CHURCH PUTS ON DRAMA

(Special to The Observer)

UNION, Feb. 8. — The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church held their monthly business meetig at the home of Mrs. T. Wright last Wednesday afternoon. The next meeting, which will be a social affair, will be held February 15, at the home of Mrs. Spencer.

Miss Eva Wilson has returned to her position in Conner's Cash store after a month spent in Portland.

Mrs. Robert Wilkinson was over from La Grande to see her father, Mr. Kennedy, who has been ill for a long time. She returned to La Grande Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Lee came over Sunday and visited a short time Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Connor. They went home on the evening train.

Last Wednesday the Clerks' basketball team came over for a practice game with the Legion team and carried away the bacon on a score of 15 to 12. The game which otherwise would have been a fast one, was considered slowed down by the La Grande players doing so much objecting to the referee's decisions, because he was calling the decisions very closely. Part of the time out seemed to the Unionites, to be simply to give Theison time to regain his wind as the pace set had him puffing before the game was more than half over. The Union boys are hoping to reverse the score when they make the trip to La Grande.

Rev. Cook, pastor of the local Methodist church, spent the greater part of the week in La Grande attending the M. E. conference held in the latter place.

Last Friday evening the first and second teams from Union high school, accompanied by a number of the students, took advantage of the snow and made the trip to Cove in bobsleds. There they encountered the respective teams of the latter place in a double header basketball game. During the first part of the game the Union boys were somewhat handicapped by not being used to the hall but they soon settled down to steady work and overwhelmingly defeated the Cove team by the score of 48 to 15. The second team captured the laurels in their game with a score almost three to one, the final markings showing 21 for Union to 8 for Cove. A good crowd was in attendance and enjoyed the playing. Robert Baxter of Cove did the refereeing and the Union boys report that he is a number one referee.

Mrs. W. T. Wright, who has been teaching a class in the Methodist Sunday school for a long time, has not been able to get out to the meetings for several weeks and the girls in her class go over to her home each Sunday morning in order that they may not miss studying the lesson under their own teacher. Last Thursday evening about fifteen of the young ladies assembled at the home of Mrs. Wright for a good social time. Those present were: Misses Ruth Worshan, Doris Busick, Vera Shaw, Marie Shaw, Audrey Delap, Marcia Phy, Ruth Richardson, Luella Delaney, Lora Bideler, Clara Van Houton, Dorothy Brown, Edith Gilkinson, Opol Gibson, Meri Mayo and Marie Spain. A very pleasant evening was spent in playing games and in an old-fashioned taffy pulling.

Members of the local L. D. S. church have rendered several plays and similar programs at the church during the fall and winter. Much of the proceeds of these entetrainments is given to hospital support. Last Friday they put on a three act comedy entitled "Just for Fun." A matinee was held for the children just after school was closed for the day and there was also an evening performance. A good house was present and the members of the cast were well repaid for their efforts.

Among the Union county arrivels at the Union hotel during the last week were the following: J. L. Cassel of La Grande, D. L. Barnes representing the Farm Bureau, Giles Harnden of La Grande, Dean of the Observer force, Ross E. Sumerwell, representing the Standard Oil company, and Paul Blair of La Grande.

Little Miss Helen Hall has been out of school for several weeks on account of an attack of pneumonia. She is much better and able to resume her school work.

Geraldine Hibbert apd Sarah Droke are both out of school on account of sickness.

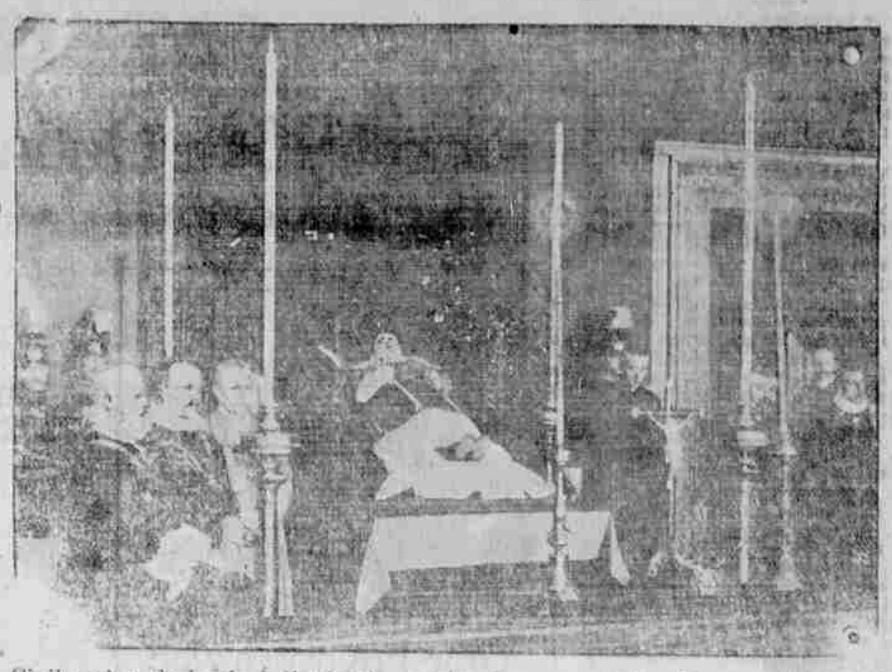
Dr. McKinney is able to be out and around town again.

Ralph Morgan, agricultural teacher in the Union high school and Mr. Lawson, a rancher from out in the valley are taking the degrees in the Odd Fellows Subordinate lodge.

Members of the Methodist Ladies' Aid held a cooked food sale in the Haggerty and McClay grocery last Saturday.

There is an old saying that a cold spell is heaven for the plumber, but George Clark, after a few weeks such as the last month brought us, is of the opinion that the sentiment of the maxim ought to be reversed. At one time there were only three or four buildings in the business section which were not bothered with frozen and bursted pipes.

Pontiff's Body Lying in State



Civil and ecclesiastical dignitaries paying homage at the bier of the late Pope Benedict XV as the pontiff's body lies in state at the Vatican, Rome. The body rests on a large catafalque, surrounded by huge candlesticks. This view was taken through a large doorway opening into the death chamber through which Roman crowds viewed his holiness' body.

Sunday the members of the Presbyterian church held a missionary service in the afternoon. As soon as the morning services were over a dinner was served and the missionary service followed the dinner. A number of visitors were present also.

LAKE FRONT IS TO BE IMPROVED

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—Piling for the parkway that Chicago is preparing to build in the lake for five miles on the south side is already in place for six blocks, according to the 12th annual report of the Chicago Plan Commission just completed. The estimated cost of the city's lake front improvement is $40,000,000.

Eighty-seven city improvements are pending before the commission for consideration, the report noted, adding, "Our work extends into every section of the city and affects every citizen." Here are other developments in this field the past year which the commission chronicles:

Forest preserve belt around the city acquired 3,487 acres more, making a total of 21,516 acres in this outer park district.

Permission was obtained from the government to push the shore line of Grant Park, Chicago's downtown lake front playground, 214 feet further into the lake.

Start was made on the creation of a zoo, expected to be the largest in the west.

Joint action of Illinois with Indiana was authorized toward establishment of an enormous lake and rail transfer harbor near the state line.

Chicago public school teachers whose classes are studyng the city plan were given copies of the commission's ten year report.

Something new in Valentines at Newlin Book & Stationery Co. 1-28-tf

MAY REPEAL "DUAL" LAW

(By Associated Press)

HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 8.—Resolutions asking for repeal of the Japanese "dual citizenship" law, which provides that any person born of Japanese parents in any other country is a citizen of Japan unless his application for expatriation, made before he becomes 17 years old, is approved by the Tokyo authorities, were passed recently at a meeting here of the Society of American Citizens of Japanese Parentage, Honolulu Forum No. 1.

The resoluton was given to M. Zomoto, editor of The Herald of Asia, who has been spending some time here, for presentation to the authorities at Tokyo upon his return.

The resolution points out that the members of the organization always "think of ourselves as American citizens, intend to remain in the United States as citizens, regardless of this law, and wish to appear in a true light before the people of Hawaii, as well as before those of Japan, without bitterness or misunderstanding."

The document requested Mr. Zumoto to present the appeal to the Japanese authorities and also urged him to take additional steps "to have a special law enacted whereby Hawaiian-born Japanese over the age of 17 years will be given the right officially to denounce their allegiance to the Japanese government, in order that we may enjoy the privileges of American citizenship to the fullest extent."

The society, composed of Japanese born in Hawaii and therefore American citizens, was organized three years ago.

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OLDEST WOMAN IN ISLANDS

(By Associated Press)

HONOLULU, Feb. 8.—Mrs. Pepe Makawalu, 106 years old, was called upon to testify in a court of law as the "oldest inhabitant on Hawaii" in regard to matters of general knowledge in the community long ago.

All but erect and only slightly deaf, Mrs. Makawalu, unable to speak English, told, through an interpreter, of the days when she was a retainer of Kamahameha III., who become King of Hawaii in 1833 and died 21 years later. She had been a chanter at the court and said that even when she had attained the age of 60 years walked 17 miles from her home at Waimanalo over mountainous trails to Honolulu every Sunday in order to attend church.

For the benefit of the court she related occurrences during the reign of Kamehameha the Great, who united the archipelago under one rule and became Kamehameha I; through the years of the other four Kamehamehas and during the days of the Kalakaua dynasty, which ended with the declaration of the Republic of Hawii.

Cleopatra spoke nine languages.

Mary Carr, famous mother in "Over the Hill," has a prominent part in "Thunder Clap," starting at the Star Friday. 2-7-2t

Don't miss "Thunderclap." Starts Friday at the Star. 2-7-2t

STATE BONDS ARE CERTIFIED

SALEM, Feb. 8.—The state irrigation securities commissio Saturday certified $474,500 bonds for the Talent irrigation district of Jackson county. The district has authorized by vote a total issue of $1,050,000 and has expended $295,000 in constructing one unit. One reservoir is to be built immediately and another next year.

The district embraces 11,000 acres, covering one of the most highly developed territories in the state. Immediately adjacent to Ashland, it has the town of Talent as its center. The Pacific highway from Ashland to Medford runs through the district.

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