

NEWS of SOCIETY

A very attractive affair took place Saturday evening when Miss Ponda Hanks and Miss Myrtle Black were hostesses at a delightful dancing party at the M. I. A. hall. Twenty couples were in attendance and a very enjoyable evening was spent with excellent music furnished by Lindsay's orchestra.

A Japanese effect was very cleverly carried out in the decoration of the hall, many Japanese lanterns and incense burners being in evidence. Dance programs were of the same clever design, corresponding with the decorations. During the evening delicious refreshments were served.

The paragonage of the Christian church was the scene of a wedding Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock when La Tisha Mae Campbell and Joe Carlton were united in marriage with Reverend O. W. Jones officiating. The happy young couple will make La Grande their home.

The north side M. I. A. spent an enjoyable time Friday evening when a party was given at the club on Ash and J streets. Mrs. Seth Scorgin and Mr. Nelson were the officers in charge of the evening's entertainment and everyone had a good time. A very interesting program and dancing made up

Panels of Velvet



CHENILLE crepe, velvet and tulle make this gown a unique feature and contribute to the unusual effect. These combinations of materials are seen very generally in the fall collections and they are a boon to the home dress maker since they offer excellent opportunities for making over frocks. This outfit is carried out in brilliant

the main features of the evening.

Mrs. Sherwood Williams will be hostess to the Ladies Aid Society of the First Methodist Episcopal church Wednesday afternoon, September 17.

Fashion Notes

Wash Black Stockings Back.
Paris.—Manufacturers of hosiery are making a determined effort to bring the black stocking into fashion again. In many ways the black stocking is the most sensible hosiery, which perhaps is why women still seem to prefer light beige and skin tints.

Show Linen Lingerie.
Paris.—Lingerie of fine white linen is shown in many of the smart shops today. It usually is embroidered with little baskets of flowers, delightfully done.

"Prince" Blue for Women.
London.—Men are not going to have a monopoly of prince of Wales blue. Over blouses for women, in soft cambrics and crepes, are being made in this attractive shade.

Bag Beaded With Brilliance.
London.—One wrist bag shown here today intended to set off a semi-formal black evening frock, is beaded with brilliant. Its effect under electric light is almost dazzling.

Red Continues in Favor.
New York.—The almost universal touch of red continues much in favor today. But it is only the women, young or old, with a very good complexion, who can successfully wear Venetian red.

Children's Frocks More Simple.
New York.—Frocks for the very little lady—of, say, 2 or 3 years—are growing more and more simple. The accepted frock of the moment is white, barely trimmed with a bit of lace, preferably of the fanciful sort which has a pussy cat pattern.

Red Trimmings on Shoes.
New York.—Among the shoes seen on the avenue now are some in black kid with touches of bright red here and there. The heels are red, the toe tip, and the straps. These shoes are effective with a black costume.

"Water Opals" Worn.
New York.—No bit of jewelry is more extraordinary than the imported "water opals." These little stones are enclosed in crystal and allowed to move around in a specially prepared liquid. The effect is kaleidoscopic.

Kerchief on Arm.
New York.—The accessories gown has inspired another idea for drawing attention away from an arm too bare, or too long. The scheme is a brilliant chiffon handkerchief tied just above where the short glove ends, on the left arm.

New York.—Delightful little imported holders for powder puff now are being made in soft leather and chamois. They are hand painted and fastened with a snap, being large enough for a good sized puff and mirror.

THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

THE WATER QUESTION

The writer has been asked so many questions and there seems to be so much conjecture on account of the published findings of the party of citizens who recently visited the Beaver creek watershed, that it seems an article of explanation would be appreciated by the public.

In the first place, no recommendations were made by the party because it would have been almost impossible to get a majority of the different views were entertained, so nothing but a statement of findings was submitted.

Quite a large number have jumped at the conclusion, based upon the report, that La Grande has practically nothing in the way of a waterworks system, which is far from the facts. We have a reservoir, containing enough water, such as it is, to last until January but without another drop falling. Adjacent to this reservoir, but of which not a drop is reaching La Grande, is a measured supply of 1,100,000 gallons per day of good clear running water. This water could all be put directly into our main pipe line by the laying of three lateral pipe lines of possibly three miles of 8 and 6 inch mains. The "leak" (or greatest possible amount of water required to supply La Grande at the greatest possible consumption under present population and conditions) was estimated at 1,250,000 gallons daily. As there is 1,100,000 gallons of living water we are not getting, and some 200,000 now being converted into the main besides storage water, under present conditions (if all living water was now going directly into the pipe line) we would have to add to the living water 450,000 gallons of storage water to carry our peak load. If thought necessary a charcoal filter could be installed to aid in purifying this.

As this "peak load" is demanded only about a month in the year, the adding of this reservoir would be necessary only about one month in the year, and this under conditions that have never prevailed before and may not prevail again.

But, and here comes the stumbling block, it will take about \$100,000 to put our system in shape to get this water to La Grande, and as the city has not this amount on hand, it must be voted in bonds. Also, should we expend this amount at Beaver creek, we are only providing a supply for our present demands, and any increase in population means the use of more storage water during the time of the greatest demand. Without laying an entire new pipe line we could not hope to get over 2,000,000 gallons per day to La Grande.

In a nutshell, then, with the addition of all present fresh water to our supply (which must mean the expenditure of at least \$100,000) we could count on fresh water ten months in the year and three-fourths fresh and one-fourth reservoir water for two months in the year, as a supply for our present population, or possibly up to 10,000 people. Our present supply, as would be all added water, would be gravity flow.

As regards the Summerville (or Sanderson) springs, there is no question as to the supply or quality. At least 5,000,000 gallons per day could be developed there, a supply, if we count 2,000,000, for 10,000 people, for 25,000 inhabitants. Should we decide to incur the expense which we believe is estimated at nearly \$250,000 and pay the .0217 cents per 1000 gallons for pumping (which must be done if we abandon Beaver creek, or might be partially cut out if we kept that system running) there is no doubt but that our water troubles would be over.

In a few words, then, the Summerville project is simply a question of expense.

The tugboat of unsanitary conditions on the Beaver creek watershed need only be a present worry, as if the people decide to improve and maintain the Beaver creek project, easily constructed, would remedy this. Shortage of water and food on their usual ranges has driven the livestock to the watershed. Very few head have ever been seen there before.

So we would urge the citizens of La Grande to not jump at conclusions. The report was not intended to condemn or boast any or other project, but simply a statement of conditions as we found them. Whomever fault it is, that we are not getting the most possible from our Beaver creek resources cannot be stated. If we were, the present water agitation would not be with us.

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