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Society

Now that the Lenten period is at its height, society has settled into a groove, and is preparing costumes for Easter. However, the small and informal affairs have kept the week from being dull. The fore part of the week was devoted to the style show and the latter part to the automobile show which brought many visitors from other cities and towns. One of the more important events scheduled for Tuesday, March 27, is the "Wild Rose" Operetta to be given by the Neighborhood club under the direction of Mrs. A. L. Richardson and Mrs. Norman Frees in the high school auditorium. The proceeds will go to the library fund. Mrs. Richardson has charge of the musical part and Mrs. Frees the dramatic.

Mrs. E. Polack entertained at a Thursday bridge luncheon in her home this week. Mrs. Vincent Palmer won the honors. Covers were laid for 12. The centerpiece was daffodils.

Mrs. Harry B. Bouvy was the Monday bridge hostess on Thursday night, the honors falling to Mrs. T. F. Robinson. The room was appropriately decorated with the color scheme in green, which was carried out in the two-course luncheon served.

Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Biggers were hostesses at a party Saturday evening. Five Hundred was the popular game of the evening, after which a sumptuous lunch was served.

The wedding Sunday of Miss Louise Benham and Roscoe Clark came as a surprise to many friends in this vicinity. They very quietly slipped away and were married by Rev. J. J. Tichner. Mr. and Mrs. Clark will begin housekeeping after the first of April.

Mrs. John Schroeder entertained at a dinner party yesterday in honor of Mr. Schroeder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Schroeder, of Quincy, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder have come to La Grande to make their home.

Mrs. Harry Talbot entertained the Oregon Birthday club last Monday in honor of Mrs. John Schroeder's birthday. The afternoon was spent with a dainty needlework and music, after which a delicious luncheon was served. Covers were laid for nine. The club presented Mrs. Schroeder with two sterling silver spoons.

Mrs. Will French will entertain the Loyal Sisters at her home Wednesday afternoon at 1702 Cedar Street.

Mrs. H. E. Roskamp and Miss Elsa Newquist entertained at five hundred Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Roskamp. The color scheme represented St. Patrick's day, and a two-course luncheon was served. Mrs. Jerry Rusk won at high score and Mrs. Mae Stevens received the consolation prize.

Tuesday, March 20, is guest day at the Neighborhood club. The women will bring their needlework. Each member may invite a guest. Refreshments will be served.

The Kaffe Klatch club was postponed this week on account of the auto show.

Mrs. Dora B. Schilke, of La Grande, worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, was the honor guest of a charmingly appointed reception Tuesday evening in Pendleton for which Buebe Chapter No. 19 were hostesses. The affair was given in the Masonic hall and was largely attended.

June Ball Married Today.
 (From Wednesday's Observer.)

Miss June Ball today became the bride of R. R. German, a railroad machinist of Ogden, Utah, in Ogden. Miss Ball left Sunday for Ogden and has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jesse Whittenburg, since. Mr. German was an apprentice here a year or two ago and at that time met Miss Ball. Saturday night a shower was given Miss Ball at the home of her father, H. C. Ball. Those present were: Misses Hazel Young, Sadie Young, Edith Miller, Francis Lamm, Marion Lust, Florence Dickerson, Rhoda Duckett, Lulu Johnson, Eva German, Avis Vinale, Florence Stanfield and Alma Cates, Mrs. H. Vinale, Mrs. R. C. German, Mrs. H. Vourz, Jack Hash, George Livingstone, Frank German, Frank Young, Billie Evans, Everett Cates, Mr. and Mrs. George Ball, Howard Ball, George Ball, Jr.

Neighborhood Club.
 The Neighborhood club will give the operetta, "The Wild Rose," in the high school building, March 27. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the library.

Here's a Hunch for the Smiths.

Tripp, S. D., March 17.—(United Press.)—Men named Tscheter and Paul Hofer in this vicinity, are so numerous, that they are numbered for distinction. The Pauls sign their numbers to all legal transactions.



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THE FORUM

MR. FORD'S REPLY.

La Grande, March 17.—(To the Editor of the Observer)—I have just read the article written by Mr. Upton H. Gibbs in which he asked the question, "Is the right to strike absolute?" He does not think so, nor that the working people have any rights which capital or the public should recognize. He wants to take from labor the only weapon it has left to defend itself with. In answer to his article I ask that you publish my address which I delivered at the annual meeting of the La Grande Merchants association last Thursday evening.

F. N. FORD.

Mr. Ford's address which was sympathetically received by his audience the Merchants association of La Grande follows:

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:—Happy am I for this opportunity to stand in the presence of a distinguished assembly like this, and speak in behalf of that great mass of humanity known as the working people, who have no representative here, and very few in the law making bodies of our country. They have placed in the hands of the business and professional men the sacred duty of transacting the business of our community, our state and our nation. Our trust and confidence has been placed in their hands, and in their ability we have unbounded faith. But at times in the past this trust has been betrayed and our rights sold for gold. That confidence which we have cherished so fondly has begun to weaken. Today the laboring men are the foundation upon which rest all the institutions of mankind. All the wealth and the knowledge of the nations is the stored up human energy of the brain and muscle of the men who labor, and the combination of the two has produced our modern civilization. But the man who labors must labor on. The man of labor must fight the nation's battles in time of war, his blood and his life is the price a nation must pay for those principles which we consider our rights and our duties. And after the war is over and all the dead heroes are mouldering away in unmarked graves, and the soil is fertilized with their blood, those that are left must return and labor on to produce the wealth to pay the war debt, and if he dies in the struggle his children must take his place. And yet he has no choice in the matter, it is work or starve, go fight for your country or be shot, be satisfied with what they give you. All you are entitled to is the bare necessities of life, the luxuries are not for them.

"But I want to ask my friends in the name of justice, is there a man or a set of men who are more justly entitled to some of the luxuries of life than the men who labor and produce them all? He is not a horse nor a cow. He is a human being with a living soul, he has hopes and ambitions the same as you and I, the same red blood and flesh that our bodies are composed of, God so created him, he is made warm by the same summer's sun, and chilled by the same winter's wind, he is made sad or glad by the same events that produces yours, and yet I am sure that God loves them all because he made so many of them. We ask not for charity, we ask not for alms, but we do ask for the right to labor with a just recompense, so we can live like an American citizen should live and pay our honest debts.

"In the last three years the necessities of life have advanced over 55 per cent to say nothing about the luxuries, while wages have only advanced about 20 per cent." Now I want to

AT THE HOTELS

Foley.

L. A. Bitz, Thos. Duncan, H. T. McQuade, L. Older, M. R. Hicks, D. B. Scull, A. S. Robinson, H. H. Eling, E. L. Kallenbarr, Portland; I. Lackman, J. M. Galloway, Seattle; W. L. Thompson, Pendleton; W. W. Green, Fred Mires, Union; R. E. Sams, Spokane, H. L. Andrews, Ray Norval and wife, Imbler; Vern Berry, J. M. Gars, E. B. Tuttle and wife, Allen Hainline, B. T. McKennon and wife, D. McDonald, C. H. Erwin, City; Mrs. C. B. Sanford, Ontario; J. W. L. Kaufman, Sumpter; Fred Scott, Durkee; A. E. Clawson, Elgin; Mrs. G. V. Reynolds, Clifton Combes, Enterprise.

Savoy.

Portland; John Hallgarth, T. E. Park, Mat Clark, City; Walter Mathews, S. G. Ruckman and wife, Alicel; Mrs. W. D. Renfrow, A. Norberg, P. Johnson, Henry Schaeffer, B. T. Hammer, Wallawa; I. Lee Wisdom, W. A. Muir, Portland; John Hallgarth, T. E. Park, Elgin; L. A. Duke, Madge Lamb, Union; J. C. Thompson, Joseph; D. L. Kilgore, Sumpter; Jim Farnsworth, Milan, Wash.; A. G. Winn and wife, Alicel; Mrs. George Carlyle, Lostine, Sommer.

B. B. Montag, J. A. Payton, A. T. Brown, A. E. Lawson, L. C. Vanetta, Portland; Wm. Baird, W. A. Steward, Baker; Allen Peel, L. Hamstrom; John Schofield, City; W. H. Shepherd, Umatilla; S. W. Thompson, Vancouver, Wash.; E. F. Sommerhouse, Hutchinson, Kas.; C. O. Whobrey, St. Louis, Mo.; J. M. Ross, Walla Walla; W. F. Tucky, Boise; J. Sturtevant, Waterloo, Ore.; Mrs. Burl Koach, Mrs. A. R. Murrey, Enterprise; S. G. Cohn, Seattle; Lloyd Carter and wife, Archie Conley and wife, L. N. Conley and wife, Cove; M. T. Davis, Union.

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ask you gentlemen how in the name of heaven can a laboring man live and pay his honest debts if this condition continues? One of two things must happen, the necessities of life must come down or the wages must go up. Which shall it be? If the laboring men of La Grande cannot pay their bills, what is going to become of you business men?

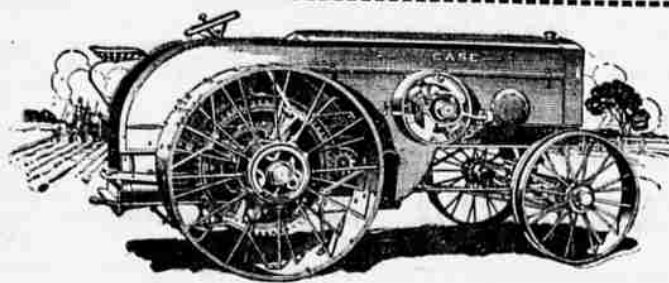
"This is a serious question, which we must meet and settle in the near future, this is the question every laboring man in our city and nation is discussing today. Can we bring the necessities of life down or can we bring the wages up? If the laboring men of La Grande make the attempt to raise the wages, will you gentlemen support us, or will you fight us? Can we have the support of our newspaper? Gentlemen we believe that more money for the workingmen means more money for the business men, prosperity means a free and easy circulation of money. Give it to the working men and they will keep it going."

Wonder How Uncle Sam's Trade Commissioners in China Will Get Home

Washington, March 16.—(By United Press)—Just before the German submarine zone went into effect Mrs. Harriett M. Johnston and Mrs. L. W. Needy of Muncie, Indiana sailed as American Trade Commissioners to China to perfect financial connections and trade bases in that Republic for America trade. Their work today is practically completed; but how they are going to get back home is a question, unless they care to brave the U-boat danger zone. No direct word from the men and women members of the commission as to their plans have been received. Other members of the party are: General Julian S. Carr, Duham, S. C., Fernando P. Neal of Kansas City, Julius O. Frank of Milwaukee, and J. S. Lawson and Fred Landeck of Wisconsin.

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