

MINSTREL SHOW WAS A SUCCESS

(Special to The Observer)
 UNION, Mar. 7.—Friday evening at the high school auditorium a large crowd enjoyed the first night production of the minstrel and club numbers on which many of the students have been working so faithfully for several weeks. The program opened with a song by the entire club membership, consisting of about 60 voices. Next the minstrel members led by Robert Wakefield as interlocutor, furnished a half hour of amusement with speeches, jokes, singing and dancing. The colored ladies' chorus rendered two songs which were well received. Following the chorus a one act comedy was put on by the boys. It was called "The Coontown Thirteen Club" and showed how the club chose which member should commit suicide at each meeting. Miss Ida Bellus, costumed (and colored) as a negro mammy, gave a delightful reading of the old time favorite selection "Kentucky Philosophy" with "Fat" Caldwell taking the part of the culprit. After another number by the double quartet, the second comedy was featured. This play was called "The Boaster Club of Blackville" and was even more amusing than the first one. The final number was one of the best on the evening's program. Messrs. Tony Smith, Will Baxter, Roy Conklin and Raymond Cook sang a quartet which was followed by the final curtain. During the minstrel Tony Smith sang two Irish selections. An orchestra composed of students furnished the music for the performance. Will Baxter, manual training teacher has had charge of the club work and deserves much credit for the classy performance of the members. The minstrel was scheduled for two nights but the Saturday evening program had to be cancelled on account of several of the students being sick and to the increase in the number of "flu" cases in town. The student body has two or three plays which will be given during the remainder of the term.

Saturday was tag day for the White Cross work and Miss Neilson, one of the high school teachers, had charge of a committee of girls from the high school who played tag with considerable success during the day.

Chester Emmons and Russell Harn are two of the latest cases of flu to be reported.

W. B. Butterfield, whose home is in Portland, is in Union visiting with his daughter, Mrs. Martin. He is also looking after a large ranch up near Tolocasset. Mr. Butterfield says that the weather in Portland has been very cold during the winter.

The store room on the east side of Main street next door to the cigar store is being papered and fixed up for occupancy. O. J. Skiff, who held the postmastership here for the last eight years will open up a small fruit store and will also carry a small line of groceries.

William Arant has been ill for the last few days with what is either a case of flu or poison from eating some fish which had been shipped in to one of the local markets.

Mr. and Mrs. Seigle Cline have both been down with the flu for several days but are much improved at this time. Mrs. Nettie Keller is here from Baker and taking care of the two patients.

Walter R. Blyen, who was here from Albany and paid an official visit to the local Masonic lodge, was a classmate of Dr. Erwin in college.

Last Tuesday the fish hatchery received a shipment of 200,000 rainbow trout eggs from Pocatello, Idaho, and the season's work is getting under way. Several more shipments are expected in soon.

Charles Miller returned home last Monday from a visit in Portland. He has been away since some time before Christmas.

Mack Wood was down from his ranch on Clover creek last Tuesday looking after some business interests in Union.

The social given by members of the Rebekah lodge in the Odd Fellows' hall last Wednesday evening was a decided success. After the regular order of business the closed session ended and the members and several invited guests enjoyed an evening of music, dramatic numbers and games. The program was as follows: Piano duet by Ralph and Ruth Connor, Reading by Eula Watkins, Vocal solo by Mrs. L. A. Cook, Piano duet by Eunice and Dorothy Busiek, and several selections by the high school orchestra. Coffee and the usual eatables were served and then the remainder of the time was given up to old time dancing. About midnight the social ended and the people went home all declaring they had had a very enjoyable evening.

The Union high school closed its basketball season with the game played on the local floor last Friday afternoon, when the second team defeated the La Grande seconds by a score of 25 to 18. The game was fast and undecided till the very last. The La Grande boys played a very nice clean game and showed themselves good losers. The Union first team were to have a few more games with nearby towns but these having been cancelled, the season is closed. Union loses several of her best players with the graduation of the seniors, but have

some very promising material in the second quintet and hope to have a winning team another year.

With the street paving assured, relaying of several water mains, two saw mills planning to start up along Catherine creek, a Standard oil station to be put in, and more bridge work to finish up, Union should enjoy a very prosperous summer. There will also be some new buildings erected during the season.

Dr. E. D. McKeeney, who has been sick for some time, went to Hot Lake last Wednesday morning. He will remain at the sanitarium for a couple of weeks taking treatments.

Mrs. Ed. Mitchell is spending a few days visiting with friends in Baker. She left for the latter place last Friday.

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church met at the home of Mrs. Paul Crouter last Wednesday afternoon. Only a business session was held.

Sunday evening services at the Presbyterian church are being accompanied by pictures. Yesterday's slides were on the parables of Christ.

Darrel Kiehlblock is confined to his home with a slight attack of la grippe.

ICE BURIES WATER TANK

(Special to The Observer)
 ELGIN, Mar. 7.—Andrus Golding was a business visitor from Imbler this week.

Miss Helen Billis came in from Rinehart Saturday morning, after a visit of several days with Valgona Tuttle.

Fred Hamilton, a business man of Summerville, was in Elgin Saturday. Mr. Hamilton drove over but returned on the evening train.

The work of renovating the building to be used for William Wade's pool hall is progressing satisfactorily. Fred Hall is in charge of the work.

Jack Rhodes returned from La Grande on Saturday's train.

The water tank of the O.-W. here is again nearly buried under a load of ice and icicles.

Several new cases of influenza are reported from Cricket Flat in the last few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hallgarth returned to Elgin Sunday morning. They have had their little daughter Evelyn, in La Grande under a specialist's care for nearly two weeks. While in La Grande Mr. Hallgarth also submitted to an operation upon one of his ears.

Mr. Underwood was a passenger from La Grande Saturday morning. Mrs. Sadie McNaughton left Saturday morning for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. "Pike" De Bole.

William Hill has been confined to his bed for the greater part of last week, but is recovering at present.

E. S. Harris returned Saturday morning from Hot Lake, where he has been for several days.

R. Gekeler, deputy organizer for the State grange, with his little daughter, returned to their home in Alton Saturday morning from La Grande. Mrs. Gekeler remained in La Grande to have their son's ears treated. The Gekelers are well known here, having made their home near Elgin for several years.

The Bumgardner and daughter, Helen, returned Saturday morning from La Grande, where the little boy is receiving attention to his ears, following an influenza attack.

Among the business visitors from the Flat Saturday were James Wickens and the Gekeler brothers.

Frank and Carl Hallgarth were incoming passengers on the train Sunday morning.

"Soapy" Davis is in town again after a rather prolonged absence at his trapping grounds along the Looking Glass.

"Bill" Ketter went to Lostine on Sunday's train. He is working at helping to straighten the banks of the river near the Wade place.

Mrs. Bob Lane accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Young from La Grande Sunday morning.

L. A. Stoop was in Elgin on business Saturday.

Mrs. Aubrey Haney (Alice Mosher) is seriously ill with pneumonia but her recovery is expected. Dr. Dryborough is the attending physician.

The funeral of Ella Jean Young, the eight months' old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ella Young, was held at the Christian church Sunday at 1:30 p. m. Rev. Judson Brown preached the funeral sermon and interment was made in the Elgin cemetery. The entire community extends sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Young in their deep bereavement.

Lee Tuttle arrived on the train from La Grande Sunday.

Ralph Winters and his sister, Mrs. Scott Wheatley, came in Sunday morning to visit with their mother, Mrs. W. A. Winters, who has been ill for several days.

Winter is still hanging on here. We have lots of snow and for the past few nights have had a little more added to our present supply. Sleighs and sleds are still the principal means of transportation here, although the calendars say it is March, when flowers should begin to bloom and the sun should shine at least part of the time.

Something new in Candy every day at The Palace. Let Al Cain show you these elegant chocolates. They are fine. 3-1-21

BRITONS SAID TO HAVE FAILED

(By Associated Press)
 MADRAS, India, Mar. 7.—The policy adopted by the British government in India is characterized as a failure in an editorial in the current issue of the Indian Review, signed by G. A. Natesan, its editor. The magazine is one of the most conservative of the publications issued by Indians.

Its comment is regarded here as indicating, to some extent, the attitude of the leaders of the Moderate Party who heretofore have remained loyal to British rule. It has been claimed here that the government of India is losing the confidence of the leaders of this party because of what is called here its "policy of repression." The editorial writer says in part:

"In launching a policy of wholesale repression and indiscriminate arrests the government has played into the hands of Non-Cooperators. Repression everywhere has been a failure. It has failed in Egypt and in Ireland and it is bound to fail in India, especially in the India after the war. Such a policy defeats its own object by increasing the tension, alienating the popular sympathy and aggravating the general unrest."

"By their grave blunder the bureaucracy has helped to make what might have been a partial or unsuccessful battle in connection with the Prince's (of Wales) visit, into a complete one—a result in itself deeply to be deplored."

"Surely, one may ask, is it policy or panic to haul up men like C. R. Das and Motilal Nehru with the thousands that follow their lead and give them a ready handle for civil disobedience. Already hundreds have courted arrest and flocked to the jail and it is clear that more are ready to follow. It would be disastrous to experiment on anything like a trial of strength at a juncture like this. The way to peace is in conciliation."

MARKETS BADLY DEPLETED NOW

(By Associated Press)
 MOSCOW, Mar. 7.—Russian markets lack nearly every sort of manufactured article the world can afford, unless it be artificial hair, perfumes and toilet articles. The beauty parlors seem to have adequate supplies and are doing a thriving business.

The man who loses a collar button in Moscow is ruined. It is a tragedy when collars and shirts wear out. The odds and ends in the shops are chiefly the sizes for very small boys and girls. The neckties are patterns which German dealers couldn't sell at home.

Shopkeepers put everything attractive they have in their windows. Inquiry within always demonstrates that they have no stock in regular sizes.

Government taxes on merchants are mounting daily and the merchants pile the tax on their prices. Small notion shops on side streets in Moscow are charged 60,000,000 paper rubles a year for their licenses, which at the government rate is 600 gold rubles, or about \$300.

The news that Russia had been invited to participate in the Genoa conference came as a great relief.

to merchants who are having great difficulty in acquiring new stock. One merchant who formerly had a great drygoods store in Moscow and is now running a combination shop where both old and new clothing and household effects are sold made the prediction, upon hearing of the Genoa invitation, that three months after Russia received foreign credit it will be one of the best places in the world for merchants.

"We haven't any goods. We can't get stocks," he exclaimed, pointing to his odd assortment of wearing apparel and job wads of notions. "There are plenty of customers in Russia. All we need is stocks."

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FIRE DAMAGE HEAVY.
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ANTI-RED COMING
 (By Associated Press)
 SHANGHAI, Mar. 7.—Gen. Gracore Robinson, anti-bolshevik leader, is reported to be on the steamship Empress of Russia, bound for the United States. He is said to be traveling incognito.

YOUTHFUL ROBBER.
 (By Associated Press)
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