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THE WINTER OF '65.

Any reference to freaky weather in the presence of an early settler invariably elicits mention of the winter of "Sixty-Five". This was not a winter with a hyphenated date but occurred entirely in the year 1865 and did not begin until the month of March. All through the usual winter months the weather had been clear and mild. The change came on the fourth of March. A circumstance which makes the date easily remembered by those who were in this valley at that time was an election for the location of the county seat of the newly created county of Union which had been taken from the territory of Baker county and included all of northeastern Oregon north of the North and Main Powder rivers and east of the summit of the Blue mountains. This included the present Wallowa county and a number of townships along the lower Powder river since put back into the original Baker county. La Grande was selected as the county seat. There was a slight snow throughout election day but the snow melted as rapidly as it fell. At night the temperature changed and the next day there was three feet of snow. The weather turned cold and clear and there was continuous sleighing from

that time until the 22d of April. On the first day of April a young calf was frozen and attempts made to commence spring plowing on the 10th of May were abandoned in the farming district near the river on account of the fact that the ground was still frozen. The usual rise in the river from melting snow did not take place until the month of June.

It was during this belated winter season that the late Wm. Hull and a neighbor who had homesteads on the Grande Ronde below Imbler were three days making the trip on snow shoes to La Grande for flour. Practically all survivors of that early day period have similar experiences to relate.

The season was so late that on the first of July the grain had not sufficiently "stooped out" to cover the ground; notwithstanding this the year of 1865 was one of the most abundant crop years of the country's history. Another bit of good fortune intermixed with the bad was that there was scarcely any loss of stock. This was on account of the abundance of natural grass which attained enormous height in Grande Ronde in the early days. Bunch grass grew as high as two or three feet and all along the streams there was tall rye grass that stood above the abnormal snow.

It is about conceded that the snow fall of last winter was slightly larger

than that of any previous winter season in Grande Ronde but as an all-around climatic freak there has been

nothing in more than a half century to approach the winter of "Sixty-Five".

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Society News

Interest for next week centers about the Third Annual Charity Ball to be given Friday, 19th, at the Rex hall. Patronesses for the evening will be Mesdames George Palmer, Anna M. Honan, William Bollons, F. L. Meyers, Fred Gaskill and F. S. Ivanhoe. The committee on arrangements comprise the following: Messrs. and Mesdames G. L. Larison, F. L. Lilly, J. VanBuren, A. V. Andrews, M. K. Hall, E. E. Bragg, R. W. Logan, T. H. Goodhue, E. E. Kirtley, J. J. Carr, G. T. Cochran and T. J. Scroggin.

Mrs. Chester Newlin entertained the Thursday Bridge Club this week at her home, Mrs. Chase Bohnenkamp won the prize.

Mrs. T. J. Scroggin and Mrs. M. K. Hall entertained the members of the Wednesday Bridge club Wednesday evening at the home of the former. Mrs. Ray Logan won the ladies' prize and Mr. G. L. Larison the gentlemen's.

The Lucky Thirteen club met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. T. Andrews for an enjoyable afternoon of whist. Mrs. Will French won the honors. Mrs. Andrews served the members a delightful luncheon. The next meeting of the club will be held with Mrs. William Ash, January 25.

The Sans Souci club will meet with Mrs. C. R. Eberhard Tuesday evening instead of Wednesday which is the usual time of meeting.

Sixty-four members of the Union Woman's club were present at the meeting Thursday in Union when La Grande women gave a program for them.

Mrs. Turner Oliver gave a report of the national meeting of Woman's clubs and Mrs. George Gilbert, a report of the meeting of the Woman's clubs of Oregon. Mrs. George Huntington Curry sang and Mrs. W. A. Winters played. The Union club is making arrangements to have the speakers who come to Eastern Oregon meet with them. For the size of the community the Union club is one of the best in the state.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Nelson entertained the Pinoche club Tuesday evening. Mrs. Frank Bay won the honors.

Alexander E. Dale of Cornucopia Mine, Halfway, Baker county, and Miss Marion Ida Robertson of Enterprise were married at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage by Rev. Charles Edwards. The ring ceremony was used. The young couple has gone to Cornucopia where they will make their future home.

Thursday night at the K. of P. hall nearly 75 were present to enjoy the banquet given by the G. I. A. Ladies to the members of the local order of Engineers in appreciation of the set of dishes recently presented to them by that order. Mrs. G. M. Davis gave the speech of appreciation. After the supper the guests indulged in dancing.

Mrs. A. T. Hill is recovering from an attack of ptomaine poisoning.

Last night in the L. D. S. hall a farewell party was given William Matice who leaves soon for the eastern states on a mission. Dancing formed the entertainment of the evening after which Bishop Black and Robert Baird gave short talks concerning the work which the young man is about to undertake. Mr. Matice responded with a short farewell to his friends who were present.

A most interesting survey of the activities of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will be given on Sunday evening at the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Edwards will give a lecture on the heritage of half a century and about 80 finely colored views from all over the world will be thrown on the screen. The views show where the mission dollar is spent for the uplift of the womanhood of the world. The meeting will be at 7:30 and everyone is cordially invited.

Monday night the M. I. A. basketball team tendered a surprise party to Ariel Bean, who left Thursday for the southern states on a mission. The party was given in the M. I. A. gymnasium and the evening was spent in dancing and games. The hall was decorated in the pennants won by the team and the table with carnations and last year's loving cup. A delicious supper was served by the Y. L. M. I. A. after which Harvey Larson, acting as toastmaster, called upon each of the boys and they responded with toasts and words of gratitude for Mr. Bean. Manager Baum presented him with a gold watch fob in behalf of the team on which he has played so long.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bragg entertained the Kaffee Klatch at the Palmer home last evening. Nine tables of cards were enjoyed and delicious refreshments served. Large bouquets of carnations were used in decorating. The ladies high score was made by Mrs. C. P. Newlin and the gentlemen's by M. B. Donahue. There will be no meeting of the club next Friday.

An informal party was given last Wednesday evening at the Matice home in honor of William Matice, who is to leave soon. Twenty-five of his friends were present and all spent a most enjoyable evening, entertained with music and games.

The dancing party given by the Elks last night in their new building was a very enjoyable affair. All present were impressed by the congeniality and social cheer which are always present at these functions. Excellent music was furnished by the Haines orchestra.

The semi-annual installation of officers of Rowena Temple No. 9, Pythian Sisters was held at the K. of P. hall, Tuesday evening, Mrs. Winnie Oliver, being installing officer, assisted by Mrs. Millie Frawley and Mrs.

Lida O'Neal. After initiation of new members and business of the evening, the Sisters were given a most delightful surprise by their most excellent chief-elect, Mrs. Della Harnden, who had prepared a delicious luncheon. All present pronounced the evening one of the most pleasant of the winter.

Nearly 40 couples enjoyed an informal dance in the high school gymnasium last night after the game. The music was furnished by local musicians. This is the second dance given by the high school this season.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist church met with Mrs. Kinsey, Friday, January 12, with an attendance of fifty. It was the quarterly silver tea and a very interesting program was given, followed by dainty refreshments.

Mrs. T. E. Pierson and Mrs. Elmer Guye entertained twenty of their friends last Saturday at an informal musical. Mr. and Mrs. Culp were the guests of honor. They are recent arrivals in the city.

Miss Doris Bennett last evening entertained a number of her friends in honor of her thirteenth birthday. The evening was spent in music and games and dainty refreshments were served. Those present were: Merle George, Margaret King, Velma Switzer, Roberta Smith, Ruth Hill, Margaret Palmer, Mary Fitzgerald, Beth Hesse, Florence Dell, Marjorie Owsley, Lota

Pierson, Agnes Collins and Lottie Bennett.

Invitations are out for a bridge party to be given by Mrs. Frederick D. Gaskell, Mrs. R. W. Laughlin and Mrs. Harrison A. Zurbrick, Wednesday afternoon, January 17th, at 1708 Second street.

Tuesday, January 9, was social day at the Neighborhood Club. The ladies brought their fancy work and in this homelike social way the old members welcomed the new into the club. An interesting program was given. Mrs. Merton Kiddle sang and was accompanied by Mrs. King. Mrs. Lillian Evans-Reynolds played a piano solo. These numbers were much enjoyed.

Miss Watson of the University of Oregon made an excellent talk on "Aesthetics of Ruskin". It was indeed a rare treat to hear her and the ladies of the club would deem it a great privilege to have her again.

After the program the ladies of the social committee served refreshments. Mrs. William Bollons and Mrs. R. W. Laughlin presided at the coffee urns and were assisted by Mrs. L. A. McAllister, Mrs. J. E. Foley and Mrs. H. T. Hill. The club rooms and serving table were decorated with red carnations. Mrs. Havens presented each lady with a pound package of "made in Oregon" sugar.

Thursday Mrs. Turner Oliver, Mrs. George Gilbert, Mrs. George Hunt-

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The La Grande National Bank Issues Booklet

"BANKING MADE PLAIN"

Educating the public in a practical knowledge of the simple methods of banking is a mission to which enterprising banks all over the country are more and more devoting themselves, and as a means of service to the community, one of the latest booklets along this line entitled "Banking Made Plain" is now being distributed by the La Grande National Bank.

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