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BE NORMAL

"I think that the normal life of the country should be continued in every way possible," wired President Wilson to the committee in charge of the annual Rose tournament, January 1. The committee had asked the president if he approved holding the mid-winter celebration as usual at Pasadena.

This is sensible and sane and a rebuke to the persons who advise putting on sackcloth and ashes because of the war. We should celebrate Christmas as usual. Young people should make merry.

PRESIDENT KERR

President W. J. Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural College has been offered \$9000 a year to become president of the Kansas Agricultural College. If he is worth that much to Kansas, he is worth that much to Oregon. And we know him better than they do in Kansas. We know what he has done for the college, for agriculture, for the government. His loss would be a great one, at this time when we need an able, resourceful man at the head of our great institution.

Already Done

The proposal of Mayor Palmer to organize a home military company in Baker from those over the age for the draft is not a bad idea. In fact it would be a good thing to organize in every town. Baker Herald.

La Grande was one of the first cities in the state to organize a department of Public Safety and a battalion of Home Guard.

"Jim" Montague of the New York American and formerly of the Oregonian is in Portland," reads a headline. He is an Oregon boy who made good in New York and there is no better man in the newspaper business.

The Kaiser is reported to have promised the pope not to destroy Venice. There is an old recipe for making hare soup. It begins: "First, catch your hare."

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Sneedy Action Demanded

Italy by Austria, every shot fired at Russia, every attack by the Turks on the borders of the far Mesopotamian plains, is an attack on us. The fiction of peaceful relations can no longer be maintained with the slightest plausibility. The immediate material aid we can render Italy will be given without stint and as quickly as the shipping at our command permits. The moral aid of a declaration of war against the common enemy should not be withheld a moment later than the time required for congress to pass a resolution declaring the existence of a state of war.—Chicago Herald.

Society

DEBUT POSTPONED BECAUSE OF WAR



Washington society has had to give up lots of things because of the war. For instance, the formal presentation of this young woman who is one of the most beautiful of the capital's younger set. She is Miss Enid Sims, daughter of Congressman and Mrs. Thobias Sims of Tennessee. She has postponed her debut on account of the war.

This was a busy week for everybody; but with so many busy with the Christmas and Thanksgiving, other social events were crowded out to a great extent. The Christmas proved a great success, both financially and socially. Great credit is due the few who put the affair over, and the public is to be congratulated on the way they came forward with the donations and other support. The affair was distinctly a success and Red Cross "doings" will be looked forward to in the future.

Already it is rumored that the Red Cross is planning a big ball to take place some time in December.

Thanksgiving was celebrated by numerous dances, which supplemented the time-honored custom of turkey-feasting in great style. McElroy's jazz band from Portland proved the principal attraction of the evening, and a large crowd stepped about to the rapturous music till early morning. The high-school students gathered in the high school gymnasium and celebrated their victory over Franklin high school with a dancing party.

Numerous dinner parties were given and army guests entertained. This week marks the beginning of the holiday preparations, and from now on everything will be flavored with the Christmas spirit.

Mrs. Hal Bohnenkamp entertained last Saturday afternoon with a delightful sewing party in honor of her mother, Mrs. Frank Baker, of Pendleton, who is visiting here. A

"Hoover" one course luncheon was served. Those present were Mrs. A. T. Hill, Mrs. J. K. Wright, Mrs. A. L. Richardson, Mrs. E. P. Mossman, Mrs. H. C. Grady, Mrs. M. B. Donohue, Mrs. L. B. Moe, Mrs. G. L. Clark, Mrs. C. E. Silverthorn, Mrs. E. M. Anson, Margaret Anson, Mrs. A. Donovan, Mrs. A. G. Lane, Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp, Mrs. F. McCall, Mrs. Frank Baker and Mrs. Hal Bohnenkamp.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, of 1420 1/2 street celebrated Thanksgiving and the sixth wedding anniversary of Mr. Jones' brother by entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones and son, Robert, and Captain Pentreath. The dining room was decorated with flowers and ferns and the table decorations were ferns and pink carnations which were sent from Portland by Mrs. O. J. Longheed (nee Miss Edna Jones). A number of mutual friends dropped in to extend congratulations and best wishes. During the evening the guests were entertained with music and cards. Refreshments consisting of coffee, cake and fruit were served by the hostess during the evening.

A quiet wedding at which Mrs. Jessie Keller became the bride of L. H. Sawalish took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Zimmerman in South La Grande at high noon Thanksgiving day. Rev. H. L. Ford officiated. A wedding dinner was served to the relatives and friends who were present. Mrs. Sawalish was a former employee of Hill's Department Store and Mr. Sawalish is connected with the J. C. Penney Co. The couple will reside in La Grande.

Over two hundred were present at the Methodist church last night when the children of the primary department presented the playlet "Battle Cry of Freedom."

About fifty children, all under 8 years of age, took part in the program. Songs and recitations were interspersed. A substantial sum was realized from the entertainment, which will be used to buy supplies for the primary department. The evening was in charge of Mrs. R. W. Leighton, superintendent of the primary division.

Mrs. George Stevenson, of Enterprise, who is spending a month in La Grande, and Pendleton, entertained Miss Neva Young, niece of the well known ex-ball player, Si Young, on Thanksgiving day at the Foley hotel. Little Miss Neva's face used to be familiar to newspaper readers and film fans as she was the constant companion of her uncle and was often caught by the camera.

The marriage of Miss Estela Blackmon and C. E. Lovell will take place in Baker Sunday. The groom is with the Standard Oil Company in whose employ he has been for the past 15 years. The bride conducts a millinery shop in La Grande. The couple will reside at 803 N avenue. Both are popular and will receive the congratulations of their many friends.

About forty couples attended the regular dance given at the Elks hall Monday evening and all report a most enjoyable time. Apple cider was served during the evening for the pleasure of the dancers. At a



GLOVES AND MITTENS

Of all kinds—horsehide, goatskin, dog and kangaroo. Also wool knit gloves of heavy quality. Mittens and gloves in all grades. Prices from 50c up.

MALONE PANTS

That's what they ask for when they've worn a pair before. They know what they are. They're all wool, heavy, cravenetted. Just the thing for the out-door man in this weather. In all sizes, grades and prices.



BAD WEATHER---

Makes these clothes a necessity for the logger, farmer or any one out of doors. They shed the water and they're warm. That's what he wants in this kind of weather.

SHEEP-LINED COATS

You will find real values in these sheep-lined coats. Prices far below their present value. We have your size—come in and try one out. You'll like it, and you'll find it a real bargain.

STAG SHIRTS

Absolutely water-proof and of the finest grade of wool. These shirts will stand up in any kind of weather. Come in and see them. We have them in sizes up to 48. Prices, \$6.50 up.



late hour light refreshments were served in the banquet hall. Music was furnished by Haines orchestra.

Miss Ora Anderson and Homer C. Wilson were married at Baker Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Methodist parsonage, by Rev. C. E. Holman, pastor of the Methodist church, in the presence of a few friends. Miss Anderson was employed in the office of Cochran & Eberhard. The couple will reside in La Grande.

The evening Kaffee Klatsch met Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Meyers with Mrs. Meyers and Margaret Newlin as hostesses. Mrs. P. S. Robinson won the ladies' prize and A. B. Andrews the men's. Light refreshments were served.

Mrs. Turner Oliver of Spokane is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Charboneau entertained about six couples of the younger married set at a dancing party at their home Thursday evening. Light refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Prescott entertained at dinner Thanksgiving day her mother, Mrs. Harry Hoffman, Beatrice Patty and Lee Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill Templeton entertained at dinner Thanksgiving day her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lilly, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Prescott and little Helen Lurene Prescott.

Hepner—32,000 acres pine timber on John Day river purchased for \$500,000.

Harrisburg—Linn and Lane counties building landing at local ferry.

The Arcade Theatre

PRESENTS THE BEN GREET PLAYERS WITH Grace Halsey Mills

"The Merchant of Venice" A Comedy by William Shakespeare

CHARACTERS

Table listing characters and actors: Shylock (Erskine Sanford), The Duke of Venice (Elwyn Eaton), The Prince of Arragon (George Hare), Antonio, a Merchant of Venice (David Munro), Bassanio, his friend, suitor to Portia (Lynn Starling), Salanio (William H. Morton), Salarino (Ross Grant), Gratiano (Ross Grant), Lorenzo, in love with Jessica (Albert J. Carroll), Tubal, a Jew, friend to Shylock (Elwyn Eaton), Launcelot Gobbo, the clown, servant to Shylock (George Hare), Old Gobbo, father to Launcelot (Albert J. Carroll), Balthasar, servant to Portia (Katherine Sayre), Jessica, daughter to Shylock (Nancy Vermell), Nerissa, waiting maid to Portia (Agnes Elliot Scott), Portia, a rich heiress (Grace Halsey Mills).

The scenes are laid partly at Venice and partly at Belmont, the home of Portia.

NOTE: For the highest form of poetry, for exquisite and elevating thought and philosophy, we have here the perfection of drama in all its forms, of plot, underplot, construction, accumulative interest and intensity; and, best of all, its humanity and picturesqueness; for these reasons, this comedy will endure to the crack of doom.

There are supposed to be those who would have its study removed from our schools. It were pitiful that any fancied feeling of resentment towards our great dramatist should influence this act; because no offense can possibly be read—even between the lines—either to Jews or Christians, both of whom are represented as citizens of a great universe, struggling as we do now, in commerce, for the mastery of the market. If one felt inclined to take offense, the Christians have more occasion than the Jews, for several of the characters are more than ordinarily human, and certainly very commonplace. Rather let us look upon the play as the most perfect blending of our common nature, and that our earthly desires can only be granted when they bear the imprint of the finger of God. BEN GREET.

EXECUTIVE STAFF

Table listing executive staff: Director (Grace Halsey Mills), Manager (Wells Watson Ginn), Stage Manager (David Munro), Assistant Stage Manager (William H. Morton), Musical Director (George Hare), Properties (Ross Grant).

Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON

Conserving Food



WALT MASON

With eloquence unobscured, I stir men's admiration by telling how I boast the plan of conservation. "I am a helpful dub," I say, in tones that quiver; "I've cut out all such grub as onions and fried liver." I proudly make the boast that I'm no war time glutton; and then I buy a roast of pork or beef or mutton. I chase along the street until my feet have bunions, denouncing those who eat beef liver fried with onions. It is a mess I hate, hate worse at every trial; so cheerfully I praise about my self denial. It fills me with disgust, with ire too great to utter, just how I spread it thick with butter. I'm helping Uncle Sam by cutting out the greases; with marmalade and jam I spread my loaves in pieces. Grease always gives me boils and strews my face with pimples, and my complexion spoils, so I must dope with simples. So butter I refuse, with stern ejaculation, and then I spread the news how I boast conservation. The grub that I detest with scorn I get daily treating, and fill up with the rest, the things I'm fond of eating. Then round the town I sloop, and tell how I'm conserving by dodging tripe and squash and other things unerving.

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The Woman Who Pays



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La Grande National Bank