

WOMEN'S INTEREST

NEWS of SOCIETY

Interesting Musical Program

The musical program presented at the Neighborhood club meeting Tuesday afternoon delighted a large audience, who were glad of the opportunity to hear several young and talented musicians, who have recently come to make their homes in La Grande. Mrs. H. A. Zurbick, leader for the day, gave a brief sketch of the following composers, who belong to the Roman Catholic school: Schuman, Liszt, Schubert, Mendelssohn and Chopin, and the following program featured compositions of these well known and loved musicians: The first number, "The Carnival," Schuman and "The Nightingale," Liszt, was followed by two vocal numbers by Lawrence Dutton, Schubert's "Serenade," with violin obligato by Mrs. Florence Lynch Miller and "The Garland," by Mendelssohn, accompanied by Mrs. George Birnie on the piano. Miss Edith Nichols was next on the program with two beautiful piano numbers, "Magarika, B Minor," and "Prelude C Minor," both by Chopin. Miss Ann Schell closed the program with a group of lovely songs.

The whole program was given with unusually fine effect and was a rare treat for those present.

Thursday, December 13, the Allied Ladies Aid Society will meet for a business and social afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. M. F. VanHousen, at Albee. Mrs. W. R. Ledbetter, as chairman of the December social committee, will have charge of a fitting holiday program, in which the spirit of Christmas will be emphasized. Mrs. Ed. Murphy, Mrs. J. Rossini and Mrs. Irvin Moss will assist. Mrs. VanHousen in serving lunch at the close of the program.

Word has been received in La Grande of the marriage at Kimball, Nebraska, of Miss Helen Verona Woodbridge, of Sidney, Nebraska, to Charles Glenn Brock, of Los Angeles, California. Mr. Brock was a resident of the Grande Bande for about a year and many of his friends here are sending him congratulations.

Cove. (Special) — The Ladies Guild was entertained at the home of Mrs. J. P. Dean Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Frank Miller and Miss Kelly being the hostesses. After a short business meeting the afternoon was spent playing bridge. Mrs. T. R. Conklin winning high honors and Mrs. T. W. Conklin taking second prize. During the afternoon a delicious luncheon was served by the charming hostesses.

Those present were Mrs. T. R. Herty, Mrs. A. H. Orton, Mrs. T. W. Conklin, Mrs. L. R. Carter, Mrs. J. C. Conklin, Mrs. R. H. Daniel, Mrs. G. E. Barker, Mrs. Eva Tompkins, Mrs. Frank Miller, Miss Bess Kelly, Mrs. T. R. Conklin, Mrs. C. Bertsch and Mrs. C. Heryford.

The departmental president, Mrs. E. P. Borria, of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary of Oregon, has announced the executive committee's appointment of department standing committees for the ensuing year. For chairman of the Department Welfare and Hospital Relief Committee, Mrs. A. C. Hogsett of Portland; American Legion Auxiliary Child Welfare, Mrs. Paul Bartholomy, Portland; Legislative, Mrs. Carl E. Wimberly, Roseburg; Americanization, Mrs. Leona Chastice, La Grande; Construction, Mrs. Marie K. Evans, Newberg; and Publicity, Mrs. Walter Asplund, Marshfield.—Pacific Legion.

The Women's Educational Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, December 18, with Mrs. H. E. Dixon, 1310 Second street, as hostess.

The Business Women's club will meet tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock, in the Neighborhood club rooms. After a short business meeting a program will be given and a social hour enjoyed.

Along with the disbandment of many other clubs until after the

For That Xmas Present

- Carving Sets
- Thermos Bottle
- Sleds - Wagons
- Tricycles
- Flashlights
- Pocket Knives

F.L. Lilly
Hardware

holidays, an announcement was made today that the Kaffee Klatch club will also postpone its meetings until after the Christmas season.

The Lucky Thirteen club will meet Thursday, December 20, with Mrs. W. G. Sawyer as hostess.

The Rebecca Lodge will give a continue party Saturday, December 15. A good time is anticipated and all members are cordially invited to be present.

Miss Pauline Woodell and Glyn Howard, both popular young people of La Grande, were married in Baker, Oregon, yesterday afternoon. The young couple will spend approximately two weeks in Idaho, after which they will return to La Grande to make their home.

The telephone girls of La Grande will give their annual dance tomorrow evening in Zuber hall at which time they are planning an event of very prominent social importance. The young ladies once each year give this social event and they invite the general public. It is their pleasure to entertain the public in this way and many people who have received the faithful service given by girls at the central office are pained each year to attend and enjoy the evening. Decorations such as a number of young ladies can get up will beautify the hall's interior and a special program of dance music will be rendered.

SANTA CLAUS 'ON WHEELS'

PORTLAND. (Special) — "Mamma, doesn't Santa Claus ever come to a railroad train?"

The innocent query, made by one of a number of children on the U. S.-Los Angeles Limited last Christmas gave Santa Claus a boost and this year Santa Claus will make good on childhood's fondest expectations.

For the announcement is made by William McMurray, General Passenger Agent of the Union Pacific System at Portland that every through train on its line is to have a Christmas tree, together with a full complement of candy, toys and all of the fixings necessary for a real Christmas Eve celebration.

And that means that the venerable saint will have to catch 25 different trains speeding at a mile a minute across widely separated portions of the West, bearing not only a big tree, but a large pack that contains everything necessary to make it a treasure chest of good Christmas fun. On each pack will be the address:

"For the kiddies who have to travel on Christmas. With the holiday greetings of the Union Pacific System."

Both operating and traffic departments of the railroad are co-operating to see that Santa doesn't miss a single train that carries an observation car, and a large staff has been especially assigned to assist in seeing that the huge amount of presents and trimmings necessary are properly distributed and waiting at the various strategic points along the U. P. lines where the many trains can best be caught.

The Portland Limited will be started from Portland by Santa on the 24th and other trains will be met at Ogden, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles, Portland, Cheyenne, Denver, North Platte, Kansas City and Omaha.

The Christmas Red Cross Seal sale, for the aid of tuberculosis patients, is progressing nicely in Union county, according to Mrs. William Grandy, chairman of the Neighborhood club committee in charge of the work here. She is in North Powder today completing the county organization. Kamela, Hilma and Mowham were organized yesterday with Mrs. Pete Dinavir, Vic Arnoldus and Mrs. Ethel Thomas selected as leaders in the three towns, respectively.

Postoffice sales here yesterday amounted to \$17.78. Mrs. Tackington's Sunday school class, consisting of Irene Spencer, Katharine Buckley, Virginia Worn, Bertha Bantz and Helen Bray have sold \$12 worth of seals and pledged themselves for \$5 more.

Mrs. Robert Smith and Mrs. E. R. Guy are selling in the postoffice this morning with Mrs. L. B. Moe and Mrs. Robert Eakin selling this afternoon. Both groups under charge of Mrs. Grace Hesse.

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ped up to the window and handed her a small card. On the card was written this message:

"Give me \$200 in two seconds or you are a dead cashier."

Woman Shows Pluck
When she made no motion to comply with his request he said, savagely, "You can read, can't you? This is what I use."

And he laid a big blue revolver on the ledge of the ticket window.

"Use it. Go ahead and shoot if you want to," replied Mrs. Carpenter, much to his surprise.

For a moment he hesitated, and then an expression of defeat came over his face.

"It's not because I haven't got the nerve, but you're too good looking," he said.

And with that he turned and fled west on Washington street.

Mrs. Carpenter summoned Struble. One passer-by later said he saw a young man at the ticket window but thought he was simply arguing about a pass.

Sends Note
Struble decided that the man was "gone away" and chalked it up as a closed incident. But Monday morning he received a letter written on Y. M. C. A. stationery in a good hand and the words on the whole correctly spelled. The bandit expressed himself in the letter as follows:

"In order that you won't believe your ticket clerk had a bad dream or nightmare, about 9:20 this evening, let me say that you have been to thank for saving you \$200. God knows I would not shoot a defenseless girl, but if there had been a man in there he would have some acres, or I would have potted him sure. Your clerk called my bluff and I was too squeamish to shoot. I guess she didn't think she had the nerve to do that and anyway about it. Well, better luck next time. Please convey my regards and admiration to the young lady, and tell the police to look out for yours truly."

(Signed) "X. Z."

U. S. INDIANS INCREASING, ARE RICHER

By Harry Ward, International News Service Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON. — Contrary to popular belief, the Indian population in the United States is increasing, rather than falling off, according to figures made public here by Charles H. Burke, United States Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in his annual report to Secretary of the Interior.

The population of the Indians in the United States, exclusive of Alaska, is now 244,302, Burke said compared with 240,917 in 1922. The present population is an increase of 3,385 since 1922.

The total value of the individual and tribal property of American Indians at the close of the last fiscal year on June 30 was placed at \$1,910,870,519, a gain of \$282,124,172 over the preceding year and \$240,928,258 more than in 1912. In the total for June 30, 1923, is included the value of oil, gas, coal and other minerals estimated at \$250,000,000.

Education is a specialty, among the Indians were stressed by Commissioner Burke. He said the number of eligible Indian children not in school was reduced by more than 5,000 during the year, while special attention is being given to

home economics and home building by special supervisors.

The most difficult health problem in caring for the Indians is the prevention of trachoma, pneumonia and tuberculosis, the Commissioner said, and he urged the need of additional sanatoriums, schools and general hospitalization with some increase of nurses and field matrons. He also recommended a hospital for crippled children.

The operation and maintenance of 50 irrigation projects was continued in Indian reservations during the year. Further undertakings included the restoration to cultivation of about 9,000 acres of Pueblo lands in New Mexico; the drilling of additional wells on the Navajo and Hopi reservations; lining the main canal on the Salt River project, Arizona, to conserve water for 1,000 acres more; the construction of a dam across the Gila River, Arizona, that will provide irrigation for 35,000 acres of Indian lands, and other projects in the Southwest.

Work began on the Fort Hall Reservation, Idaho, will provide irrigation for 52,000 acres, and agreements effected with the Empire Irrigation District of Bancroft, Idaho, will furnish water for about 50,000 acres of Indian lands in that state.

Other construction under way will add largely to water supplies on the Shoshone Reservation, Wyoming; the Yakima Reservation, Washington; and the Crow Reservation, Montana.

The Chippewas of Minnesota were provided with additional school facilities, physicians and further rationing for the old. A commission appointed by the Department awarded them \$1,490,195.20 as due for lands and timber taken for the Minnesota National Forest.

The report shows a substantial increase in the number of Indians farming in their cultivated acreage. In the use of modern machinery. There was a marked recovery from the depression of livestock interests.

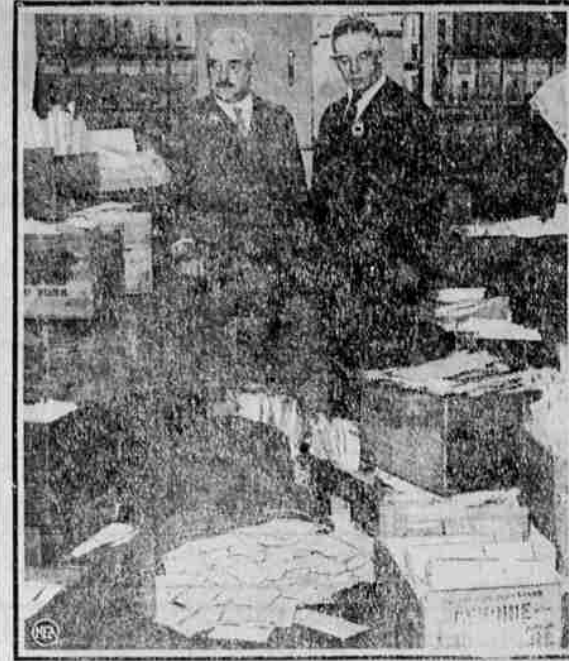
The year's lossings for oil and gas mining exceeded 300,000 acres the gross oil production was about 54,000,000 barrels and the revenue to the Indians from existing leases was approximately \$27,000,000. In the Osage Reservation, Oklahoma, 67,864 acres were offered for lease, 48,031 acres selling for a bonus of \$14,246,000. Several 160-acre tracts sold for more than \$1,000,000 each, the highest price paid for any one tract being \$1,325,000. The Osages received \$20,572,111.14 from existing oil and gas leases. In the Five Civilized Tribes leases for oil and gas mining embraced 197,546 acres, and the total oil and gas revenue was \$5,291,908.42.

Special effort made during the year to draw attention to the opportunities for successful logging and milling operations on Indian reservations resulted in favorable sales on the Quinalt and Colville reservations, in the State of Washington. Commissioner Burke said, and also in Oregon, Montana and Idaho. The lumber sales totaled \$7,000,000.

Girl Couldn't Stand Clothes to Touch Her

"My father got me a bottle of Mayr's Wonderful It really for stomach trouble and I am feeling so much better since taking it. My stomach was so painful I couldn't stand my clothes to touch me." It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allows the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. At all druggists.—Adv.

Yours There?



Commissioner Cuno and Collector of Taxes Towers, Wash. D.C., look with dismay at the thousands of income tax checks that have poured in. They have advised the public to keep enough money in the bank to cover the checks, because it may be some time before they are all collected.

Personal Mention

Lyle H. Peterson, George Walker and Elmo A. Peterson, of Parma, Idaho, were registered among the guests at the Foley last evening.

Mrs. Chetwood of Enterprise, was registered at the Foley last evening. She is down on a short shopping trip.

Harry H. Clements was among the Enterprise guests who were registered at the Savoy last evening.

W. F. Gray is down from Kanonia today on a short business and pleasure trip and is stopping at the Savoy.

Mrs. Glenn Shered was among the Wallowa guests at the Savoy last evening.

Boise was represented among the guests at the Savoy last evening by H. R. Jarvis.

W. A. Doherty is down from Milton today attending to business interests and is registered at the Sommer.

F. D. Sullivan of Pendleton, was registered at the Sommer last evening.

Mrs. Rhodes and grand-daughter, Ethel Mae Grandy, returned last evening after spending several weeks in Spokane with relatives.

Baker was represented among the guests at the Foley last evening by G. P. Lilly.

C. Garner came down from Joseph last evening on a short business trip and is stopping among the guests at the Foley.

R. F. Otis of Boise, Idaho, is among the business visitors in La Grande today. He is stopping at the Sommer.

Pete Wall is over from Union today transacting business and is registered at the Savoy.

Miss Oswald of La Grande, left last evening for Huntington, where she will visit relatives for a short time.

F. J. Hamsley of The Dalles, returned to his home after a short visit in Baker.

Mrs. T. Oliver of La Grande, returned to her home from Hot Lake, where she spent yesterday visiting.

Franklin Staples of La Grande, returned to his home from Baker, where he spent the week-end with his parents.

Mrs. J. J. Messier of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed through La Grande last evening on route to Los Angeles, where she will spend several months visiting.

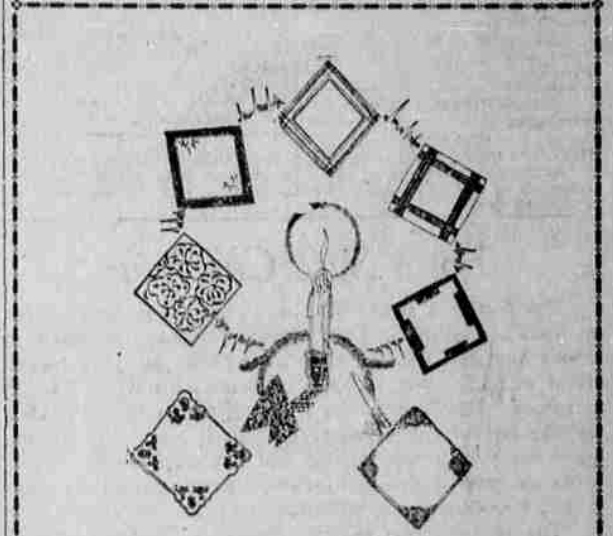
Mrs. B. Beacham of Hillgard, returned to her home after a short visit in La Grande.

J. B. Howard of La Grande, left last evening for Spokane on a few days' business trip.

It's too late now for a third party. The old parties have grabbed all the good grievances.

Every community has a man who is made chairman of everything because nobody else is willing to do the work. It's a shame to fire a policeman because of stupidity, when it is so easy to transfer him to the detective squad.

Increased costs encourage the development of substitutes for almost everything except living.



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Perfect showers of Hankies might fall on a woman at Christmas and she would never protest for she loves the dainty trifles. Soft linen squares are made lovelier by hand embroidery. Round Hankies of voile are made more gay by luscious colors. And these are only two of the hordes of Hankies that are qualified for Christmas giving.

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