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Society News

As the Christmas season is drawing near the time usually spent in social functions is being given up to the customary before-Christmas rush.

Society women of La Grande are taking an active part this year in the disposal of Red Cross stamps. These have been put on sale at all the drug stores and special days have been reserved next week for their sale at the postoffice.

La Grande already holds the record

for the sale of these stamps in Eastern Oregon and it is hoped that this year will raise the record.

H. T. Boggess, agent for the express company urges the women of this city to co-operate as extensively as possible with the merchants and the express company in alleviating the hardships of those whose duty it is to serve the Christmas public.

The railroads are already working under high pressure but, if the ship-

ping season is stretched over the whole month of December, more adequate service can be given than if the entire Christmas movement is jammed into the one week immediately preceding Christmas.

"The general prosperity of the country promises to make this Christmas the most commercially active that the country has ever known," states Vice-President Cowie of the American Express Co. Hence the timeliness of the public and its servants in joining hands to make it the pleasantest one on record.

Mrs. A. L. Richardson returned Thursday from Portland where she has been attending the convention of the State Music Teachers' association. Her stay was made exceptionally pleasant in that city by the delightful hospitality of the Portland people.

A banquet was given by the Monday Musical club at the Multnomah Saturday evening at which Mrs. Richardson gave a few vocal selections. The large number of floral gifts which she received proves that Portland appreciates her charm of manner and beauty of voice as well as La Grande.

Other affairs of note were the concert at Reed college and the banquet given at the Benson by the leading music houses of Portland.

Cove, Dec. 9.—(Special)—Ray Barker left last week Wednesday for Pasco, Wash., where he married one of Pasco's talented young ladies, Miss Berta Kirk, the only daughter among three brothers of W. S. Kirk of this place. The marriage ceremony was performed at high noon Thanksgiving Day. Only the immediate families were present. Among the many valuable presents received by the bride was a very fine piano. The bride and groom reached Cove Tuesday afternoon, stopping with the groom's parents until the latter part of the week when their new home on the Meyers ranch will be in readiness for them.

Last Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Dave Fitzgerald were given a complete surprise by thirty-eight of their friends in their home at 1601 Sixth street. The affair was given in honor of their twenty-first wedding anniversary and they were presented with

a dozen cut-glass sherbet cups. Those present included the following:

Messrs. and Mesdames Lee Hanford, Frank Shumard, Pete Biever, Howard Safford, J. F. O'Connell, Bert Hughes, Tom Williamson, T. W. King, Guy Ellis, Clyde Zimmerman, Herbert Pattison, Charles O'Holleran, Clyde Kiddle, W. Talbot, T. Shannon, Walter Pohrman, Clifford Weaver, Walter Spencer and Ray Pierson.

Saturday evening Walter Pohrman of Perry was given a surprise party on his birthday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Pohrman. Five hundred was played, Mrs. T. W. King capturing the prize. A delicious two-course luncheon was served. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pohrman, Mr. and Mrs. F. Pohrman, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. King, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Herzinger, Miss Pohrman, Miss Golda Pohrman, Mrs. Clifford Weaver, the Misses Ruth, Mabel and Blanche Herzinger, Mrs. A. J. Rears, Margaret King, Howard King and the Messrs Earl Harrington, Roy Pohrman, G. A. Dixon and Lewis Phell.

Nearly a hundred couples enjoyed a good floor and excellent music at the Elks' ball given in their new building last Monday night.

The special purpose of the affair was to get all the new members acquainted with the old ones—and each other.

It proved to be such a success that the committee has arranged for another to be given probably a week from Monday.

Music was furnished by the Haines orchestra.

A holiday visitor in Portland is Mrs. Harry M. Bouvy who is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Chambréau, Mrs. Bouvy's home is in La Grande. She will visit here until after the holidays.—Portland Oregonian.

Mrs. Dora B. Schilke was delightfully entertained Tuesday afternoon in Salem at a reception given in her honor by the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Schilke is the worthy grand matron of that lodge in Oregon.

Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Sam Parker entertained at a dinner in honor of their first wedding anniversary. Only a few intimate friends of the host and hostess were present.

The Wednesday Bridge club met at the home of Mrs. Frank Miller. Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe had the high score. A two-course luncheon was served. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. E. E. Bragg.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bay entertained the Pinochle club Tuesday evening. Mrs. Elizabeth Donnelly won the prize.

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MT. FANNY GRANGE ELECTS
M. L. Carter Is Master of Enterprising Grange Work Another Year.

Cove, Dec. 9.—(Special)—Mt. Fannie Grange met for an all day meeting at Shanghai schoolhouse Saturday, Dec. 2. Election of officers was the order of the day.

M. L. Carter, (re-elected) Master; Chas. Organ, Overseer; Mrs. Georgie Gasset, Chaplain; Mrs. J. K. Lantz, Secretary; Mrs. J. W. Ingram, Treasurer; Clarence Carter, Sergeant; Earl Baker, Ass't. Sergeant; June Chadwick, Lady Ass't. Sergeant; Mrs. Georgianna Chadwick, Lecturer; Geo. Chadwick, Gate Keeper; Mrs. Margaret Dalton, Reporter; Mrs. M. Dalton, Geo. Baker, Geo. Miller, Executive Committee.

After business was taken care of one of the dinners only Grangers know how to serve was disposed of in regular Grange fashion. Next all day meeting will be held Dec. 16.

SECRETARY BAKER LIKES RED CROSS SEAL IDEA

Wants His Children to Become Partners in Anti-tuberculosis Fight

Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, is an enthusiast in the use of Red Cross Christmas Seals. A year ago, when he was still Mayor of Cleveland, he wrote to the Anti-Tuberculosis League of that city as follows:

"I enclose my check for \$1.75 for this year's seals and also my order for seals for 1916. No other one thing means so much to life, health and happiness of the people of Cleveland as the fight against tuberculosis. The League is offering a great privilege to the people of Cleveland in giving them this opportunity to join their forces in a great cause.

"Please send twenty-five Seals to each of my children. Address them Betty, Jack and Peggy Baker, respectively, at my house, 1851 Crawford Road. I want them each to put seals on each of their Christmas presents so that they will learn that they, too, are partners in the community burden and share the community opportunity.

"Yours very truly,
(Signed) "NEWTON D. BAKER, Mayor."

Have you bought your Red Cross Seals and shouldered thereby your share of the community burden and opportunity?

One of the unexplainable things is why a man hears all sorts of noise during the night while his wife is away.—The Oregonian.

NOW TAKING ORDERS FOR

Christmas Flowers

ORDER EARLY

Blooming plants for Christmas on display Dec. 16th

Blooming Poinsettias will arrive Dec. 20th

Holly Wreaths made to order
Mistletoe, Berried Holly and Oregon Grape

La Grande Seed & Floral Co.

Foley Hotel Building.

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Have \$50,000.00 @ 7 per cent in amounts from \$2500.00 up, to loan on Grande Ronde Valley Farms.

Have \$50,000.00 @ 8 per cent in amounts from \$1000.00 up, to loan on farms in Union County.

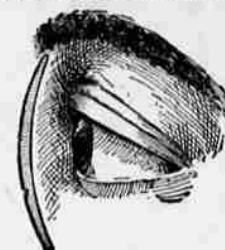
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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL CONCERNED that Minnie Schwelke, administratrix of the estate of Theodore H. Schwelke, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Union County, State of Oregon her final account as administratrix of said estate and that said Court has set Tuesday the 2nd day of January, 1917, at 2 o'clock P. M. at the County court room in La Grande, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing said report and all objections thereto.

MINNIE SCHWELKE,
Administratrix.
12—2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

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