

AROUND THE EDGES

Cleaning up the streets has been in order, but the cleaning did not stop with streets, as A. R. Cherry can testify. Mr. Cherry had the records of his floral business at his home. When he opened his office in the Foley building he decided naturally to move all his effects in a business way to the office, so he placed the whole outfit in a clothes basket and ordered a transfer man to remove them. Before the transfer man could get on the job along came the merry scavengers who had been commissioned by Manager John Collier to clean up the town. They saw Cherry's clothes basket full of what they supposed was junk and tipped it over on the way and with a song of the clean-up men they hiked away to that garbage pile which has been made famous in song and story. When Mr. Cherry learned what had become of his records he was more or less perplexed and now it remains to be seen whether he or Mr. Collier will spend their time searching out the different bits of valuable paper from the section of the Grande Ronde valley occupied by the garbage pile.

Sam Harris denies that he desires a family the size of the crowd that attended the Hooverized opening Monday night, but admits that he hopes his circle of friends will be even larger.

Storekeeper Martin of the O-W has more good ideas in his head than a dog has fleas on a hot day. Now the old booster wants a baseball team for the long summer evenings. In fact, he wants two teams, one from the rail road boys and the other from the city, and he is already flashing a few greenbacks which he will bet on Jim Corbett making first base.

Jim Sullivan who, with Frank Carl of Pendleton, used to chase coyotes out on Middle creek in Kamela, is authority for the statement that no matter where a Grande Ronde man may roam he can find no place but the Grande Ronde to call home. Several times in the last quarter century Jim has put on a white collar and determined to take a trip over other lines of railroads to seek a new location and each time by comparison he has found no place so good as Eastern Oregon.

"If everybody would take a trip each year," says Jim, "it would make a more satisfied community, for they would travel long and become very weary before finding a better place." And just then Sam Brooks of Imbler showed up with a load of fashionable Methodists. "Amen," for Sam has been doing extensive traveling of late.

Claude Seranton can make more noise playing a dollar in a collection box than any other man in La Grande. His friends wonder how he learned this art because that is usually acquired by church goers.

The Baptist ladies have a way of shredding chicken that makes the mouth water and palate tremble for more.

Larry Harrison's road enthusiasm is beginning to take shape. Every good cause requires earnest boosting by some soul, who believes exactly what he says.

The city police force even refused to respect Mr. McAdoo for officers grabbed two suit cases on the depot platform while the national character was making his speech here Monday.

We quite agree with Mrs. Schilke when she says the city jail is no fit place for ladies.

Cheaper water for lawns is the thing and Superintendent Black is going to immortalize himself in La Grande if he will put this through and make it a reality.

Ed Kiddle has a burning desire to always go "over the top" with all Union county matters, all of which insure the belief that he is the man to head such work.

If anyone thinks General McAdoo is not a vote getter all he has to do is to consult Postmaster Bragg, who watched Mr. McAdoo in action here last Monday and whose conclusion is that he knows just a little bit more about the political game when coupled with humor nature than any other man in the nation, except the president and George Chamberlain.

The "road agents" from Union county who visited Portland believe the Highway Commission is composed of men who understand their business and that is the very thing they should know. No better man lives than St-

son Benson, while Bill Thompson and Robert A. Booth are also in the Benson class.

Rhea Lauer is accused of having a million dollar smile, and yet Rhea would be willing to cash in for half that amount.

Ad. Club programs are necessarily brief, so if you happen to be on the program and someone else takes more than the allotted time do not feel just when the gavel falls promptly as if a clock and the assembly disbanded without hearing your message.

Clarke Litter's description of New York City the day the armistice was signed is well worth listening to, even if it does make the old boys dry to hear the story.

Now that the country roads are improving please do not forget the days when it took four horses to pull a buggy across the valley last winter.

Perhaps in time old winter will loosen his grip and let smiling spring take charge of the Grande Ronde.

Here is a dispatch to the Observer from Kamela: "The Hon. Martin King has received through the mails an I. W. W. song book. It contains a parody on Casey Jones which Martin has decided to revamp so as to relieve it from any I. W. W. stuff and sing it at the Victory loan rally in Kamela. This will occur on April 26th, at which time Kamela will have a dance that is a dance. Good music and a fine supper will be on tap. Special oratorical efforts will be provided by Ed Kiddle, head of the drive, and Kamela will furnish her favorite orator who is some speaker—in a class all by himself. On this eventful night I, as chief of police of Kamela, do hereby proclaim the lid to be lifted and no arrest will be made for spooning along our shaded driveways. Superintendent Bollons has been appealed to for transportation for La Grande people and a big crowd is expected to come to hear Senator King sing and hear his oratory as well as attend the dance and eat turkey.—Kamela Chief of Police."

Jack Peare and Jim Corbett were in Kamela a few days ago and they report a report is being circulated to the mayor and chief of the police of that city. The charge is lodged against these high officials is that the sport-

ing element of Pendleton and La Grande must be curbed and the officials are unable to do that curbing.

No date has been set for the election, but unless something is patched up soon Kamela people will be in fever heat over their officials.

Dr. R. E. L. Holt was in La Grande this week and about all he could talk about was a new baby at home and how the army should be increased to full fighting strength.

"He looks like L. A. McAllister," remarked a lady when McAdoo was in La Grande Monday. And at last reports McAllister is still blushing.

Society

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There is for an institution of this nature in La Grande, and they pledged themselves to furnish one room of the building as soon as it has been established. The opinion was expressed that it would not be difficult to secure furnishings for the whole building, which will consist of only a small number of rooms, as there are several societies in the city whose work is founded largely on matters of civic welfare.

The annual visit of the Worthy Grand Master of the Order of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Mabel Settemore, of Portland, to Hope Chapter No. 13, of La Grande, last Saturday night was a very memorable occasion. A large number of members and visitors were present, the latter coming from Cove and Union and other nearby towns. The social part of the evening was one of the most enjoyable that Hope Chapter has held. A fine program was given, comprising two violin solos by Miss Florence Lynch, with accompaniments by Miss Gladys Black; a reading, "Flourish," by Miss Carolyn Palmer; and two vocal solos, Krister's Gracie Song and Weatherby's Song of Waiting, by Miss Fredericke Schilke, with accompaniment by Miss Mabel Douglas. Refreshments were served before the very happy and appreciative gathering dispersed.

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Miss Phyllis Seranton enjoyed a pleasant afternoon at the Seranton home yesterday evening, celebrating Phyllis' birthday. There were pretty decorations of flowers, adding not a considerable degree of charm to the occasion. Games were played and the young guests helped give much pleasure to their hosts, as well as to themselves. Mabel and steno were the "happy returns" showered upon Miss Phyllis. Sixteen guests were present.

Initiation by the Elks of another large class of candidates will take place Thursday next, April 25th, at the Elks home, under the auspices of the new officers. It has been some time since the Elks had initiation and the coming class will be one of the largest in the history of La Grande Lodge No. 425. Announcement is made that the initiation will be started early in the evening, and that the evening will end with an entertainment, followed by supper.

Herbert Browning, who for a number of years has been catering to the grocery retail trade of La Grande and is one of the popular gentlemen of this city, has transferred his efforts from the retail to the wholesale line and in the future will represent the Oregon Grocery company on the road, with headquarters at Enterprise. Mr. Nichols, who has had that territory, resigned to accept a position with a life insurance company.

A pleasant party was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. S. Anderson when the members of the Mission Band of the Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Anderson is the leader, and the girls of Miss Hulda Anderson's Sunday school class were entertained. There were about thirty present. Games and music were indulged in and refreshments served before the young guests took their leave.

What is to many of the high school folks the most important event of the year will be Junior and Senior classes' banquet Saturday evening of this week, when those who are about to elude behind the pleasures of school days and those who are about to leave behind the will enjoy a sociable evening and a general good time, with the high school faculty as their guests.

Mrs. A. E. Jones, who is now living in Portland with her sons but who was

for many years a resident of La Grande, is here visiting her brother Joseph Ponce and other relatives. Mrs. Jones admits that the roses are fine in Portland, that the climate is balmy but she affirms her desire to see once in a while to see the Grande Ronde snow storm and hear the winds of winter.

The Elks are looking forward with intense interest to their next social dance, which will be held on the second Monday after Easter, April 28th. The series of dances given by the Elks this season was late in starting and was discontinued early in Lent, but the success of the previous affairs indicates that the next Monday night dance will undoubtedly be the premier event of the Elks social season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Rhodes and little daughter, left yesterday morning for Portland and points south and east, for an extensive holiday trip. They will go to San Francisco and Los Angeles and then east through Arizona and finally home again through the central states. They expect to spend several weeks on the journey.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Guy and children, who have been spending several weeks in Portland and San Francisco with friends and relatives, have returned to their home at 504 Adams avenue. Mr. Guy returned several days ago but Mrs. Guy and children remained in Portland until this week. They had an enjoyable time.

Contracts have been let for the remodeling and improvement of the Elks' swimming tank, and work is planned to begin Monday. It is the hope of the Elks and their families that this favorite "swimming hole" will be in operation by the time the warm weather opens.

Mrs. Wm. Lawrence and baby daughter, of Vincent, left this morning for their home, after a short stay in La Grande. Miss Lawrence really belongs in La Grande, since she arrived here "out of the everywhere" some twelve days ago.

A very charming shower was given Miss Eva Wilson, bride elect, at her home Wednesday evening. Twelve of Miss Wilson's friends were present and the young lady was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts.

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son are spending the week-end visiting friends at Walla Walla, where, incidentally, they will see a few thrills from the flying circus appearing at the town today.

Walter M. Pierce, state senator, and Fred B. Carver, traveling representative of the Portland Journal, left last night for Bend, where they will attend the annual meeting of the stockmen of Oregon.

Miss Mildred Buell, of the O-W, dispatcher's office, was operated upon at the Grande Ronde hospital Friday for appendicitis. She was reported last night to be doing as well as could be expected.

Mrs. Gertrude Sheffield, who had been in Baker for some time past, has returned to La Grande and is making her home again with her mother, Mrs. C. E. Courtney, of May Park.

The many friends of Mrs. J. H. Traynor will be pleased to hear that she is making very favorable progress toward recovery, after having an operation performed last Tuesday.

Mrs. Barbara Scott, of Enterprise, who underwent an operation at the Grande Ronde hospital in this city a couple of weeks ago, was able yesterday to return to her home.

Misses Carrie and Hazel Last left last night for Walla Walla to take in the aerial exhibition in that city today and also to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner Oliver arrived in La Grande yesterday, to spend a few days here visiting relatives and old friends.

Mrs. Chester Kovi, formerly Miss Eva French, is recovering nicely from an operation performed at Hol Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Buckley, of Portland, are spending a few days here at present, visiting friends in the city.

Miss Miriam Smith, left last night for Portland, where she will visit her sister, Miss Sarah Smith, for some time.

Mrs. Laura Morton and Mrs. Walter Nelson, of Duker, are guests of the Warren Chamber family.

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