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operating range is rather small, and it takes but a small turn of a rheostat knob, one way or the other, to increase or decrease the operating temperature above or below the normal necessary for long life. In fact, it is quite difficult for the ordinary person to ascertain whether or not the filament is being burned at the proper temperature when rheostats are used. Having the above in mind, a manufacturer has recently placed upon the market a device which can be used to replace the rheostat and which will automatically adjust the filament temperature to the proper value. It does this without any attention on the part of the operator, when the usual six volt battery is used for filament lighting. As shown in the illustration, the device is quite simple. It can be mounted in the of a cabinet receiver or amplifier and takes less space than a rheostat. The claim that the device makes vacuum tube operation absolutely "foolproof" appears to be well founded, and it is true up to a point made for by the means of a switch to a collar to the radio enthusiast.

spent in conversation and needlework, after which refreshments were served. Mrs. Sheffield was presented with a piece of silver in appreciation of her past efforts for the good of the Order. An event that will take on more of a social aspect has been arranged by the Women of the Methodist Church for Wednesday evening May 17th. The ladies are preparing to serve a chicken pie dinner in the basement of the church from 5 until 8, to which the public is invited, and it is intended for it that it shall be one of the biggest public dinners the church has undertaken for a long time.

JUDGE KNOWLES BUILDING HOME

GRANGE HALL, May 13.—On Thursday morning Roy Spencer began construction on the house that Judge J. W. Knowles will build on his farm two miles southeast of La Grande.

Mrs. Ethel Redhead Smith and little daughter, of Baker, have been visiting a few days with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Redhead.

Petty thievery is going on again in our neighborhood. A few days ago someone helped themselves to an excellent pair of chaps belonging to George Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gekeler spent Sunday at the J. W. Redhead home. The children and in-laws of Grandma Gekeler held a reunion at her home Wednesday to celebrate Grandma's 82nd birthday, which came on the 11th of the month.

As Chas. Gekeler's birthday was on the 10th, the family made the affair a double celebration. The guests brought well filled baskets, the contents of which were placed on a table decorated with some of those beautiful flowers for which the Gekeler place is noted.

Mrs. Gekeler enjoyed the day very much and was able to visit with her guests the most of the time. Those who helped Mrs. Gekeler and her son make the day a memorable one were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gekeler, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Smuts, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest DeLong, Mr. and Mrs. George Gekeler, Mr. and Mrs. Art McCall, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spencer, Mrs.

Wm. Hughes, Arthur McCall, Spencer, Alma DeLong, Irma Gekeler and Robert Spouner. Joe and Jess Anson drove their kind of horses to the hills Tuesday. Sam Irwin, who has leased the Huff place, is very busy doing his summer following. A. E. Huff left Wednesday morning for his home in Baker county. The Gekeler irrigation ditch is being dug and cleaned so as to be in order for the irrigation season.

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Society

West promises to be one of the best musical programs of the Neighborhood Club year will take place Tuesday, May 16. This will be "Oregon Composer's Day," with Mrs. Hal Bohnenkamp as leader.

Mrs. Katherine L. Johnson of, Harvey Johnson, a prominent Portland composer, has requested Mrs. A. T. Richardson to sing a group of her songs just recently composed. Mrs. Richardson was also requested to sing a group of Mrs. Frankie Walker's songs. Mrs. Walker not only composes the music to her songs, but the words, as well.

Jean Williams, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Williams, delighted her friends recently with a

piano recital at the studio of her teacher, Miss Hilda Anthony, on Sixth street.

The program was as follows: "Minuet," Beethoven; "Water Spouts," Heller; "Coquetry," Reinhold; "Barcarolle," Habener; "Elves," Rogers, by Jean Williams.

"Wedding Day," Grieg, by Helen Williams. "Chattering Birds," Townsend; "On the Ice," Crawford; "Grandmother's Minuet," Geleg; "Patriotic Song," Grieg; "Will o' the Wisp," Lemont, by Jean Williams.

A bridge party was given at the home of Mrs. J. C. Gilling Thursday evening in honor of Mrs. F. S. Millard. Miss Catherine Miller, of Seattle, Mrs. Miller will leave soon for Spokane and her friends took this opportunity to bid her adieu. Mrs. C. P. Nowlin won high honors at bridge, which was followed by a delicious luncheon.

The Thursday Bridge Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Claude

Seranton Thursday afternoon. The afternoon was spent at bridge, followed by refreshments. Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe won high honors for the day.

Mrs. Bruce Cox is entertaining at bridge at her home this afternoon.

Miss Effie Conlay and Raymond Goodenough were quietly married at the Episcopal parsonage Wednesday evening at seven o'clock by Rev. Jas. W. Gunn. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. James Garrity. They are both well known in La Grande and their many friends wish them a happy and prosperous life. They will be at home at 1508 Oak street.

Misses Ivel Hunter and Mary Frawley entertained the graduating class of the Sacred Heart Academy at a banquet at Mrs. C. E. Gump's residence Thursday evening at seven o'clock. The members of the class are Misses Ivel Hunter, Mary Frawley, Marian Cutlin and Ruby Bean and Clark Fitzgerald. Four courses were served. Instrumental music and singing made up the entertainment during the latter part of the evening. Father A. F. Loesser was the only other guest.

Mrs. G. W. Phelps, one of Penleton's prominent club and society women, spent a few days this week visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Rocklin of this city.

The Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church was entertained at the home of Mrs. Hal Bohnenkamp yesterday afternoon in their regular monthly meeting. She was assisted by Mrs. O. L. MacDowell and Mrs. Ray Pahl.

A large attendance was present and the meeting was one of the most successful held for some time. The subject for the day was the "True American," which was handled by Mrs. Ray Murphy and Mrs. Oscar Poarch. Miss Hilda Anderson gave a re-

port of the Presbyterian meeting held in Union a short time ago and then Mrs. A. T. Hill concluded the program by reading a letter received from Miss Julia Hatch, missionary in Siam, who is supported by the Presbyterian Missionary Society. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the program.

The next meeting will be held June 9 at the home of Mrs. O. E. Moran.

The Wednesday Bridge Club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Dan McLellan, corner of Second and Adams and a very fine time was enjoyed by the ladies. Mrs. August J. Stange held the high score and was awarded the prize. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. C. H. Fina, who has been very ill at her home on O avenue, is considerably better. Her friends are delighted over the improvement, for her condition was for a time considered serious.

Miss Mary Fitzgerald and Melvin Larson were married Tuesday morning at 5:30 o'clock in the Catholic church by Father A. F. Loesser. The decorations in the church were very beautiful and consisted of pink carnations and roses and were very tastefully arranged.

Mrs. James McNamere sang two delightful solos and Clark Fitzgerald, brother of the bride, furnished two violin solos. David Stewart was accompanist. The bridal couple were attired in morning clothes. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Massee were chosen as best man and matron of honor.

At the close of the ceremony the party adjourned to the Country Club, where a delicious wedding breakfast was served, after which the newly married couple left for Portland, Corvallis and other points.

Many beautiful wedding presents were received by the bride and groom.

A very pretty announcement party was held Friday evening, March 12, in honor of Miss Essie Johnson, at the home of Mrs. P. S. Lyon, whose wedding to Chester L. Thompson was announced for June fifth. Four tables of five hundred were enjoyed. Miss Dorothy Casey winning high honors. At a late hour dainty refreshments were served.

Those enjoying the evening were: Madames Albert Cursey, Walter Palmer, Otis Palmer, L. V. Thomas, Stanley Mills, Phil Thompson, L. Johnson, W. E. Oesterling, Misses Dorothy Casey, Mabel Heranger, Florence Lynch, Mabel Oesterling, Bernice Thompson, Wilma Oesterling, Donna Smith, Hazel Mohr, Alma Nelson, Edith Bragg and Essie Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Playle and Mr. and Mrs. Peter McDonald entertained a number of their friends at the home of Mrs. Plazie last evening at "500." The rooms were artistically decorated in spring flowers and roses, the color scheme being green and yellow. Mrs. Chase Bohnenkamp won high honors among the ladies, with Mrs. Julia Cunningham taking second. Frank Pearson took gentlemen's high honors with C. R. Hibberd placing second.

Following cards a delicious two-course luncheon was served.

A meeting of the Greenwood Mothers' Circle will be held next Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. H. Collingwood, 2510 North Fourth street. A general invitation is extended to all mothers of La Grande who are interested in the pre-school-age work. A large attendance is desired as this is an affiliation meeting with the Oregon Congress of Mothers. The invitation is extended by the president, Mrs. W. H. Collingwood.

A delightful surprise party was given Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. A. J. Nash, 101 Greenwood St., in honor of her daughter, Miss Audrey's, sixteenth birthday. Games and music comprised the evening's entertainment.

Mrs. A. J. Nash and Mrs. Blake Shields served a dainty luncheon to the guests at an appropriate hour. Quaint little place cards marked each cover.

The following young people wished their young honor guest any more, happy birthdays: Misses Marian Howell, Evelyn Callan, Ruby Day and Messes Roy McKeenan, Claude Nicols, Christian Sandborg, Lewin Mathis,

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