PARENTS ARE GIVEN SURPRISE

(Special to The Observer)

LOSTINE, Feb. 20.—Miss Ruby Leonard perpetrated a surprise party on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Leonard, on the evening of February 14, on the occasion of their fifteenth wedding anniversary. Those present were close friends and neighbors and near relatives. They were: Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Robinson and children, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Poley and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hammock, Mr. and Mrs. William Hook and children, Mr. and Mrs. Berkeley Candle, Mrs. J. H. Jackson and children, Mrs. G. M. Cook, also Miss Ruby's friend, Gladys McGill. Delicious refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed by all.

Miss Agnes Chapman entertained a number of the young people at her home south of Lostine at a Valentine party Tuesday evening. Various games and stunts appropriate to the occasion were enjoyed by all, and delicious refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Myrtle Mason, Emeretta Pugh, Ruth Oliver, Ella Olsen, Mildred Page, Velma Allen Agnes Allen, Beulah MaGill and May Carlson; Messrs. Lawrence Litchfield, Roy Cook, Glenn Laverty, Albert Daisley, Harley Candle, Floyd Moffit, Orval McArtor, Sanford Lloyd Chapman.

Valeska Kiehn, who was quite sick with pneumonia and a gathering in her head, is slowly recovering.

A surprise party was given Miss Ella Olsen on Wednesday night, February 8, it being her seventeenth birthday. A good time was enjoyed by all and refreshments of cocoa, sandwiches, cake and ice cream were served. Those present were :Misses Myrtle Mason, Emeretta Pugh, Ruth Oliver, Beulah MaGill, Mildred Page, May Carlson, Agnes Chapman, Agnes Allen, Velma Allen, Georgia Childers and Myrtle Olson; Messrs. Orval McArtor, Floyd Moffit, Glenn Laverty, Albert Daisley, Harry and Berl Candle, Eugene Williamson, Roy Cook, Harley Allen, Wayne Crow and Leonard Olsen.

After a week of mild weather it turned colder again on Sunday and by Monday night the temperature dropped below zero, registering at 14 below by Tuesday morning. It continued cold and clear all day, threatening to be even colder by night, but during the night it clouded up and the temperature had risen to near zero by Wednesday morning, seeming even milder than it was. It has gradually moderated since, with a fresh snowfall of about four inches on Wednesday night, so we have about a foot of snow on the level, but are glad to report no wind or drifts.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Pearce went to Enterprise Monday, where Mrs. Pearce was operated on for a complication of troubles, at the Enterprise hospital Tuesday. She stood the operation well and is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Roy Parsons was taken to Enterprise hospital the first of the week and operated on Wednesday. She is doing as well as can be expected at this early date.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pogue went to Joseph Saturday and expect to leave there Monday for Medford, where they intend to locate. Mr. Pogue recently sold his barber shop to Mr. Thomas from Kansas.

David Harris, Chas. Gray, Chas McArtor and Wm. Avery have been on the disabled list the past week, from mild attacks of la grippe and other causes.

S. P. Crow went to Joseph Monday and attended the debate between Joseph affirmative team and the negative team of Lostine high school.

Harley Allen and Wayne Crow, son of S. P. Crow, also attended the debate, the latter staying over night with Hixson, Gale, and wife of Harrisano Creek, returning to Lostine Tuesday.

Mrs. W. C. Fleener has about recovered from a very lame back, caused from slipping on the ice. She went to Enterprise Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Poley and took a chiropractic treatment which relieved her at once as it was found one of the vertebrae in her spine had slipped out of place. She went up again Monday for another treatment and is now about fully recovered.

Rev. J. C. McCallum of Eugene is holding a series of meetings this week in the Christian church, preaching Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. His regular charge is one of the largest Christian churches in Oregon, at Eugene, where he has been pastor since 1902. He is also connected with the Christian Bible school there. He has been acting as supply pastor of Enterprise Christian church until the new pastor arrives.

Rev. Weston F. Shields will preach in the Presbyterian church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, instead of at the usual evening service. He has been asked to preach a special sermon in Wallowa Sunday evening for the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters of that city.

Lostine Rebekah Lodge went to Enterprise Wednesday night to witness the initiatory work of the lodge at that place. A crowd of 15 were present from Joseph. Among the 27 from Lostine were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Marvin, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hammock, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Matlill, Mr. and Mrs. Judd Cook, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chapman and daughter, Agnes; Mrs. Ethel Hook, Mrs. Norman Wombge, Mrs. Pearl Willett, Mrs. John Williamson, Mrs. Effie Cook, Mrs. Carrie Candle, Mrs. Addie Fleener, Mrs. Hollie Cook, Marion Hammock, and Messrs. Alfred Lilly, John MacKenzie, Fred Edwards, Harrison Holmes, who is Noble Grand of Lostine lodge. The visitors report that about 100 sat down to the banquet table in the Odd-fellows' Hall.

Earl Fleener left for Zumwalt the first of the week to look after stock at the grain ranch.

Ray Johnson, manager of the Commercial creamery of Wallowa was a Lostine business visitor last Saturday.

Oscar Fisher returned from Portland on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. McGill and Mrs. E. G. Seaman were Enterprise visitors on Saturday.

The Rebekahs held another of their birthday parties on Tuesday evening after the regular business session was over. Those whose birthdays were celebrated as occurring recently were: Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Marvin, Mrs. Ethel Hook and Floyd Hammock. Delightful refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed. After dispersing some attended the surprise party at F. F. Leonard's.

About eighteen of the ladies of the Rebekah lodge spent Friday, February 10, with Mrs. Zelma Hammock. The ladies sewed carpet rags for Mrs. Hammock. The hostess prepared a big dinner that the guests are still talking about. They sewed up 15½ pounds of rags so that Mrs. Hammock says she felt well repaid also, for their coming. The Rebekahs present were Mrs. G. P. Holmes, Mrs. Ethel Hooks, Mrs. B. Candle, Mrs. Effie Cook, Mrs. Dick Cook, Mrs. Hilda Marvin, Mrs. A. Moffit, Mrs. Thelma Childers, Mrs. Howard Williamson, Mrs. J. J. Chapman and daughter, Agnes; Mrs. Agnes MaGill, Mrs. Hattie Leonard. Other guests were Mrs. M. A. Courtney, Mrs. J. H. Jackson and Mrs. Geo. Dodge.

Mrs. Joe Thompson gave a Valentine party on Tuesday evening for the intermediate children of the community and all enjoyed a pleasant time. Mrs. Archie Willett assisted the hostess in conducting the games and serving refreshments.

A crew of men came in Monday and set up camp on the Wallowa river near the Wade place, where they will improve the railroad grade.

D. H. MaGill, Fred Edwards, Marion Hammock, John McKenzie, Berkeley Candle, Sanford and Lloyd Chapman went to lodge at Enterprise last Thursday night, some of them having recently joined the Alpha Encampment of Oddfellows at that place.

Joe Caudle was up from Wallowa last Thursday looking after affairs of the Commercial Creamery company and visiting his home folks here.

L. M. Chapman, one of Wallowa county's pioneers has been quite feeble this winter and was moved to Wallowa hospital to be under the doctors constant care. He is not gaining very fast but seems to be holding his own.

The entertainment given by the high school last Friday evening was enjoyed by a large audience. The program consisted of a chorus by high school students, reading by Georgia Childers, one of Whitcomb Riley's childhood poems that was given in such a realistic manner as to show marked ability in elocution on her part. A solo by Ella Olsen, which touched all hearts by its tender sentiments and melody, a Pigmy chorus, which brought down the house with its many comic features, and was ably rendered by Mildred Page, Ella Olsen, Agnes Allen and Georgia Childers. There were also two plays by high school students. The first one, "Fishermans Luck," was characterized by the following students: An English lord who is a sportsman traveling in America, Floyd Moffitt; his son, who is just learning how to be a sportsman, Clarence Nolan; his valet, Orval McArtor; an old Yankee fisherman who shows them a few tricks of the trade, Wayne Crow; Seth Williamson and Agnes Allen also took parts in this play. The second play, "Filed, by Heck," was characterized by: Orval McArtor as a Yankee farmer; Beulah MaGill as his wife, May Moffitt as their beautiful daughter, who is bequeathed a fortune by a distant relative; Wayne Crow, the villain and fortune hunter, a dashing man of the world seeking the country maiden and her fortune, whose plans are foiled by Ella Olsen, representing a woman of the stage, a discarded sweetheart of the villain. The parts were well taken and many favorable comments were heard at the close of the performance.

The funds from this entertainment and a portion of the proceeds from the Rebekah play are to be used to buy new scenery and stage fittings for the school auditorium, also a new drop curtain and new footlights which have already been installed.

William and John Avery are sawing logs for Chris Johnson with their gasoline saw outfit. There are several jobs of that kind to be done as it has been an excellent winter for logging from the timber.

Rev. Weston Shields of Wallowa was here Wednesday night to conduct prayer meeting and a board meeting.

At the second intermediate debate Monday night in the school auditorium Lostine's affirmative team, Floyd Moffitt and Maxine Pearce, won all three points of the judge's decision against the negative team of Joseph, Henry Swart and Bruce Wilson. At Joseph the same night, Lostine's negative team, Harley Allen and Wayne Crow, won all three points of the judges' decision at that place, in a debate against Joseph's affirmative team, debating on the assigned subject for the contest for county and district championship, "Resolved that Immediate Independence Be Granted the Philippines." The Lostine school stands a good chance to win the county championship since they won four points from Wallowa in the first interschool debate, while Enterprise won five points on the same question from Joseph. On Monday evening February 13, Enterprise and Wallowa met in debate and Wallowa won five points from Enterprise. So the standings of the four high schools are as followwas at present: Wallowa, seven points; Lostine, ten points; Enterprise six points, and Joseph, one point.

Lostine is to debate against Enterprise in two weeks and Wallowa with Joseph. The Joseph boys did very well on Monday night but it was apparent to the audience that they had not been aided or well coached by their school. They deserve much credit for what they have but had not the arguments.

Promise News Items

(Special to The Observer)

PROMISE, Feb. 20. — Following the snow of last week the weather became pleasant here.

In the debate here last Friday night the negative side won. The subject was "Resolved, That Roger Williamson was a better statesman than Henry Clay.

Mrs. John Carper visited with Mrs. Carl Griffith Tuesday.

B. E. Thompson, Carl Griffith and J. A. Dowd went to Wallowa Monday.

A basket social is to be given at the Promise school house tonight as a benefit for the Riverside school.

Mrs. F. G. Potter attended the dance at Bert Taylor's last Saturday night.

Sunday afternoon was devoted to singing in the Promise school house.

Ben and Wert McDaniels and Miss Helen Brown of Powatka attended the dance at Bert Taylor's.

Following the meeting of the literary society last Friday night a party was held at Jesse Garrett's.

Mrs. W. M. Reed visited at the home of Mrs. L. M. Fleshman on Thursday.

Theodore Carper came in on the stage Thursday to visit his father, J. K. Carper.

Elmer Bennett came home Wednesday from Vinson.

Mrs. Nancy Bennett brought her son, Kelly, home last week from the hospital in Wallowa.

PROMINENT MAN IS ARRESTED

Cove people who have been here for the past week or 10 days on circuit court matters, have had a great deal of amusement at the expense of a very prominent Cove citizen. This gentleman has been conspicuous in the government of Cove for several years and is a law abiding citizen, ordinarily. A few days ago he fell in with some Cove neighbors for lunch at a local restaurant. Now this gentleman is not adverse to playing a practical joke, so he finished his meal hurriedly and left, thinking to make his companions pay the check. But the plan didn't work for the rest of the Cove men called an officer and insisted on the prominent citizen's arrest. The officer saw the by-play and after some search found his "fugitive," returned him forcibly to the restaurant, where the check was paid. The Cove group was on hand to voice their "horse-laughs" while the prominent citizen was undergoing his embarrassment at the sudden turn of the joke. Since then Mr. Prominent Citizen has worn a grudge of no small caliber and vows to get even some day.

STUDENTS TO CONFER SOON

(By Associated Press)

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 20.—Students at Trinity college here will have a "Genoa Conference" on February 20, to discuss questions which are expected to be on the agenda of the conference of the nations of the world at Genoa, Italy. Students will assume the roles of leading statesmen, and so far as is possible the consideration of subjects and parliamentary procedure will parallel that of the actual conference.

Harold T. Slattery of Bridgeport, Conn., has been named Premier Bonnar of Italy, and through him the invitations to "representatives of various nations" who are students, have been issued. The preliminary announcement makes the program revision of the treaties, national debts and other financial necessities; boycotts; nations; international trade and credits; future of the League of Nations; supreme council and other forms of conference; acceptance of the mandates of the Washington conference."

It is recalled that Pittsburg University staged a limitation of Armaments conference in its student body recently. The Trinity movement is directed by the political science club.

VALUES SHRINK.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Value of livestock on farms and ranges of the United States showed a decrease of $3,285,257,000, or 41.5 per cent, on January 18 this year, as compared with that date two years ago, the department of agriculture announced Wednesday in its annual livestock report.

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VARIETY OF USES GIVEN

Silica is Used in Remarkable Number of Ways says Bulletin by Bureau of Mines.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—A remarkable variety of uses for one of the most widely distributed constituents of the earth's crust, silica, is named by the United States Bureau of Mines as the result of a study of the possibilities of this material. Silica in its various forms, as quartz, quartzite, sandstone, flint, tripoli, diatomaceous earth, sand and gravel, etc., finds its way into the construction of the houses in which we live, into the tooth paste which most of us use daily, into the phonograph records which regale us with "canned music," and into the thousand-and-one glass products.

Silicon dioxide occurs in a free state chiefly as quartz, but hydrous silica occurs as opal, flint, diatomaceous earth, tripoli and so on. Quartz is found in many forms, the most important of which are: As vein quartz quartzite, sandstone, silica sand and gravel; as crystals or crystalline grains, masses or aggregates in igneous rocks such as granites, diorites and pegmatites.

Free silica in its varied forms is very widely distributed, but deposits of commercial value are far less common. However, with the exception of such relatively scare materials as tripoli and flint grinding pebbles, most forms of silia are sold for such low prices that economic factors, such as proximity to railroads and to local markets, govern the value of a deposit. Thus deposits of glass sand may be valueless if located far from supplies of cheap fuel and far from large centers of consumption for glass.

Methods of mining the various siliceous materials very widel, dependent on the form of the material, nature and location of deposits, and type of product to be made, the Bureau of Mines found. Most of the deposits are worked by open-pit or quarrying methods, often in a very crude way. Sand deposits may be worked by hydraulicking, by dredgine or by the use of a steam shovel. Vein quartz is often obtained as a by-product in the mining of other materials. Pegmatite quartz is almost always obtained as a by-product in working pegmatite dikes for feldspar or mica.

Various forms of silica, in a finely ground state enter into the composition of scouring and polishing soaps and powders, tooth powders and paste. Quartz, quartzite, sandstone, and sand, coarsely ground and closely sized, are used in the manufacture of sand paper. The same material, crushed into sharp grains, uniform in size, are used in sand-blast work. For sawing and polishing marble and granite, sharp, clean sand graded into various sizes is used. Massive sandstone very fine to moderately coarse grained, is used for whetstones, grindstones, pulpstones, and oil stones. Chert, flint and quartzite in dense solid blocks are used for tube-mill lining. Rounded flint pebbles are extensively employed in tube mill grinding.

In making silica firebrick and other refractories, fairly pure quartz known as gannister is used. In making silicon, ferro-silicon and silicon alloys of other metals, such as copper, moderately pure sand and massive crystalline quartz are employed. Massive quartz and quartzite are used as a flux in smelting basic ores. Fine sand and ground tripoli enter into the composition of foundry parting sand.

In the various important chemical industries, massive quartz or quartzite are used as lining for acid towers. Various forms of silica are used as filtering mediums, and pure quartz sand is used in the manufacture of sodium silicate and carborundum. Paint manufacturers employ finely ground silica of various varieties as an inert extender, finely ground silica of all types is used as a wood filler and as a filler in rubber, pressed and molded goods and in phonographic records.

In the pottery industry, flint, chert and other forms of silica, finely ground, are used as ingredients of bodies and glazes. Pure quats sand is employed in the manufacture of ordinary glass. Very pure massive quartz is employed in the manufacture of chemical apparatus, such as tubes, crucibles and dishes.

The manufacture of decorative materials such as crystal balls, table tops, vases and statues requires the use of less common types of silica such as rock crysta, amethyst, rose quartz, citrine quartz, smoky quartz, chrysoprase, agate, chalcedony, opal, onyx, sardonyx and jasper.

Massive an dground diatomaceous earth is employed in the making of heat insulation fo rpipes, boilers, and silos, and sound insulation in walls and between floors. Moderately pure sharp angular sand is one of the principal constituents of sand-lime brick. For the manufacture of lenses and accessories for optical apparatus, clear, colorless, flawless rock crystal or massive crystallined quartz is empoyed.

MAY CHECK PROFITEERS

VIENNA, Feb. 20.—In an effort to check the wild profiteering prevalent here, the government has asked the public to report refusal of merchants to sell goods, those withholding or concealing stock or unjustifiably increasing prices.

Charges may be brought by simply mailing them through the post, thus avoiding the red tape of personal appearance.

NO VIOLENCE AT ARRIVAL

(By Associated Press)

ANGOON, Feb. 20.—The attitude of the people toward the Prince of Wales was indicated on his arrival here recently. The Prince was given the customary show of welcome without any attempt being made at violence. Yet the stands erected to seat the crowds were not nearly filled. A large percentage of the people who turned out to greet the Prince were children from government schools and government-aided mission schools who were reuired to be present.

The National or native schools gave their quarterly examinations recently for the expressed purpose of preventing the students from greeting the Prince. In the stand where The Associated Press correspondent was stationed, very few of the people rose from their seats or gave any form of deferential greeting as the Prince passed by.

Personal inquiry showed that in the bazaar district a strict hartal (boycott) was being observed. Practically all the Burmese and Indian shops were closed in silent protest of the Prince's visit. Most of the Chinese places remained open. Very few ghurries (carriages), except private ones, were seen on the streets.

INVASION OF GYPSY ARMY

(By Associated Press)

BERLIN, Feb. 20.—North and East Hanover, from Oldenburg to Brunswick, have been invaded by an army of gypsies, traveling in bands, comprising sometimes 100 wagons and camping in fields and woods. They invade the market places in towns and on market days crowd out German vendors.

The authorities in the several communities are taxed beyond their resources to control these hordes and prevent them from beating the Germans in trades, at which they are adepts. Members of the Reichstag have asked the government what steps were to be taken to drive out or control the unwelcome guests.

Where they come from the authorities do not know, but many of them are rich, travel in state in luxurious wagons, equipped with rich oriental rugs and fine furnishings, and ice-boxes in which there are always supplies of good wines, liquors, and costly champagnes.

Men of these gypsey bands have adopted modern European apparel but the women cling to the quaint and picturesque original costumes.

Communities through which the invaders pass usually are cleaned out through trade, purchase, or theft, although it is next to impossible to fix crimes upon the gypsies.

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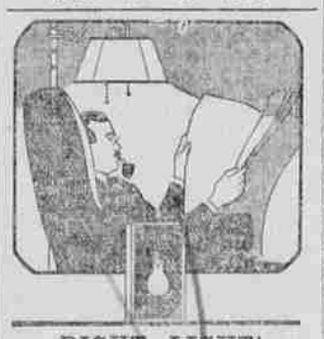

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CONFERENCE ON LAW STANDARD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—With the main idea in view of improving educational standards in the profession, the conference on legal education, authorized at the last meeting of the American Bar Association, will be held here on February 23 and 24 and judging from the character of the men in charge the occasion will be of momorable importance.

The conference on legal education was authorized in order to secure the cooperation of the state and local bar associations and to formulate plans for the furtherance of the plan to improve educational standards.

The standards were adopted by the American Bar association at Cincinnati last summer and consist of three resolutions:

"a. The American Bar association is of the opinion that every candidate for admission to the bar should give evidence of graduation from a law school complying with the following standards:

"a. It shall require as a condition of admission at least two years of study in a college.

"b. It shall require its students to pursue a course of three years' duration if they devote substantially all of their working time to their studies, and a longer course, equivalent in the number of working hours, if they devote only part of their working time to their studies.

"c. It shall provide an adequate library available for the use of the students.

"d. It shall have among its teachers a sufficient number giving their entire time to the school to insure actual personal acquaintance and influence with the whole student body."

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