

# Society

The prolonged dullness in La Grande's social life has broken with a whirl and every society in the city is giving some sort of an event to revivify its members. The musical people are coming to the front with many fine things in the way of entertainment and every effort is abundantly appreciated. Private homes are filling dates which were cancelled from epidemic or other causes and the old-time stag is again viable. Churches and church organizations are working hard to re-establish themselves and to overcome the dormant condition that was forced upon them. Occasionally a dinner that was slated for several months back is given, and on one occasion of which the writer is familiar a big bronze turkey had been kept on full feed until such time as a dinner scheduled for last December could be enjoyed. That date occurred Sunday and the excellence of the turkey with all the trimmings, the social features that surrounded it, and the fact that once more La Grande people could gather around a dinner table with all members of the families represented, sound and well, was a joy even greater, possibly than could have been experienced had no break occurred in socialdom.

The social committee of the Elks turned a trump card when they announced the Elks' ball for last Monday evening. The great hall was completely filled with happy people who had come to shake off lethargy and reanimate in the spirit of an evening set to music. Members of the social committee acted as hosts and it was a thorough success in every way. It was even more than a success, for it paved the way for future gatherings of the same nature. Prof. Haines wielded the baton over his jazz band and the great crowd jived until midnight when the banquet room caught all and refreshments were served. After the refreshment hour another period of dancing followed and all went home cheerful and happy.

Among the social clubs of La Grande there has grown up a semi-business and social club combined. It is the Liberty Mining Club and is composed of gold miners. Some time ago W. H. Hobbs, L. A. McAllister, Dick Jones and M. B. Donahue became county. The families met occasionally and talked mining. Then they decided to play a few games of cards after mining had been discussed and gradually meetings drifted in regular weekly occasions. Later it was a club and is known as the Liberty mining club. They meet Monday evenings with one of the members and enjoy a wholesome dinner after which they play cards and talk mines. It is said that mining history is divulged in remarkable accuracy at these gatherings and that technical names of the ores and ledges have become common phrases among the members.

Following the regular Tuesday evening meeting of Crystal Rebekah lodge, members and other friends were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Robertson in the "Zuber brick." Mrs. Robertson was until recently Mrs. Mollie Buck. The guests were served with excellent ice cream and cake, and spent an enjoyable evening. Those present included: Besides Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Harrison, Miss Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw, Mr. Clyde Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Will McClure, Mr. and Mrs. M. Ellodge, Mrs. L. M. Hoyt, Mrs. Mary Simons, Mrs. P. Atsforth, Mrs. George Stanfield, Miss Flor-

ence Stanfield, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Robertson, Mr. C. E. Lloyd, Mrs. P. K. Rehwinkel, Mrs. Roy Glass, Mrs. Addie Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. William Sloan, Miss Lucia Haley, Mrs. Lucy Graham, Mrs. Lucy Gillman, Mr. and Mrs. Gaskett, Mr. Harris and Miss Viola Henham.

Mrs. Roberts, at a recent meeting of Crystal Rebekah lodge, was presented by friends in the lodge, with a past noble grand's pin, in recognition of long and faithful work for the organization.

The Loyal Sisters held their regular monthly business and social meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. D. Smith. There was a large attendance, and after the discussion of other business, they agreed unanimously to set aside the sum of \$100 now in the treasury, as a nucleus to which every member pledged herself to add as much as possible, between now and the first of June to try and wipe out the indebtedness of \$700 on the church parsonage due at that time.

After the business was finished a social hour was enjoyed during which time Mrs. Coker, who is a professional reader, gave two excellent numbers which were greatly appreciated. Dainty refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon.

A double surprise was outed at the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers meeting Tuesday afternoon in their hall in the Roesch-Palmer building. The brotherhood members had quietly planned a surprise gift for the Ladies Auxiliary of the Brotherhood in the shape of a handsome roll top secretary's desk which they had installed in the hall previously and at this meeting the formal dedication to the auxiliary was to be made and news of the donation carried to ladies by their husbands. Chief Engineer Curtis, supposing that the secret had been well guarded, was in the act of closing the regular meeting of the order when Engineer Parker announced that a delegation of ladies awaited in the corridor requesting admission. Mr. Curtis showed signs of uneasiness, switched his eyebrows and then gave the order to admit them. In filed the auxiliary ladies as a complete surprise to the engineers. The result was a very fine social occasion with cake

and coffee for refreshments and many words of thanks on both sides for the thoughtfulness displayed.

The B. of L. T. in La Grande is composed of ninety engineers. Mr. Curtis is the chief engineer. The ladies auxiliary has a membership of nearly fifty and Mrs. Curtis looks after the destinies of that order. The B. of L. T. is one of the very most substantial of all La Grande organizations. Their social functions are always well arranged and one feature that is especially admirable is that the babies and children of the different families are more than welcome.

On March 27th the annual banquet and ball of the B. of L. T. will be given.

There was no disappointment at the High school auditorium Tuesday evening. Everyone went to hear a good program and that was what was enjoyed. The G. W. band in its first concert established for all time its status as an extraordinary musical organization. When it broke the silence with "The Booster," by Klein, everyone perked up and which it followed with "Dimples" by St. Clair, people looked at each other as much as to say, "All that has been said about this band is correct." After two numbers by the new organization, Miss Florence Lynch pleased the audience greatly with a violin solo—"Melodies," by Charles Huster. She was accompanied by Miss Friederike Schilke. Encores followed and Miss Lynch appeared the second time. Two more numbers by the band were enjoyed and then the Monday club, which is ever popular, and justifiably so, appeared under the direction of Mrs. A. L. Richardson in two beautiful selections, "Where My Caravan Has Rested," by Lohr, was well received, but when the young ladies sang "Our Soldiers! Welcome Home," by Rachel, the audience gave round after round of applause, obliging the club to render another selection. Frank Clarke was accompanist for the young ladies. Miss Lillian Ludwig, of Portland, who is visiting relatives in La Grande, delighted everyone with her graceful Egyptian and Rainbow dances and when the pleased audience asked for vigorous applause for another number she gave the Hula Hula dance in Hawaiian costume. Miss Marjorie Logan rendered the piano music for the dancer. Owing to illness, Mrs. T. J. Scroggin, who was to have sung "The Rose of No Man's Land," with full band accompaniment, was unable to fill her appointment. Three numbers by the band finished the evening's entertainment. Included in these was a masterful effort by the trombone section in "Characteristic March," by Beyer, and so thoroughly delighted was the audience with

the number that applause lasted until Director Caldwell ordered out the trombone players the second time. The closing selection, "Stars and Stripes Forever," by Sousa, was a fitting climax to a well rendered program and when the American flag appeared before the band every person in the audience stood at "attention" while the piece was played. The occasion was a treat. It was the beginning of a musical period in La Grande in which the brass instrument will play an important part. The proceeds of the concert amounting to \$93, will be used entirely for the band uniform fund.

**Neighborhood Club.**

A meeting of unusual interest was held by the Neighborhood club members on Tuesday afternoon. After a short business meeting a short review of current topics of the past week was ably conducted by Mr. George Palmer. The following subjects were treated in an interesting and concise manner:

"A Great Protestant Drive"—Miss Margaret Anson.  
 "The Covenant of Nations"—Mrs. Gordon Powers.  
 "The Great Army of the Unemployed"—Mrs. Messman.  
 "What America Does She Does Well," sub topic, "The Panama Canal"—Mrs. Ida French.  
 "The Khaki University"—Mrs. A. Hampton.

The musical program for the afternoon was "The Music of the Allied Nations." This program was arranged by the music committee, comprised of Mrs. Harriet McDonald, Mrs. R. J. Green, Mrs. E. Polack and Mrs. Merton Kiddle. Every number of the program was admirably rendered and was enthusiastically enjoyed by the large number of people who were present.

The program was as follows:  
 America—  
 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"—By sextette composed of Meadames Ray Fuller, Hal Bohnenkamp, Misses Marjory Silverthorn, Friederike Schilke, Janet Stoddard, Grace Pickens, with Iva Wilson as accompanist.  
 Aesthetic Dance—Leona Newlin, Accompanied by Bessie Allison, piano and Bertha Young, violin.

England—  
 "God Save the King"—Ladies' sextette.

Solo in costume—Friederike Schilke.  
 (a) "Bonnie Sweet Bessie."  
 (b) "When I Dream of Old Erin, I'm Dreaming of You."

France—Marsellaise Hymn—Ladies' sextette.

Solo—  
 (a) "Because".....Gay d'Hardelot  
 (b) "Obstination".....Fontenailles

Mrs. Merton Kiddle; Mrs. Green, accompanist.

Italy—  
 Garibaldi's War Hymn—Ladies' sextette.  
 Solo—"Magnetic Waltz".....Arditi  
 Miss Mary Newlin; Miss Allison, accompanist.  
 "Star-Spangled Banner"—Sextette and audience.

A very beautiful and appropriate tableau, entitled "Peace Comes to the Allies," concluded the afternoon's entertainment. Little Dorothy Eberhart, representing Peace, was encircled by four other little misses, each typifying one of the allies. They were Dorothy Brownton, Georgia Frazer, Virginia Warnick, Betty Cochran.

This part of the entertainment was meticulously arranged and supervised by Mrs. Ray Murphy.

The home of Mrs. Charles Playle was the scene of a very pleasant gathering Wednesday afternoon when the Ladies' Aid of Allied, the most of whom are by in La Grande this winter, entertained the Ladies' Aid and their friends of the First M. E. church of La Grande. There were about sixty present and all had a happy afternoon.

A report of the affair as sent in to The Observer says:

"One of the things we were asked to do was to write a limerick, and of all the embryo poets! Well, some of them would have us to shame even a Browning or a Milton!"

A most delicious two-course luncheon was served and all went home with the Allied ladies lived in town the year round.

Invitations are out to a list of friends of members of the Monday club for a complimentary concert to be given on Monday evening in the high school auditorium. The occasion is in honor of Misses Leona and Mary Newlin who soon leave for the east to enter school. The occasion is given by Mrs. A. L. Richardson, director and instructor of the Monday club, which has grown under her supervision to be one of the important musical organizations of this city.

The Camp Fire Girls held a meeting Thursday evening and in the course of the evening elected Miss Carol Currie guardian, to succeed Miss Mossie Metry, who has resigned.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hall, who have been guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stoddard in Fruitdale the past week, have returned to their home in Wellsville, Utah.

Mrs. Carolyn Anderson, Mrs. George Rynearson and Mrs. C. J. Seriber and daughter, Miss Bessie Seriber, are visitors with friends in Portland this week.

Mrs. J. E. Reynolds left last

night for Baker, where she will remain for a few days on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Floyd Jones.

Mrs. H. A. Thomas has been the guest of Elgin friends the past week.

Praise was given unstinted last evening to Miss Katherine Rye and her remarkable pupils in the high school, who combined under auspices of the Neighborhood club and gave a concert that was a joy to hear. The event was for the benefit of the Neighborhood club loan fund and the ladies in charge of that department of the work have good cause to feel thankful today to the young folks giving the concert and to the general public who patronized it so liberally. The high school orchestra opened the program with three selections, and from the time the first violin was heard it was apparent that the evening's entertainment would be excellent. Marcella Berry, in a clear, expressive voice, spoke on the theme of "Influence of Negro Music," or "Folk Songs of America," after which the chorus rendered the medley, "Old Folks." The chorus was in fine condition and ev-

ery voice could be heard. The boys' glee club then gave three selections with some historic recitations of our national music by Waldo Stoddard. "I Trip River," a very beautiful selection, was sung by Mrs. Jeanette Stoddard, whose exquisite voice has pleased La Grande audiences often. The girls' glee club, composed of almost its many voices in the boys' club, met with popular applause in the "Home-Kong Romance." This was followed by the double quartet, which sang "The Rosary" and "Within a Little Wood." Lloyd Thompson, a slide trombonist, and Miss Florence Lynch, a violinist, delighted all with "Narcissus." Two patriotic numbers, "We'll Keep Old Glory Flying," and "America Triumphant," by the girls' glee club and the chorus, sent the patriotic thrills through the large audience. Miss Friederike Schilke, in her piano solo, "Shadow Dance," by MacDowell, was so well received by the gathering that she was forced to respond to a vigorous encore. "The Sun Worshipper" and the Indian dance by the girls' glee club was su-

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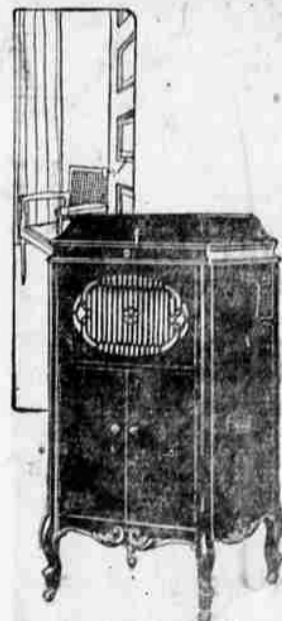
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