delicious courses. Mr. Bragg was duly appreciative of the very pleasant evening afforded him.

Chapter I, B. E. O. Sisterhood met at the home of Mrs. J. W. Knowles, Main and Second street, yesterday at the usual business meeting. One of the important features of the meeting was the voting of 50 cents per member for the educational fund. Then followed the impressive initiatory ceremony, adding two new stars to the chapter. While greetings and a social welcome was being extended to the new members the President, Mrs. G. T. Darland and hostess served re-

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freshments which delighted both the eye and the palate in the manner in which the club colors were woven into them. The pleasant and profitable afternoon closed with greetings and a token of love to a shut-in sister.

Miss Ruby Graves entertained the Endeavors of the Christian church, at the regular monthly business meeting, Monday evening. Thirty-six of the members being present. The fore part of the evening was devoted to the business session. One interesting feature of the meeting was the reading of the "La Grande Weinewurst," a paper printed each month and read at the business meeting. Miss Graves played herself a most charming hostess and during the latter part of the evening served delicious refreshments.

The few days that yet remain until Lenten is with us again, will indeed be busy days. The charity ball next Wednesday evening is an all-absorbing social theme, and close on the heels of that important social function will be given a pre-lenten dancing party by the Young Ladies Sodality. That date is Friday night. The usual card clubs will be largely on the rest program during Lent, but in the pre-lenten days have arranged for many extra occasions of more than ordinary importance.

The study of China is being vigorously pursued by the Neighborhood club. The excellent papers by Mrs. Geo. Palmer and Mrs. G. T. Darland at the meeting last Tuesday afternoon were listened to with closest attention. It is time to send in the federation dues and as these are based on the paid up membership of the club it is urged that all dues be paid by the next meeting. It is this report that gives the club its rating in the state federation and that determines the number of delegates to which the club is entitled.

Invitations are out for the fourth annual ball to be given by the Loyal Order of Moose, at Rex hall, February 16. The committee in charge is Samuel Wright, Dr. Ralston and Harry Swart, and these men announce that the ball will surpass former efforts in every respect. The program of dances follows:

Grand March at 9:10, Waltz, Two-Step, Baltimore, Two-Step, Schottisch, Waltz, Circle Two-Step, Jersey, Waltz, Tag, Two-Step, Baltimore, Three-Step, Hesitation Waltz, Tuxedo, Rye, Waltz, Two-Step, Schottische, One-Step, Waltz, Two-Step, Home, Sweet Home.

Charlotte Jones and her division yesterday were hostesses to the Tillieums at a party in the high school given in honor of the girls who entered school this semester. Much merriment was created in a track meet in which were entered the guests, grouped under four schools, Monmouth normal, U. of O., O. A. C., and Willamette. Monmouth won the honors. Eight guests were present. After the track meet refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cochran very charmingly entertained sixteen couples at cards Monday evening, complimentary to Miss Maude Goodwin, of Oakland, California. Two hours were spent playing five hundred after which a delicious two-course luncheon was served. The tables were then cleared away and a delightful hour was spent dancing. Honors at cards went to Miss Sarah Smith and Roscoe Doane.

Tuesday evening the L. O. O. M. inaugurated the first of a series of monthly gatherings for wives and sweethearts of the members. The lodge room, the parlors and amusement rooms were cramped until the midnight hour, and to say that all enjoyed themselves is idle repetition for the event was a success every minute. Dancing, cards, various parlor games, and refreshments made up the even-

ing's card of enjoyment.

A dance at the Riverside Grange hall Thursday night was enjoyed by about 40 couples, all of whom reported a most enjoyable evening. The next dance will be an invitation affair with refreshments served by the ladies at midnight.

Miss Agnes Lesley entertained the Monday evening sewing club at the home of Mrs. Chas. Reynolds last

Monday night. A dainty two-course luncheon was served.

Next Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newlin will entertain the Kat-fee Klatch. They have announced Hoyan hall is the place of the evening's playing. The change in date is made to avoid a conflict with other functions.

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"Remember that it does not follow that a high price on a piano proves that it is high grade."

"If a dealer wants to sell you a piano, and cuts his price in half, Distrust him, he would rob you if he could."

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