

# NEWS of SOCIETY

One of the most attractive of the holiday season parties took place last evening at the Country club when Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Putman and Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Ingle entertained with a charming dinner dance. The Yuletide spirit prevailed everywhere throughout the club house, the Christmas color scheme of red and green being in evidence in the decorations. The dinner tables, where covers were laid for twenty-seven couples, were gorgeously decorated with red carnations and holly. Clover favors, in the form of tiny Christmas trees were given each guest.

Following an excellent dinner dancing was the feature of the evening, with music furnished by French's orchestra.

The University of Oregon Alumni and students will give a dance next Tuesday evening, December 23, at the Elks club to which all university people, all La Grande high school students and graduates are invited. The U. of O. orchestra will start playing at nine o'clock and a good time is anticipated for everyone who attends.

The Happy Homes club met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Louise McManus, 1666 Z avenue. The constitution and by-laws were presented to the club and accepted. After the regular business meeting the remainder of the afternoon was spent socially. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

The Parkdale club met Wednesday for its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Homer Wilson, with Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Stanley Stokes as hostesses. On account of the extremely cold weather all of the members were not present. After the business session the afternoon was spent socially and a two course luncheon was served.

Maxville (Special)—A delightful Mah Jongg and dancing party was given at the Log Cabin Saturday by Mrs. Laird and Mrs. Stover, hostesses. Miss Vera Steinhart, who will leave in the near future for Idaho, where she will attend college.

Elgin (Special)—A merry party of Elgin young people serenaded Mr. and Mrs. David Blumenstein recently, who were married at La Grande at the surprise of their many Elgin friends. Miss Aubert has taught school here for three years and is liked by all who know her. Mr. Blumenstein is an Elgin boy, having served as postmaster here for some time. He is also a regular member of Elgin's baseball team. They plan to leave in a few days to spend their honeymoon with Mrs. Blumenstein's parents near Hood River.

Elgin (Special)—The party given by the members of the local I.O.O.F. lodge last Wednesday was a decided success. The following excellent program was given: recitation, Donald Higgins; song, Dorothy Higgins and Myrtle Buckley; dialogue, "A Minister's Mistake," Mrs. May Hamann; Mrs. Dena Hall; recitation, Dorothy Higgins; song, William Hill and Helen Reed; piano solo, Gladys Tracy; recitation, Helen Reed; monologue, "Breaking the News," Mrs. Bessie Higgins.

Following the program games and dancing made up the evening's entertainment.

Elgin (Special)—The Three Links club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Larson. The afternoon was spent

## Interesting Costume



This frock succeeds in being very interesting by means of a tiered skirt, each tier of which is a darker shade than the frock, and this is shaded from cocoa to deep brown. The scarf ends do the same. Otherwise, the frock is as plain and unadorned as a frock could be.

In tacking comforters and in making pillows for the Oddfellows home in Portland. Its refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon.

Among those present were Mrs. Leo Golding, Mrs. Albert Rasmussen, Mrs. John Webb, Mrs. A. DeBolo, Mrs. Levi Parke and Mrs. Ada Fulton.

Elgin (Special)—The Women's club held their regular meeting at the Sadler home here Thursday afternoon. The afternoon opened with each one presenting giving the title and a quotation from their favorite poem. Mrs. Brownell read a splendid paper on the subject of "Women in National Life." Due to the proximity of the holiday season not all the members were present and it is hoped to have Mrs. Brownell's paper given at a later time when more can hear it.

### Announcements

Social announcements may be printed in this column free of charge. Any announcements pertaining to any functions such as cooked food sales, etc., will be refused. Announcements to be printed the same day, must be in society editor's hands by 9:00 o'clock.—News editor's note.

The Junior dance which was to have taken place at the Country club this evening has been postponed until after the holidays on account of the cold weather.

The Baptist Young People's Union will give their first party since reorganization this evening at the Baptist church.

The members of the Neighbors of Woodcraft and their families will enjoy a family Christmas dinner Tuesday evening, December 23.

### Fashion Notes

London.—An idea of costumes to be worn on the Riviera this winter is given by the frocks worn in Heather Thatcher, the musical comedy actress. One of these is of white flannel, checked in green from knee to hem. A white cape

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lined with green swings from the shoulders and is fastened by a long row of buttons to the outside of each sleeve.

London.—Sport hats are growing slightly larger following somewhat the trend toward the poke type. One becoming example has a stiff two and a half inch brim turned down all around and a bell crown of the square topped coachman's type. A broad bow of felt extends across the entire back.

Paris.—One or two new fur designs are making their appearance to spur the Christmas fur sales. The latest is a mantle of black velvet and fastened only at the neck, with huge ermine collar and cuffs. This is worn over a long ermine waistcoat.

Paris.—Fine feathers make fin birds and plenty of them are being used on spring garment models. One coat of black satin is heavily adorned with large flower designs formed by pasting small feathers in their natural colorings on the material.

New York.—"Strong winds from the northeast." That sort of a weather prediction spells "blotometers" to the winter shopper. Those useful pieces of lingerie are being purchased in glove like and jersey rayon and crepe de chine and usually are made with a cuff knee.

New York.—The arbiters of fashion declare that this is going to be a white Christmas no matter what the weather may may have to say about it. Evening dresses for holiday wear functions they assert are to be of glittering white satin, georgette or chiffon, thickly studded with rhinestones.

New York.—Fashion is a strong advocate of bimetallicism so far as evening footwear is concerned. No matter what the material, silk, satin, brocade, metal cloth, or kid, or doe skin, evening slippers are nearly all colored gold or silver.

### Business at Normal in America, Says Babson

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election business stood at 8 per cent below normal. Today it has made up this loss and things stand at an even balance.

"Normal" Defined  
"You may wonder just what is meant by 'normal business' and an explanation is certainly due. We have heard of 'normality' in business conditions. Other comparisons have been made with the boom year of 1919 and still others with the depression year of 1921. So many different bases have been used and the term 'normal' has been applied loosely to mean so many things that our present use should be carefully defined. In studying business conditions and the changes in the business weather here at Babson Park, we show the fluctuations on a large chart which combines all the twenty-six leading barometers of business into one picture. So far as general activity is concerned the path

of business is defined by two lines on this chart. The central one, or so-called X-Y line, follows the path of national growth regardless of the immediate situation. It pictures total transactions and reflects the real expansion of business, commerce, and finance. The second line which runs alternately above and below it shows the exact present condition of trade. In their interpretation these two lines might be likened to a tree. The tree grows a little each year as is shown by the rings you see in the cross section of its trunk. This growth is slow and hardly spectacular enough to interest us much. At certain seasons of the year, however, the tree does show activity on the surface that changes the appearance of things. In the spring, when the leaves are budding, it seems to be growing rapidly, but in the autumn, when these same leaves shrivel and fall, the tree looks as though it were dying. It is somewhat the same with business and these two lines that measure its two kinds of progress. The X-Y line traces the gradual growth regardless of season while the line of present activity reflects the surface development of the individual season.

**Business "Seasons."**  
"Our business and financial worlds are beset by 'seasons' even as the tree is, except that the changes from prosperity to decline from decline to depression, from depression to improvement, and from improvement to prosperity do not occur with any regularity as to time. Business seasons are of varying length and of different intensities. These changes have made money for many people, and have carried others to their graves. In fact, the presence of extreme fluctuations in conditions presents one of the greatest problems in our entire commercial and economic worlds today. Abnormal prosperity gives us false ideas of values. Easy profits due to rising prices and speculation undermine our habits of work and thrift. We become interested in spending rather than earning, then the great basis law of Action-Reaction steps in and a depression results. Losses wipe out business profits, the bread lines form, and by suffering and by want, we again learn the fundamental lessons of industry and thrift. As our overcast on the bank of prosperity is gradually paid back by the hard process of working more and spending less, things gradually improve and

business comes back into balance. Either extreme is dangerous and we are really soundest when activity coincides most closely with the normal X-Y line of national growth. By normal business then we mean that activity is neither running ahead, nor lagging behind the X-Y line, but is running at the fastest pace we can continue to hold. Normal business is healthy business and at present, business is in exactly this normal healthy condition.

**Stabilization Needed.**  
"President Coolidge has emphasized the necessity for 'stabilization' in the present situation," concluded Mr. Babson. "Secretaries Mellon and Hoover are stressing economy and the dangers of inflation. The government is awake to the tremendous advantages of this normal situation and the losses that will inevitably accrue if the present improvement is allowed to develop into a spree of speculation. Personally, I have spent the last twenty years in an effort to cut down these jumps and bumps in American business, to lessen these extremes and to eliminate loss and suffering by helping business men to keep nearer to this line of normal growth. It is improbable that these fluctuations will ever be completely eliminated but as more

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what we pay for and pay for what we get; if we can only continue to work as hard as we have worked during this year to get back to normal, all will go well and we shall not have to face the unpleasant task of paying the bidder."

**VETERAN GETS DIVORCE**  
MEDFORD, Ore.—E. C. Hazeltine of Ashland, veteran of the civil war, 82 years old, obtained a divorce from his wife Mary, 79 yesterday in circuit court at Jacksonville on a charge of desertion. Mr. Hazeltine said he was tired.

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