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CHRISTMAS.

Christmas bells are ringing in the happiest day of the year, when the heart expands in good will toward everybody and good wishes fill the air, while merry children frolic at the feet of their patron-saint Santa Claus.

At such times as these we realize that this is not such a bad world after all; that the priceless possessions are family and friends, the ability to do a little good, to work awhile, to satisfy the religious part of our nature by worship; to think kindly thoughts of our neighbors, and to bestow sweet and unostentatious charity upon some of our unfortunate brothers and sisters.

What more pleasant task than making children happy? How little it takes to make their bright eyes sparkle and what music is their childish laughter to our ears.

Let's get up early Christmas morning and get on our hands and knees and frolic around the Christmas tree, forget all our cares and worries—after all, they don't amount to anything—and be boys and girls again just for a day.

MR. NELSON'S RESIGNATION.

With this issue of The Observer Mr. Nelson retires as City Editor, after many years service with The Observer. Mr. Nelson is an able newspaper man, and a faithful and conscientious employee. His relations with The Observer have always been harmonious. He resigns to engage in private business. The Observer regrets his resignation and wishes him all kinds of luck and success in his new venture. It has no doubt that he will succeed, for energy, and hard work combined with intelligence and honesty cannot fail to win.

WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

The Observer wishes all its patrons, advertisers and subscribers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the Yuletide bring you joy and happiness, and may the New Year bring you peace and prosperity.

Don't look for your Observer Monday. The staff will take a holiday.

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Bath Robes	Shirts, Silk, Flannel
Raincoats	Pajamas
Sweaters	House Slippers
Dress Vests	Handkerchiefs
Neckties	Sox, in Silk
	Cotton and Cashmere

For a Woman's Christmas

Plush Coats	Kid Gloves
Novelty Suits	Hose, Silk, Lisle
Raincoat	and Cashmere
Sweaters	Boudoir Caps
Silk Waists	Dainty Neckwear
Silk Petticoats	Handkerchiefs
Silk Kimonos	Toilet Sets
Bath Robes	House Slippers
Underwear, Silk,	Carriage Boots
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and Scarfs	Indian Blankets
A New Skirt	Wool Blankts

We Guarantee Satisfaction - We Make Exchanges Either Before or After Christmas on Goods That are not Exactly What You Want

Society News

A wedding that came as a distinct surprise to many La Grande people was that of Miss Edith Adams, who was married in Baker Monday, the seventeenth, to Mr. William Fowler of this city. The marriage was performed in the Baptist parsonage, Rev. Mr. Willis officiating. The bride wore a blue traveling suit and was unattended. Miss Adams attended the public schools and the academy and is well known here. The groom is a fireman on the O.W., where he has been working for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler will make their home at 1310 O avenue.

Tuesday evening at nine o'clock in the high school gymnasium the Student Body of the high school will entertain at an informal dancing party. The party will be given for the high school and for all former students. The gymnasium will be fittingly decorated and everyone is expecting a good time. Tickets will be one dollar and the funds will be placed to the credit of the Student Body. Patrons and patronesses for the evening will be: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Andrews and Mr. and Mrs. Peter McDonald. Members of the school board, parents of the officers of the Student Body, and the high school teachers are the especially invited guests. This list includes the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Peter MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Day, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Eberhard, Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stoddard, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. L. McCullough, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Black, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Love, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Larson, Mr. and Mrs. N. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. V. Palmer, Miss Grace Mac Millan, Miss Deborah Smith, Miss Ida Howard, Miss Ida Gunderson, Miss Flora Koch, Miss Jewel Tozier, Miss Cecile Hindman, Miss Bessie White, Miss Naomi Kirtley, Mr. J. E. Fulkerson, Mr. R. F. Niles, Mr. Homer Mason, Mr. G. A. MacNeill.

Master Roger Rush is celebrating his fifth birthday this afternoon with a Christmas party at the Rush home on Pennsylvania. Those who will be present to help him celebrate are the following: Lois Nelson, Isabelle Miller, Beatrice Small, Helen Day, Georgia May Gilbert, Velma Marth, Howard Sargent, Malcolm Small, Jack Kirtley, Robert Stoddard, John Edwards and Adam Leighton.

The Entre Nous society entertained the high school girls Thursday afternoon at a Christmas party in the gymnasium. Games were played and Christmas stories told. Popcorn balls, peanuts and candy were served. An enjoyable afternoon was spent by all present.

The complete list of officers of Hope Chapter No. 2, to be installed at the joint installation of the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges on Wednesday evening, Dec. 27, is as follows: Worthy Matron, Myrtle A. Broughton; Worthy Patron, A. C. Williams; Associate Matron, Sadie E. Given; Secretary, Mary A. Warnick; Treasurer, Ella W. Russell; Chaplain, Josephine Stewart; Marshal, Carrie L. Steincamp; Organist, Nellie G. Neill; Adah, Myrtle E. Beatty; Ruth, Hulda Humphrey; Esther, Maud K. Eberhard; Martha, Cora P. Oxner; Electa, Mary E. Wright; Warder, Anna Moore; Sentinel, G. S. Birnie.

The ladies Parkdale club had an enjoyable meeting in Fruitdale last Wednesday at Mrs. Scion's home,

Mrs. Kelley assisting the hostess. The day being stormy, there were not many present. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Niabarger in La Grande. Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Taal will be on the program.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Carrie Duryea, at 1910 Second St. when Earl H. Culp of this city and Miss Georgia Harmon of Springfield, Mo., were united in marriage by Rev. Edwards of the Methodist church.

Preceding the ceremony Mrs. Geo. Huntington Currey sang "O Promise Me" and Mrs. Edwards played Mendelssohn's wedding march. Nevin's Nacissus was played during the ceremony. The bride was gowned in blue taffeta and carried bride's roses. She was attended by Miss Jeanne Smith. Little Miss Matie Elizabeth Stilwell was the ringbearer and carried the ring in a large calatily.

Mr. Ralph Beyer acted as best man. The groom is a machinist in the round-house and is well-known in the city.

The bride came here recently from Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Culp will reside at 1910 Second Street.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schultz, on Twelfth street at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Rev. A. R. Willett, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, officiated at the marriage of Melville Handy of La Grande and Miss Anna Schultz. The ceremony took place in the presence of a company of near relatives and close friends and the bride and groom were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schultz. After the marriage rites a sumptuous wedding dinner was served. Mr. and Mrs. Handy left last evening for La Grande, where they will make their future home.—Baker Democrat.

The wedding of Miss Clara Pause of this city, and August M. Berger occurred in Omaha, Monday the 11th. Miss Pause was for several years bookkeeper in the Observer office and is well known here and her mother still resides here. Mr. Berger is a merchant of South Omaha. The couple will reside at 2201 O St., South Omaha.

One hundred and twenty couples enjoyed the dancing party given by the Safety First club at the old Elks' building Tuesday evening. This was the second of a series of parties given by the club this winter and both have been very successful. The music was furnished by Haines' orchestra.

A miscellaneous shower was given Friday evening at the home of Mrs. L. E. Caviness, of Joseph, in honor of Miss Hildreth Geyer, who is to be married soon to Mr. Harry Dawson. Miss Geyer is one of Joseph's most popular teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Berry arrived this week from Portland to spend the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. M. K. Hall.

Mrs. Cornelia Barker-Carse left Thursday night for Portland, where she will spend Christmas with relatives. She expects to return soon after New Year's.

Miss Fay Clark, recently elected county school superintendent of Malheur county, will arrive in La Grande Monday and spend the day with Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, and the next day they will leave on seventeen for Portland, where they will attend the state teachers' convention. After attending the convention Mrs. Ivanhoe will go Salem for 10 days, working on the State Teachers' Examining Board, grading the papers in the recent examinations held throughout the state. She will then go to Corvallis to attend Farmers' Week and will be on the program of some of the conferences to be held there that week.

Mrs. R. A. Masterton entertained the North Side club at her home Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Schubert and daughters, Bessie and Florence, from Kamela, were special guests. A dainty two-course luncheon was served. Mrs. Charles Beddingfield will be the next hostess.

Many parents enjoyed the meeting of the Central Parn-Teachers' association yesterday in the high school. The following talks were given: "The Santa Claus Question," by Mrs. H. J. Ritter; "Christmas Giving in the Christmas Spirit," by Mrs. S. A. Andrews, and "Christmas Giving in the Home and School," by Mrs. Ruth Jackson. Miss Winter's pupils gave a Christmas selection.

The play given by pupils of the Sixth grade at the Central building yesterday was well received and brought forth a great deal of praise for the young actors. All the characters took their parts well and Miss Anderson deserves much credit for her work in training them.

Following is the cast of characters: Carol, Ruth Hill; Mrs. Bird, Thelma Choate; Mr. Bird, Bert Herron; Elfrida, Ruby Ford; Uncle Jack, Roy Wilcock; Mrs. Ruggles, Lillian Lewis; Sarah Maud, Edith Pierce; Peter, John Robinson; Peoria, Lillie Wilson; Clement, Arthur Wilson; Cornelius, Lanier Pierson; Kitty, Margaret Palmer.

Act I. The Bird Home. Act II. The Ruggles Home. Act III. Sarah Maud's Report.

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To Our Many Friends and Patrons-

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

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