

# WOMEN'S INTEREST

## NEWS of SOCIETY

One of the most delightful affairs of the season took place yesterday afternoon, when Mrs. A. L. Richardson entertained the Lucky Thirteen club at her beautiful home on O avenue. The afternoon was spent at a bridge, with the club prize going to Mrs. W. G. Sawyer and the guest prize to Mrs. J. F. O'Connell. Other guests present were Mrs. Cornelia Barker Carver, of Portland, and Mrs. Donald Paule.

Mrs. Richardson's living room was exquisitely decorated in gorgeous yellow chrysanthemums and during the afternoon a delicious luncheon was served, with a beautiful centerpiece of short pink carnations adorning the dining table. Mrs. Richardson was assisted in serving by her niece, Miss Adelaide Ruth Clark.

Misses Lois Nelson and Dorothy Brownlow, pupils of Miss Hilda Anger, will be presented in a piano recital Sunday, December 9, at the library auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

The next Country club dance will be in the form of a New Year's Eve Party. Extensive plans are being made, which will be announced later.

The Presbyterian Men's club had an unusually interesting meeting last evening, when they met at the home of Dr. Ray Murphy, with H. E. Coolidge as speaker. The subject of the evening was "Federal Reserve Banks," and Mr. Coolidge proved to be well learned along this line.

About twenty men were present and at the close of the meeting a delicious luncheon was served.

The Rebecca lodge has postponed its costume party until Saturday, December 15.

A delightful party was given last evening at the Scarborough home, when a group of friends and relatives met and spent a pleasant evening of cards and dancing. During the evening delicious refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Holmes of La Grande, left on 22 Thursday en route for Portland, where they will spend the week-end visiting friends.

A pleasant time was enjoyed by all yesterday afternoon, when Mrs. J. J. Pearson entertained the J. B. Card club. The afternoon was spent at cards with high honors going to Mrs. Clarence Bunting and the consolation prize going to Mrs. Stravens. During the afternoon a delicious two course luncheon was served by the charming hostess.

The club will meet next with Mrs. C. Bunting, on December 29, at her home in the Foley apartments.

### REDUCTION OF TAXES IS MELLON PLEA

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October 21. The record, he said, was one brought about "only by the most rigid economy and the application of business principles to the government's finances." On the present basis of taxation and expenditure, he cited an estimated treasury surplus next July of about \$229,000,000, and a possible surplus in the year after of \$235,000,000.

"High taxation," the report continued, "even if levied upon an economic basis affects the prosperity of the country, because its ultimate analysis the burden of all taxes rests only in part upon the individual or property taxed. It is borne by the ultimate consumer. High taxation means a high price level and high cost of living. It can safely be said that reduction in the income tax reduces expenses not only of the 7,000,000 income tax payers but of the entire 110,000,000 people of the United States."

As to the reduction in the surtax rate, Mr. Mellon said that the history of taxation throughout the world indicated that "means have always been found by the ingenuity of the citizen to avoid taxes in herentely excessive." It was significant, he said, that the large incomes reported for taxation were decreasing in number each year, those over \$200,000 being 249 in 1921 as compared with 295 the year before. The estates of wealthy, he pointed out, were flowing into tax exempt securities. The treasury actuary, he continued, estimated that the reduction of the surtax to the 25 per cent maximum against a present maximum ranging up to 50 per cent, would actually increase by 1924, amounts which the government receives, the lower rate being more than compensated for by the additional volume of tax paid.

Mr. Mellon advocated also the reduction of federal taxation on estates after death, on the ground that this tax was taken "not out of income but out of capital," with cumulative confiscatory effect.

To general business aspects Mr. Mellon directed the comment that improvement from the 1921 depression had been noted for a year. Sufficient credit at reasonable rates had been available through banks, and he concluded that present activity presented the appearance of being "sound and stable." The future of agricultural sections to share in the betterment, however was noted.

Federal land banks, the secretary said, had loaned \$23,572,000 during the year on land mortgages. Their total loans outstanding was placed at \$789,794,194, while farm loan associations, through which their business is primarily conducted,

had increased in number during the fiscal year from 4,388 to 4,535.

Taking up the liquor question Mr. Mellon said that the nation which formerly had consumed 130,000,000 gallons of whiskey a year, had now in bonded warehouses only 25,000,000 gallons altogether. Withdrawal from the supply during the past year was only 1,700,000 gallons. The treasury's request for a \$25,000,000 appropriation to increase the Coast Guard, the secretary said, might assist to "cut down to a minimum the operation of the rum smugglers who seek to replace the vanished home product with the spirits of other lands."

Public building needs, in the country at large and in Washington, the report said, required "a carefully considered building program." The postponement of construction because of recent high costs in erection enterprises could not always be continued, it added, with annual federal expenditures for rentals amounting to \$20,000,000 and increasing. Construction planning that would eliminate any tendency to distribute buildings on a political basis was urged.

If Mrs. Belmont's expectation of seeing a woman in the White House is realized, there will at least be the chance for more men to become the first gentleman in the land.

### AMBUSH TO BE A LAUGHMAKER

"Ever hear of Magnificus Oil?" remarked a member of the Neighborhood Club today.

"Not well, come to the high school auditorium next Tuesday evening and you will. If you have ever bought any oil stock for any other kind of stock for that matter you will thoroughly appreciate the get-rich-quick oil salesman in Arthur Richman's 'great American play'."

Ambush, as presented by the Circuit Players company of the Moroni Olson players under the auspices of the Neighborhood Club.

The oil salesman, during the comedy, says "Some people would call it luck, the way I got into this thing. But it isn't luck, it's grasping an opportunity. Here's a chance, the chance of a lifetime, perhaps. Opportunity comes once to every man, and my judgment tells me Magnificus Oil can't go wrong.—Speculation! It's no more a speculation than buying United States Treasury certificates. It means enormous profits without risk—etc." which is some line, at the most.

The Neighborhood Club believe that they have an excellent drama coming in "Ambush" and are expecting the play to "go over the top big."

Reserved seats will go on sale within a few days, definite announcements to be made later.

### Miss Minifred Bryd To Appear at Arcade Theater On December 13.

Miss Winifred Bryd, Oregon's own nationally recognized pianist will appear in recital at the Arcade theatre on the evening of December 13. At her recent appearance in New York the N. Y. Mail has the following article:

Many of our favorite pianists have bobbed hair, among them Winifred Bryd, who played in Seattle last night. She is a vital young woman whose slender person has enough temperament to supply two average artists.

In her rose gown she might have been one of the gay figures in Schumann's "Faschingsschwank aus Wien," whose carnival scenes she tossed off vigorously, with captivating abandon. Sometimes she feels that Miss Bryd is almost too strong, but her tone sings an incandescent song. She did some of her best playing in the fairy-like Chopin preludes, and there was the crispulcous "Harlequin" of Scriabin-Volton for another humor.

## La Grande Theatres

Last Showing Of Double Bill At Sherrys Theater Is Today.

A glorious tribute to the man you ought to know, your letter carrier, such is "Loyal Lives," a Whitman Bennett production distributed by Vitagraph. And it's just the kind of picture you and I like to see. Spiced with acts of daring, a remarkable railway mail train hold-up, and a post office hold-up follow. Terrence and his father capture the thieves in each instance, and are cleared of all stains. Tom wins Perry despite objections of his parents.

Brandon Tynan, as Daniel O'Brien, makes the finest portrayal of a character ever seen on the screen. His work as the letter carrier is remarkably realistic and human. Mary Carr, famed for her portrayal of the mother role, is at her best as Mary O'Brien, the suffering, loving wife.

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Mary Mazurel, his adopted daughter, in whose favor Argyle has just made a new will.

Bruce Argyle, son of the murdered man, who has just had a violent quarrel with his father because of his marriage, and was disinherited.

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### The Neighborhood Club Presents

## The Moroni Olson Players

# "AMBUSH"

The famous drama of American home life by Arthur Richman

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er with a long criminal record, a sample of whose spurious money was found in a drawer of Argyle's desk.

Which one of these four is guilty, or whether it was still another person who killed the millionaire, is the problem confronting the detective, and he solves it in a brilliant and surprising manner.

### Exciting Pirate Theme Throbs in the "Eleventh Hour" At Star Theater.

The pirate theme, which has been the keynote of numerous picture successes during recent years and which bids fair to be revived by producers during the present season, has been used as the center of action and interest in the Lincoln J. Carter melodrama, "The Eleventh Hour," a Fox special which opens a three-day engagement at the Star Theatre today.

Instead of the three-man and rising of tradition, they ply their trade in a modern twentieth century submarine, the use of which was obtained from the United States Navy.

Charles Jones, virile hero of many a successful picture of the West and petite, charming Shirley Mason are the stars. June Kildee, a former star in her own right, is also in the cast with Alan Hale, noted "heavy," Edward Martin, Richard Tucker, Walter McGrail and Frederick Kelsey.

### "Omar the Tentmaker" Surpasses Stage Play; Now Showing At the Arcade.

Local film history was made yesterday at the Arcade Theatre on the occasion of the first showing in this vicinity of Guy Bates Post in "Omar the Tentmaker." Written and produced by Richard Walton Tully, this first Na-

tional attraction surpasses even the high standard set by producer and star in their first motion picture, "The Masquerader" which was seen here some time ago. "Omar the Tentmaker" will be remembered as a highly successful stage play which ran for over four solid years and was seen in every principal city in this country. The film surpasses the play not only in the great latitude possessed by the screen for ensemble effects and atmosphere, but also in the quality of the characterizations as portrayed by the star and the supporting players.

It is a story of the universality of love and reveals Omar Khayyam as a far more interesting personage than we have been led to believe from the Fitzgerald translations of the Persian poet's quatrains. Omar, as Post portrays him and as Tully writes him, is not the mere stambler he is popularly conceived; instead we see him as a philosopher, poet and scientist of the highest order, whose pronouncements rank in dignity with the other leaders of philosophical thought, whose poems have a quality that has made them endure the test of time and whose scientific achievements include the inventing of the first practicable calendar.

Throughout the story of the film runs a truly beautiful tale of the love between Omar and Shireen, whom he loses through the noxious desires of the Shah or Shaha, only to be reunited after many years, finding happiness together after countless vicissitudes and hardships. A secondary love theme almost as beautiful as this passage binds together the hearts of young Shireen and the Christian Crusader, who had been captured by the Zoroastrian fanatics.

### NEWS "DEADLINES"

Due to the fact that the Evening Observer is now issuing the daily edition at a slightly earlier hour than formerly, several "deadlines" have been established that cannot be disregarded.

In order to make this clear to the public it must be stated that all local news in brief and personal mentions must be in the hands of the news editor before eleven o'clock each morning. Society news must not be sent in for publication the same day after 9:30 o'clock and the society editor would appreciate it if all social news was in her hands by nine o'clock.

News stories, unless they be of major importance, of local happenings, cannot be handled after the noon hour.

After the noon hour the Associated Press dispatches occupy the time of the news floor and the composing room.

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Adventure and romance abound in this film. Naturally, also, it is filled with the color of Persia at the same time of its greatest glory; and, in fact, some of the scenes rival in immensity and scope anything the screen has ever given us.

Post's portrayal of Omar as a youth and as a middle-aged man are veritable gems of characterization, and his leading woman, Virginia Brown Faire, wins new laurels in the role of Shireen. The other members of the cast are entitled to unstated credit for their performances.

With the picture given the proper musical interpretation on the big Robert-Morton organ and a late Fox News of interesting events this program should please the most fastidious.



## SILK HOSE FOR HER CHRISTMAS

Yes, several pair will be more to her liking; especially if they were as high in quality and exquisite in coloring as this special Holiday showing of Silk Hose, in chiffon, medium and winter weights at—

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## SHERRY'S LAST DAY

### DOUBLE FEATURE BILL

# "LOYAL LIVES"

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## Personal Mention

Mrs. P. M. Keller of Portland, returned home after a short visit in Enterprise.

Mrs. C. L. McKinley of Vancouver, Wash., returned to her home after spending a few days in La Grande visiting.

J. B. Hales of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed through La Grande last evening on his way to California, where he will spend the winter.

Mrs. F. B. Brooks of Pleasant Valley, arrived in La Grande for a short visit.

Mrs. H. Penrod of Centralia, Washington, returned to her home after spending several months in Salt Lake City.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Tallman of Baker, are combining business and pleasure in this city today. They are stopping at the Savoy.

H. Valley, who makes his home in Haines, is transacting business in La Grande today.

P. R. Greenwood of Pendleton was registered among the Pendleton guests at the Foley last evening.

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Rheinhardt, Grischowski and Samuel Smith of Fruitdale, Idaho, were registered among the tourists at the Savoy last evening.

M. G. Kennedy of Holms, was registered among the guests at the Foley last evening.

J. F. Havenscroft is down from Wallawa today on business and is registered at the Foley.



What do I want for Christmas?— You think I'll say candy and toys. —'Course I will, 'cause I like 'em. —Just like all other boys. —But I don't care for too much of either. —If you'll allow me to choose There's one thing I hope you'll not forget —That's a pair of hi-top shoes.

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