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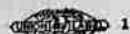
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Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.—Eph. 4:30.

A NEW OPPORTUNITY

During the next several months congress will be given an especially fine opportunity to prove or disprove the many unkind remarks that have been aimed at it during the past few years. This session will put the national legislative body to the acid test. The congressmen can make it just another session, or an historic one.

Many weighty problems await solution. Some may possibly defy solution. Others will require only a little pulling together. And if congress will give petty politics a holiday and act unselfishly for the good of the nation, it will be able to meet most of our problems with satisfactory legislation, even though the public is traditionally hard to please.

The first riddle that congress faces is the balancing of the federal budget which is now running into the red at the rate of about \$6,000,000 a day. The answer probably will be new tax levies spread thinly over the mass of our population or aimed at the few immense incomes which already bear the majority of income tax burdens. Certainly the unemployed, the workers who have accepted wage reductions, and uncertain business firms cannot support heavier burdens.

Millions of men and women and hundreds of factories are looking to this new congress for relief in some form, they know not what. Prosperity is not made by law, but congress can repeal or modify such laws as it may find are detrimental to the welfare of business and the general public. The anti-trust laws are among those which may be modified, for we have found that their strict enforcement in some cases may be against the public's best interests.

It remains to be seen whether the Democratic majority in the house will expedite or retard beneficial legislation, whether it will support or bind the hands of the administration. The two parties can in no way recommend themselves to the public better than by working together for the best interests of the greatest number of voters.

THE POSTAL DEFICIT

Recent agitation by the United States post office department for an increase in postal rates in order to overcome the deficit which has been piling up, has led the United States Chamber of Commerce to make an investigation of the whole matter. As a result the chamber has drawn several pertinent conclusions.

The committee decided that with natural restoration of business prosperity the postal deficit will automatically diminish; that higher rates would prove a tax upon business enterprise and aggressiveness; that rate increases would defeat their very purpose by reducing the volume of mail; and that the best way to lower costs is by carrying more mail with the present equipment and personnel.

Additional facts have been revealed in hearings before the interstate commerce commission. It was shown that, due to certain international postal agreements, parcels post matter can be shipped from Europe to the Middle West for less money than the same matter can be sent from New York to the same destination.

A German shipper can send a 22 pound package to Chicago for 82 cents, but a New York firm would have to pay \$1.35 to send the same package to Chicago, and \$2.65 to send it to the Pacific coast. The German could send a parcel of the foreign weight limit of 44 pounds to any point in the United States for \$1.53 while the New Yorker must pay \$5.29 to send such a package to Pacific coast points.

These inequalities have provoked much opposition to the proposed rate increases, and justly so. Rates such as those just cited tend to defeat the purpose of our protective tariff, and are unfair to American business houses. It is obvious that those rates call for inquiry and adjustment before the post office department is permitted to raise domestic rates.

SOCIETY NEWS

Miss Beas Duke, Society Editor
Telephone Main 690 Until 9:30 a. m.

Members of Clio Club Gather For Dinner, Bridge

The Clio club enjoyed an evening of bridge last night following a 7 o'clock dinner at which Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Frees entertained at the La Grande hotel. The dining table was decorated with a centerpiece of flowers and Christmas candles.

Five tables were formed for bridge and the prizes were received by Dr. and Mrs. Lee B. Bouvy.

Mrs. Hal Bohlenkamp will entertain the Clio luncheon club at one o'clock next Wednesday.

"Oregon Trail" Is Program Subject

"The Oregon Trail" was the subject of a program which Mrs. H. G. Avery presented at a meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution yesterday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock at the home of Mrs. George Baker. Mrs. Avery dealt with expeditions which came west, especially the Hunt expedition which came through Oregon and on its return passed through Hot Lake and Union, although it did not touch La Grande.

Mrs. Baker served refreshments at the tea hour.

The D. A. R. will furnish the program for the Neighborhood club on Dec. 16, with Mrs. P. S. Robinson in charge.

Mrs. A. T. Hill will be hostess at the next meeting of the D. A. R. on Jan. 13.

Bridge Club Meets At Zimmerman Home

Mrs. Doyle Zimmerman arranged a delightful no-hostess party last night for her bridge club. The members played cards at the Zimmerman home at 8 o'clock, after which they enjoyed refreshments at a downtown restaurant.

Prizes at bridge were received by Mrs. Paul Meyers, first; Mrs. John Larson, fourth; and Miss Jean White, guest. Miss Judy Moore was also a guest for the evening.

Mrs. Leal Russell will arrange the next meeting, the date of which will be set later.

Miss Bloch Heads O. E. S. Officers

Miss Stella Bloch was elected worthy matron of the Order of Eastern Star at a meeting held last night at the Masonic hall. She will choose the appointive officers soon, and installation of the entire group will take place on Jan. 13. E. R. Ringo was elected worthy patron; Mrs. Mary Wright, associate matron; Dr. C. W. Erwin, associate patron; Mrs. Ella Moe, conductress; Mrs. Marie Ritter, associate conductress.

Mrs. Ida M. Robinson, worthy matron, presided at the meeting. Miss Margaret Milne was initiated into membership in the order. Regular business was transacted after which short talks were presented by the visitors, the new officers, and Miss Milne, the new member.

Elks Enjoy Dance Wednesday Night

Another successful Elks dance has been held, with the guests and members of the lodge enthusiastic over its success. About 50 couples danced last night at nine o'clock in the ballroom at the Elks temple to music furnished by Bebe Alloway and her Rhythm Girls.

Arrangements for the event were made by C. L. Berry, chairman. W. M. Heughan, Raymond Gray, Harley Smith and L. H. Bramwell.

Honor Miss Zabel At Social Event

Miss Amanda Zabel, who directed the successful presentation of "The Rivals" at the Eastern Oregon Normal school last week, was honored at a party last night when Misses Alyce and Margaret Milne entertained at

their home for members of the cast. "The Rivals," by Richard Brinsley Sheridan, which was presented entirely in the costumes of 18th century England, was one of the most elaborate and delightful productions seen in La Grande in some time, and to show their appreciation, the hostesses presented Miss Zabel with a bouquet of roses, on behalf of the cast.

Games were played during the evening and refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Members of the cast who enjoyed the event were Kermit Bates, Miss Ruth Geibel, Elwood Hiatt, Robert Osterling, Miss Ewawynne Jones, Austin Dunn, Miss Alyce Milne and Miss Zabel.

University Honors Mr. and Mrs. Pierce

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pierce, along with others important in business, political and educational circles in Oregon, have been invited to act as patron and patroness at the annual Christmas ball, sponsored each year by the Association of Women Students at the University of Oregon. It will be one of the largest balls to be held in Portland during the Christmas holidays and will take place Jan. 2 in the Multnomah hotel ballroom.

The ball is being held late in the vacation period to enable students who live outside of Portland to attend en route to Eugene.

Mr. Pierce is a former governor of Oregon and his wife is a member of the state board of higher education.

Missionary Group Will Meet Friday

The Presbyterian Missionary society will meet at the manse Friday afternoon at 2:30, with Mrs. J. George Walz as hostess. Assisting her will be Mrs. Mamie Lewis, Dr. Margaret Ingle and Mrs. George Richardson.

Mrs. Lewis will have charge of the devotionals and Mrs. Richardson will present a program on Persia. Special music has been arranged.

Parkdale Club In Meeting Yesterday

The Parkdale club met yesterday for a full day of sewing on garments for the welfare program and for quilting. The members gathered at the home of Mrs. Willis Moss at 11 o'clock, with 14 present. A potluck dinner was served at noon, and the remainder of the day was spent at work.

The annual Christmas party will be an event of next Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the home of Mrs. Emma Blokland at 11 o'clock. A potluck dinner will be served at noon, after which Mrs. Isaac Shafer will present a program, the main feature of which will be a Christmas play.

Members will exchange inexpensive gifts to carry out the Christmas idea.

Miss Parsons On Ticket Committee

Miss Mary Gould Parsons, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Miller, and well known in La Grande, is prominent in the activities of the Eugene students at the University of Oregon. She is one of the ticket committee members for the Christmas ball which will be held in Eugene during the holiday season. It is sponsored jointly by the men and women students of the university who live in Eugene.

Miss Parsons is a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority and of the freshman class at the state institution.

Dr. Wilkes Speaks At A. G. S. Session

Dr. Lewa Wilkes spoke on "Hygiene as Related to Personal Appearance" before the Associated Girls Students of the La Grande High school yesterday morning at the high school building. She included a discussion of posture, diet and personal habits, after which a question box was opened, with Dr. Wilkes answering the questions.

Plans for a Christmas party, to which mothers of the girls will be invited, were made during the business meeting. It will be held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, Dec. 18, at the high school gymnasium.

Parcel Post Sale Set For Friday

A parcel post sale is being sponsored by Division A of the Loyal Sisters of the Christian church and will be an event of Friday evening following the second of the series of free "Winter Christmas Programs" at 8 o'clock.

Plans for the sale were made yesterday afternoon when Mrs. Ed Ebell entertained the group.

Fifteen members were present, including Mrs. L. M. Purdy, the president, who led the meeting. Mrs. Jennie Byers offered prayers at the opening of the session.

Division A will hold its next meeting after Jan. 1, 1932, the definite date not being set.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. C. W. Bunting.

Club Women Meet In Pendleton, Ore.

La Grande women have shown much interest in the club institute held Tuesday in Pendleton under the auspices of the fifth district of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs.

Mrs. E. D. Towler, of La Grande, president of the fifth district, described the conference as a combination of school and convention.

Mrs. Nat Kimball, president of the Pendleton club and treasurer of the district, presided at the morning session, at which Mrs. Towler reported on the work of the federation in international relations and gave instructions in it. She gave, in addition, instruction and reports on legislation and citizenship, and had instructive

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Nettappew Camp Fire Girls Meet

The Nettappew Camp Fire circle met Wednesday, Dec. 9 at the Methodist church at 4 o'clock for the second meeting since the organization. The afternoon was spent choosing names for the members. Each Camp Fire girl has an Indian name which is characteristic of her qualities.

A permanent guardian has not been chosen. The girls will meet again next Wednesday at 4 o'clock at the church.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 10
7:00 Alpha club, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binger.
7:00 American Association of University Women, International Relations group, with Miss Eleanor Vernon.
8:00 Camp Fire benefit bridge, at the Sacajawea Inn.

Friday, Dec. 11
2:00 Westway club of the Women's Benefit association, with Mrs. Lee Shuster.
2:00 Hi Lo Bridge club, with Mrs. F. G. Henning.
2:00 Stitch and Chatter club of the American Legion auxiliary, with Mrs. Frank Flanery, 2109 Cedar.

2:00 Island City Bridge club, Mrs. J. E. Reynolds, hostess, at the home of Mrs. George Hill.
2:30 Missionary society of the Presbyterian church, at the manse, 909 Pennsylvania.
2:45 Greenwood Parent Teacher association, at the school.
7:30 Order of Rainbow for girls, at the Masonic hall.

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Sunday, Dec. 13
1:00 Monday Bridge club, with Mrs. J. T. Richardson.
1:00 Lions auxiliary, luncheon, with Mrs. H. L. Hess.
2:00 Wakelita club, with Mrs. Jack Brandt.
4:00 Gaius Camp Fire, with Mrs. Raymond O. Williams.
6:30 Potluck supper, Royal Neighbors of America, at the I. O. O. F. hall.
7:00 Daughters of Union Veterans, at the Moose hall.
8:00 Eastern Star social club, at the Masonic hall.

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2:00 M. I. L. club, with Mrs. Ray Goodnough.
2:00 Helonala club, with Mrs. Clyde Charlton.
2:00 Second Ward Relief society, at the church.

Wednesday, Dec. 16
11:00 Parkdale club, Christmas party, with Mrs. Emma Blokland.
1:00 Clio Luncheon club, with Mrs. Hal Bohlenkamp.
2:00 Bible Searchers class of the Presbyterian church, at the church.
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2:00 St. Peter's Episcopal guild, with Mrs. G. A. Barron, 1505 Oak.
2:00 K. D. club, with Mrs. Lucy Winburn.
2:00 Eagle Relief club, with Mrs. Bessie Higgins.
4:00 Nettappew Camp Fire circle, at the Methodist church.
7:30 L. S. to the B. of L. F. and E., at the Eagles hall.
8:00 So Ne He club, at Lane chapel.
8:00 Senior Sixteen, with Miss Catherine Spaeth.

9:00 Women's League dance, at the Eastern Oregon Normal school. By invitation only.

7:30 U-go I-go club, with Mrs. O. May Noyes.
7:30 Neighbors of Woodcraft, at the Odd Fellows hall.
7:30 Delphin chapter, at the church.

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Tuesday, Dec. 17
2:00 M. I. L. club, with Mrs. Ray Goodnough.
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2:00 Second Ward Relief society, at the church.

Wednesday, Dec. 18
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Thursday, Dec. 19
2:00 M. I. L. club, with Mrs. Ray Goodnough.
2:00 Helonala club, with Mrs. Clyde Charlton.
2:00 Second Ward Relief society, at the church.

Friday, Dec. 20
2:00 M. I. L. club, with Mrs. Ray Goodnough.
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Saturday, Dec. 21
2:00 M. I. L. club, with Mrs. Ray Goodnough.
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2:00 Second Ward Relief society, at the church.

Sunday, Dec. 22
2:00 M. I. L. club, with Mrs. Ray Goodnough.
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Monday, Dec. 23
2:00 M. I. L. club, with Mrs. Ray Goodnough.
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Tuesday, Dec. 24
2:00 M. I. L. club, with Mrs. Ray Goodnough.
2:00 Helonala club, with Mrs. Clyde Charlton.
2:00 Second Ward Relief society, at the church.

Wednesday, Dec. 25
2:00 M. I. L. club, with Mrs. Ray Goodnough.
2:00 Helonala club