

WOMEN'S INTEREST

NEWS of SOCIETY

The Alpha club held their first meeting of the New Year yesterday at the home of Mrs. H. E. Dixon. Bridge was played at four tables, the guest prize going to Mrs. H. M. Bay and the club prize to Mrs. George T. Cochran.

The New Year spirit was in evidence everywhere, with a clever centerpiece in the form of a Kewpie doll, representing the New Year descending by parachute, bringing New Year greetings to all. At the close of a delightful afternoon a delicious luncheon was served by the charming hostess.

The Mission Band of the Presbyterian church will meet at the home of Mrs. A. Anderson, 507 Adams avenue, tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. All members and friends are requested to be present.

The Lucky Thirteen club started the New Year with a delightful meeting given at the home of Mrs. John Theisen. The afternoon was spent at three tables of bridge, with the club prize going to Mrs. Bruce Dennis and the guest prize to Mrs. A. V. Andrews.

The rooms were beautifully decorated in a color scheme of pink and blue and during the afternoon a delicious two course luncheon was served by the charming hostess.

The meeting of the Girls' Friendly Society Wednesday evening, at the Honan hall, was opened by the Girl Friendly Service, after which the regular business meeting took place, followed by the election of officers for the coming year. Those elected were Eleanor Cleaver, president; Margaret Higgs, vice president; Ethel Ebel, secretary, and Mrs. P. A. Pratt, branch secretary and treasurer. After these officers were installed Mrs. Pratt read the annual report, which was followed by an address by Mrs. Randolph on "Personal Experience in Armenia." As the result of Mrs. Randolph's talk, the G. F. S. adopted another orphan, a little boy in the Near East by the name of John.

One of the most successful meetings ever held was closed by a short time in dancing and pleasant social visiting.

The annual meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of the Zion Lutheran church, met at the home of Mrs. John Lotter, 1302 Fourth street Wednesday. The report of the year took place, the treasurer telling the amount of money the society had and that \$100.00 had been turned over to the parsonage fund. Officers were elected for the coming year, the following being chosen: President, Mrs. Ferdinand Jensen; vice president, Mrs. Nels Nelson; secretary, Mrs. Stittanger; and treasurer, Mrs. F. Wurl. The society agreed to send a delegate to the next convention of the Synodical Women's Missionary Society, which meets in Chehalis, Washington, on January 16th.

The Educational Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. H. E. Dixon, 1810 Second street, Tuesday, January 8, at 8 o'clock. Dr. Lee Bouvy will speak on "Personal Observation in Europe."

Fashion Notes

Striking Hat Ornaments.
Paris.—Two huge pear-shaped ornaments of jet, hung on four chains of brilliants, are attached—one on each side—to the latest black velvet hat. The hat is cloche in shape, and would be dumpy except for these striking additions.

Leopard Fur Fashionable.
London.—It seems as though all the leopards might soon be extinct, now that leopard fur is so fashionable.

Personal Mention

Miss Gladys Stevens came down from Enterprise last evening and is registered at the Foley for a few days.

A. S. Cooley was among the Enterprise guests at the Foley last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Hartwell of Boise, were registered at the Foley last evening.

Mrs. Kate Conley is over from Cove for a few days and while here is stopping at the Sommer.

William Bear and family of Enterprise, were registered at the Sommer last evening.

Mrs. W. E. Poole of Wallawa, is among the shoppers in this city today. She is stopping at the Foley while here.

O. P. May of Stanfield, is in the city today on a short business trip and while here is stopping at the Sommer.

Mrs. Edna Williams of Wallawa, left for Oakridge, Oregon, where she will make her future home.

Met Green of Enterprise is among the business visitors in this city today. While here Mr. Green

able. In addition to long and short coats of leopard skin, there is every sort of cloth and velvet wrap lined or trimmed with it.

Jaunty Little Muff.
London.—A very jaunty little muff—a muff very small indeed—is carried into the drawing room by some of the debutants these afternoons. The muff matches the fur with which the afternoon costume is trimmed.

Fussy White Fur Trim.
New York.—Young girls of school and college age today have adopted an attractive adjunct to their sports costumes. This is a fussy-tam-o-shanter of white fur.

Elephantskin Vestings.
New York.—Elephant skin is among the most recent materials to join alligator skin and python. The soft and pliable elephant skin is made into alluring vestings sometimes trimmed with squirrel, knobs of beaver, or mole.

One Shoulder Gown.
Paris.—The one-shoulder gown of a couple of seasons ago was the forerunner of the one-shoulder gown here now. There is a regular, though sleeveless, shoulder of the gown on this evening frock but the other shoulder ends well below the arm pit and descends upward to a mere chain of jewels.

ORCHESTRA TO BE BIG TREAT

Kansas City Symphony Orchestra to Be in La Grande Monday Evening, January 14th.

Only once before have the people of La Grande been privileged to hear a really high class Symphony Orchestra and that was when the New York Symphony played here to a packed house. This season, we are all fortunate in being able to hear the Kansas City Symphony Orchestra, which will appear at the Arcade Theatre on Monday evening, January 14th.

The Kansas City Symphony under the leadership of Mr. N. De Robertis has made a most enviable record and all the press reports



N. De Robertis
have been most favorable. Undoubtedly one of the big factors counting for the success of this Symphony is that Mr. De Robertis understands that most people like

Evening Gowns Gracefully Informal



Such an unusual trimming is found on some of the new evening gowns. It consists in long ties that begin on each shoulder, loop over each other and fall nearly to the hem. Another pretty evening dress shows the rather full drape that is formed by a skirt wrapped around from the back to one side instead of from front to one side as is the usual way.

"tunes" and he doesn't blame them for it. He loves melody himself and believes that the idea that to be good music it must be hard to understand and boring to listen to, is all a mistake. The "Little Symphonies" has twenty-two men and to all intents and purposes it is a real symphony orchestra. It has just as many different instruments but not so many men. That is the only difference.

Monday night, January 14th is the time, the Arcade Theatre is the place and the day the tickets go on sale will be announced shortly. It is certainly to be hoped that the people of this community will realize what this opportunity means to them and take advantage of it.

Living Costs Slightly Lower in Present Year

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dollars bought in 1920. If your income is the same as it was then you can enjoy the same standard of living and have one-fifth of your money left over.

"This decrease has not occurred in all items. If we examine the things considered by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor in making up their cost of living figures, we find that four have decreased, while two have increased during these past three years.

Food Costs Down.
"Food costs, for instance, have gone down about 22 per cent. The amount of food that could have been bought for a dollar in 1920 can now be had for sixty-eight cents. It is probable that the food costs in 1924 will remain about this same level. The long trend, however, is probably downward.

"The next important item is clothing, which has declined steadily from 1920 with the exception of a slight increase this last year. The total decline from a high point amounts to nearly 40 per cent. The fifty dollar suit of 1920 can be bought today for thirty dollars and the hundred dollar suit may be had for sixty dollars.

Housing Higher.
"Housing is one of the exceptions in the general trend of living costs and is now a greater burden to the family budget than it has been at any time during the past ten years. Rentals on the average this winter are about 18 per cent higher than in 1920 and about 65 per cent above the pre-war level. Housing costs move slowly and while the high point has probably been reached, the decline will be gradual. Fuel and light is another item that is held up with a tendency to increase during the past two years. The present level is just about the same as the average for the last half of 1923. Fuel and light still cost about 80 per cent more than in pre-war times.

"Furniture costs are about 23 per cent below the high point, and when we come to the all inclusive classification labeled "miscellaneous" we find that the average is almost as high as in 1920, an actual decrease of only about 5 per cent has been made.

Save \$200 Per \$1000.
"Looking ahead into 1924 we find that the average family man can now buy the things that cost him a thousand dollars in 1920 for about eight hundred dollars. His expenditures for food, clothing and furniture, and miscellaneous items are less than they were three years ago, but his housing and fuel costs are higher. During the next 12 months the largest reduction will probably come in fuel. Housing should be slightly lower but no great reductions can be looked for. The other items that go to make up living costs will remain at about their present levels with a possible slight downward tendency in special instances.

"General business activity as re-

flected in the Babsonchart is running at 3 per cent below normal and there is small foundation for a business boom that might send prices up again.

Discusses Stocks.
Discussing the probable effect of this outlook for living costs on the security market, Mr. Babson continued:

"The four most prominent groups of stocks representing companies whose products enter into the food budget are the meat packing stocks, the fruit packing, the sugar and the biscuit stocks. There is a wide difference in the position of these four groups. Meat packing and sugar stocks, broadly speaking, are relatively low. Biscuit and fruit packing stocks are relatively high. The first two groups have never fully recovered from the drastic readjustment of 1921 and 1922. The last two have been abnormally prosperous in the past two years and the stocks have reached record high levels and have not receded materially from those levels.

In looking for bargains one would naturally pass up the biscuit and fruit packing stocks purely from the standpoint of price, particularly so when this conclusion would be confirmed by the trend of general business conditions. In looking beneath the surface on the other hand, groups one is naturally brought to the conclusion that in spite of the relatively low price level there is little in prospect that would suggest any different trend than that of the stock market as a whole. Nothing would seem to be lost by pursuing a waiting policy."

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MEDICAL HAD COLD WEATHER

MEDICAL SPRINGS. (Special)
The New Year came in with a blizzard and temperature registering two below, the coldest weather this winter. The snow has drifted quite bad in places, although the Baker Medical stage makes good time with the roads in the condition they are.

Miss J. Cassidy returned to Medical Tuesday, after spending the holidays in Baker.

School started Wednesday, January 2, after an eleven day vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Chandler motored to Medical Saturday, returning home Sunday afternoon. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Chandler's brother, Vivian Kennedy, who will spend some time in La Grande visiting relatives and friends. Also Miss Mildred Kennedy returned to Union after spending the holidays at Medical.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. South motored to Union Sunday and spent the day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. South. Geo. reports that they are in the best of health this winter. Mr. and Mrs. South returned by the way of Baker.

A community dance was given Monday, December 31, at the Medical Springs school building. All reported a good time and a total of \$24.00 was turned over to the school clerk to finish the basement.

The many friends of L. Huffman were grieved to hear of his accident when a log rolled on him, nearly crushing him to death. His friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Segal Coffman are the proud parents of a baby daughter, born to them Friday, December 22.

Mrs. Hogg spent the week-end in Baker getting dental work done.

J. R. Wankler purchased several head of cattle from Mrs. Grande Johnson for O. Worsdon.

Mrs. T. E. Kennedy received a nice Christmas box of dates, figs, walnuts and candy from her brother, Albert Haller, of California.

Several Thousand to Attend Congress of Road Builders

CHICAGO, (AP)—Highway commissioners from many states of the country, representatives of the federal department, county road organizations and motor clubs are expected here January 14-18 for the annual congress and exposition of the American Road Builders' Association. Approximately 250 manufacturers of road building machinery have taken space for exhibits.

Together with contractors, material men and others interested in highway construction, preparation are being made for an attendance running into the thousands.

The bureau of public roads will have an exhibit consisting of both technical and practical road building details; the committee announce that the Association of State Highway Officials, in an exhibit, will show the status of federal aid work in the various states.

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tives in the school of agriculture here this term.

Harry M. Cleaver of Imbler is a candidate for a degree of bachelor of science in agriculture in June. He has majored in "marketing" and marketing a course designed to fit students for the marketing of staple and perishable farm products and to give them the legal and commercial training necessary to such an occupation. Mr. Cleaver is home president of the Kappa club and was representative to the bi-annual meeting in Chicago of Alpha Zeta, honorary agricultural

fraternity.

Frank A. Patis, son of Mrs. Patis-Hutchinson of La Grande, is registered junior in majoring in general agriculture.



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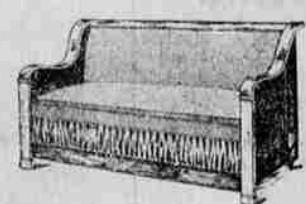
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