

SOCIETY

Children Are Delightfully Entertained

The to the Halloween spirit Mrs. J. L. House gave a lovely party for her small children, Twyla and Jack Lerry, at her home on 1922 Oak street last evening. The house was decorated with witches, black cats, owls and Jack-o-lanterns. Yellow chrysanthemums and carnations also helped to make the house more beautiful.

The evening was spent in several games in which the kiddies took great delight, and to make the evening more interesting and being in a little competition a jelly bean hunt took place with little Miss Peggy Robinson taking first prize and Carl Helm the consolation prize; an animal cookie hunt was also a feature of the evening with the prize going to Miss Marian Stuz.

Those present were Missa Marjorie Stuz, Marian Stuz, Ruth Murelson, Wilma Mays, Evelyn Mays, Ruth Smith, Gertrude King, Peggy Robinson, Lucille Price and Solie Seligman, and Masters Leonard Rodde, Carl Helm, Bobby Helm, George Sullivan, Leo Hawkins and Ralph Hawkins. Before the happy group adjourned a dainty luncheon was served.

Miss Mary Willwers, Alma Lilly and Bessie Swalberg entertained a number of friends at a Halloween party, Tuesday evening, October 29, at the Swalberg home on North Fourth. The home was decorated for the occasion and the evening was spent in games and dancing. A two course luncheon was served.

Those present were Miss Doris Shannon, Inez Hughes, Alma Lilly, Mary Willwers, Bessie Swalberg, and Donald Hughes, Alex Day, Robert Cyr, William Lilly and Clayton Coalwell.

The Presbyterian Men's club will convene tonight at the home of Dr. J. L. Ingle, 1402 Washington avenue, E. D. Towler, high school principal, will be the speaker of the evening.

Union, (Special) — The Presbyterian, consisting of the Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian churches of Union, Baker and La Grande sent delegates and other visitors to a meeting held in Union Wednesday of this week. Mrs. Humphreys, the president and Mrs. Hill, the secretary, both of La Grande, were present. The forenoon session was given up to business matters. At noon the delegates and visitors repaired to the K. P. hall and enjoyed an old-fashioned chicken dinner. In the afternoon two plays were presented, the first being entitled "How a Meeting Ought Not to Be Held," and the second one was in the nature of a pantomimed reading. Mrs. Harry McCoy recited the "Story of Joe a Darkey Boy" and the different scenes were pantomimed. During this play the choir sang old derby melodies. It was a very interesting program and the parts were well presented. The subject of "Freedom's Work" was discussed by the delegates. Rev. Hodges opened and closed the meeting with devotional services. After the session was over another visit was paid to the K. P. hall where a lunch was enjoyed. Besides the delegates from La Grande and Baker there were visitors from Portland, Vancouver, Wash., and also from Canada.

A charming event of the season took place Tuesday evening when Miss Roberta Smith entertained with a delightful shower in honor of Miss Peggy Nolf and Miss Georgia Wade, who are to be married soon. A good many of La Grande's popular young ladies attended, bringing with them many beautiful and useful gifts.

The evening was spent at four tables of "500," high honors going to Miss Georgia Wade and Miss Velma Switzer winning the consolation prize. At the close of an extremely pleasant time delicious refreshments were served, which corresponded with the decorations wonderfully, representing Halloween.

Decorated in autumn vines and flowers and Mrs. Cochran presided herself an excellent hostess.

Mrs. L. M. Parker of Newberg, on route home from a three months visit in Indiana, spent Tuesday with Mrs. W. S. Parker of this city.

Hot Lake Celebrates Halloween

Hot Lake, (Special) — Interest of both guests and employees at the Hot Lake sanatorium this week has centered around a Halloween dance at which the latter group were hosts last night. They were also ghosts, having transformed the sheets into enveloping, flowing robes and the pillow slips into masks. Guests at the sanatorium have many of them joined the groups of employees who have devoted their evenings this week to the wholesale manufacturing of black cats, owls and witches.

Leering jack-o-lanterns, malignantly grinning black cats, owls who had forgotten their solemnity, and a full orange moon, all beamed down on the dancers, furnishing the light in the large ball room at the sanatorium. Ghosts and skeletons, witches and more black cats, and countless streamers of orange and black further added to the Halloween motif.

Although comparatively few of the patients needed for the affair, few who are able to be downstairs could not stay away from the ball room when Loney's orchestra started playing. Several of the group who attended the dance were new arrivals at the sanatorium, there having been a large number registered during the past week.

Ghosts ruled at the Pohrman home last evening, when Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pohrman and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Blanchard entertained a number of friends with a charming Halloween party. Ghosts were in the receiving line and ushered the guests from one room to the other showing them the many miracles of Halloween.

The evening was spent at four tables of cards with high honors going to Mrs. Bob Young and Roy Pohrman.

Before the close of the evening a delicious supper was served with covers placed for 16 guests and a witch's cauldron for the centerpiece, with streamers going to each plate with the individual's fortune. The menu was planned carefully and corresponded in every respect with the decorations to represent Halloween.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Halley Sprous, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Young, Roy Pohrman, Emmet Smith, Georgia Stringham, Mildred Jewel, and Mr. and Mrs. George Andrews.

Mrs. George T. Cochran very charmingly entertained the Wednesday Bridge club yesterday afternoon at the Country club with a delicious bridge luncheon, after which the afternoon was spent at four tables of bridge, the guest prize going to Mrs. H. E. Dixon and the club prize to Mrs. Frank Lilly.

The tea tables were beautifully

Fashion Notes

Pale Beige Hosiery.
Paris.—Hosiery in pale beige tones has proved a favorite, practically ousted stockings in brighter and more decided tints. Often an all black costume will be relieved today by beige stockings and gloves.

Wear Hair Low.
Paris.—There is a tendency today to wear the hair very low on the neck. Some times the knot is almost down on the shoulders. With this effect goes a very plain arrangement in front and just a little plain dab of hair over each ear.

Oriental Wrist Bags.
London.—Wrist bags, finely leaded, are being made now in oriental designs. Some of them closely follow the pattern of Persian carpets, both in design and colors. The leade are so that an effect of embroidery is produced.

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Aviators Will Make Pictures of Active Volcano in Hawaii

HONOLULU, T. H., (AP)—Attempts to take aerial photographs and observations of gas and heat directly above the continuously active pit of Halemauau in the volcano of Kilauea on the island of Hawaii, will be made by army aviators in the near future it has been announced by headquarters of the Hawaiian Department.

This, it is believed, will be the first time in history that airplanes will be used for the purpose. The photographs and observations will be used by scientists.

Work will be started immediately on a landing field and airfield at the Hawaii National Park, which includes

the volcano. The air survey of the volcano will consume several months. The aviators also will photograph Hilo harbor and other strategic points on the island.

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Geo. H. Currey
"REALTORS"

Should Freight Rates Be Reduced At The Expense Of Good Service?



Editorial in Chicago Tribune, August 25, 1923, entitled "Freight Rates and Commodity Prices:"

The head of the Carnegie Institute at Pittsburgh, told a gathering of farmers that if the manufacturers of machinery, clothing, house furnishings and other commodities would reduce prices 2 per cent this would reduce the farmer's expenses as much as a 25 per cent reduction in freight rates. So would a reduction of 1 per cent in interest on loans.

"The trouble with that proposition is that the freight rates may be reduced—possibly—by political pressure; commodities and interest not so readily.

"But that is a consideration the farmer will ponder very carefully, if they look to the future. They may be able to force a reduction in freight rates by using their influence upon the machinery of regulation, but if that reduces the efficiency of transportation the immediate advantage will be swallowed up sooner or later, probably sooner. Regulation, unless it is constructive, unless in the long run it builds up the railroads, is not in the farmer's interest. As his political leaders do not discuss that much, it is up to the farmer to look it up for himself. Just freight rates should be worked for, but a rate that is inadequate to the carrier is not just to the farmer, though he may think it is until he begins to pay the price of inadequate service."

A railway rate reduction sufficient to enable a shipper to make a substantial saving on a freight bill would, if made effective now, impair the earning power of every western railroad and threaten the solvency of some. All that a railway buys,—labor, coal, forest products, steel articles, etc., still range at peak prices, and rates cannot safely be lowered until there is a reduction in these costs.

Eighty-eight cents of the railway dollar is required for wages, fuel, supplies, taxes and rentals. A 10 per cent rate reduction would wipe out all profit and injure the credit of lines which have nothing saved up for a rainy day.

The Government turned the railroads back to their owners in 1920 with an average operating deficit of \$45,000,000 a month, which had been paid from the Federal treasury. Now, the railroads have no such recourse.

The increase in railroad freight rates is less than the increase in other prices.

In January, 1923, the average freight rate of the western railroads was only 36 per cent higher than in 1913, while the average wholesale price of all farm products was 42 per cent higher and the average wholesale price of all commodities 56 per cent higher.

Fluctuations in prices for farm products cannot be laid at the door of the railroad, since between June, 1922, and June, 1923, under the same transportation conditions, wheat declined 10 cents a bushel in price and corn improved 19 cents.

The depressed condition of the farmer, and particularly the wheat grower, has been of great concern to the railways, as well as to the public, but happily all signs point to a material improvement. "The estimated income of the farms of America for 1923 is a billion dollars in excess of their income in 1922" (Advertisement, The Capper Farm Press, October 8, 1923).

And the last annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission says: "Manifestly, existing rates are no longer interfering with the free flow of commerce as a whole."

Give the railroads a chance. Don't less their usefulness by impairing their earning power. They are spending more than a billion dollars this year not from earnings but of new money to put their properties in condition to better serve the public and to prevent car shortages—this because they believe in the inherent fairness of the American people and their willingness to pay what good service is worth. Starved railroads, like starved horses, cannot do good work. It is axiomatic that compensatory rate with good service are preferable to cheaper rates with poor service.

Constructive suggestions are always welcome.

C. R. GRAY,
President

Omaha, Nebraska,
November 1, 1923.

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