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The counsel of the Lord standeth forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.—Psalm 33: 11.

A GOOD START

Congress has sprung some very pleasant surprises upon the administration and the public. In the first place it went to work at once, dispensing with most of the frills and petty politics customary in the early days of former sessions.

Search of past records will disclose few instances of action by congress on controversial issues during the two or three initial weeks of a new session. Until this year there seemed to be a tradition forbidding such a thing.

It is to be hoped that these first few weeks have not been the calm before a storm. With a Democratic majority in the house, a Republican majority in the senate, a Republican administration and a presidential election less than a year off, anything but "peace in Washington, good will toward the other side," was to be expected.

But congress may continue to give the nation agreeable surprises. All sides may decide there is a real opportunity to be of service to their country, and that there will be plenty of time for politics after the present emergency has been met as far as it is in the power of congress to do so.

URGING BAKER TO RUN

Former Secretary of War Newton D. Baker became conspicuous presidential timber again when former Congressman Davey, of Ohio, launched a "draft-Baker" movement in his own state by addressing letters to 40,000 Ohio Democrats asking them to organize Baker-For-President clubs and to see that Ohio's delegation at the Democratic national convention is pledged to Baker.

Mr. Baker has done nothing to encourage such support. He has even discouraged it, refusing to announce himself or be announced as a candidate. If he aspires to the presidency, he apparently prefers to be elected to the office rather than to run after it.

IT COULDN'T BE DONE

It is a matter of record that the originators of many inventions were told by the "wise men" of their time that the thing they were trying to do couldn't be done.

Their successes have demonstrated that nothing is impossible to the determined spirit, the one who cannot be diverted or turned back from his ambition to accomplish. And there are opportunities waiting in La Grande for the ones who have the will to do.

Milwaukee, Wis., has all its bills paid and has \$2,000,000 in the city treasury. Which is an illustration of what can be done by good management.

JAPANESE IN ADVANCE AS CHINESE RUN

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China, today said Marshal Chang Hsi-shan ordered the withdrawal of his troops from Chinchow to within the great wall acting "under the advice of a certain minority" the name of which was not mentioned.

The Asahi Shimbun said a number of Japanese destroyers and cruisers left Port Arthur last night for an unknown destination.

CHINESE ARMY IN FLIGHT

TOKYO, Dec. 30 (AP)—China's Manchurian army stampeded south from Chinchow today in flight from two swiftly moving Japanese columns converging for an attack on Chang Hsi-shan's last stronghold.

On flat cars and in box cars the soldiers were crowded to locomotives huddled down to Manchow without a stop along the line. Japanese troops quartered at intermediate points stood by curiously and watched them go.

Meanwhile General Kamura and General Tamon, veterans of the Nomonhan victory drove from two directions toward the town of Kowpaung, 40 miles north of Chinchow on the Peiping-Mukden railway.

Tamion's main force which had marched from Tienchungang capturing Tava and Pashan on the way.

reported to have camped in the outskirts of Kowpaung. General Kamura, battling regular and irregulars, pressed through from Hsichow to capture Tashan and continue to Kowpaung.

Way to Chinchow Open From that point the way to Chinchow was wide open.

Colonel Nelson E. Margetta, United States military attaché at Peiping, and Lieutenant Harry S. Aldrich, his assistant, stayed at Chinchow with other foreign military observers to watch developments.

Estimates placed the number of Chinese troops in the area at about 17,000, of which 8,000 were expected to remain as protection for the provisional government at Chinchow.

S. P. SHOP MEN IN WAGE AGREEMENT

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shopmen's can be to be effective, the effective date of the shopmen's lower wage shall be changed accordingly, with restoration of deducted amounts.

The Southern Pacific notified the 7000 members of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way employees that wages would be reduced 15 per cent, effective in 30 days. Other groups with which the company will continue negotiations are the stationary engineers and firemen and the unskilled workers, both of which have been notified of a 15 per cent wage cut.

SOCIETY NEWS

Miss Rose Duka, Society Editor Telephone Main 600 (Unit) 2-38 a. m.

Many 'Watch Night' Parties Arranged To Greet New Year

When young Mr. 1932 replaces Old Man 1931 Thursday night at 12 o'clock, many La Granders will watch the old year out and the new year in at numerous "watch night" parties which have been planned.

Monday Evening Club Entertained

The Monday Evening Dinner club was entertained at an interesting seven o'clock dinner at the La Grande hotel Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Lanner in charge of arrangements. Bridge was played after dinner.

Entertain Club At Pinochle Party

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Robinson were hosts to their club at a pinochle party Monday evening. Mrs. H. G. Avery and Lyle Kiddle received the prizes for high scores at cards after which the hostess served refreshments.

Mrs. Grimmer Is Hostess to Club

At a charming afternoon party, Mrs. Grover Grimmer entertained the M. I. L. club yesterday at 2 o'clock at her home. Twelve members were present for bridge and the prize for high score was received by Mrs. Miller.

U-Go I-Go Club Is Entertained

The home of Mrs. J. E. Stiles was the scene of an interesting evening party when she entertained the U-Go I-Go club last night at bridge. Twelve members and guests were present and Mrs. L. M. Hoyt received the prize.

Beulah Long And Fred Bowery Wed

At a five o'clock wedding yesterday afternoon, Beulah Long and Fred Bowery were united in marriage at the home of Rev. H. I. Hanson, retired Methodist minister, in La Grande. The bride was handsomely gowned in an afternoon dress of old rose, and was attended by her sister, Mrs. Omar Maxwell, who wore a pale blue afternoon dress.

Okpe Camp Fire Group in Meeting

Miss Elizabeth Hesse, guardian of the Okpe Camp Fire circle, entertained the members yesterday afternoon at 3:45 at a delightful party. They enjoyed coasting during the late afternoon, after which they gathered at Miss Hesse's home for refreshments.

La Grande Couple Honored Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Walter La Duane, of La Grande, were honored at a party at Hopper Saturday evening, when Mr. and Mrs. Sam Turner, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Turner, and Mrs. John Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Turner entertained at the home of the latter.

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August Marriage Announced Here

Of interest to their friends in La Grande and in the valley is the marriage of Miss Irene Campbell and Harry I. Sluder, both of Walla Walla, which was solemnized Aug. 28, 1931, at Enterprise. Mrs. Sluder is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell, of Hope, Ida., and Mr. Sluder, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sluder, of Coeur d'Alene.

Ever-Ready Class Planning Party

Among the New Year's eve gatherings at the various churches will be the watch party to be held by the Ever-Ready class of the Christian church, in the basement of the church building. This class comprises the young people of above the high school age, and all young people of the city are welcome to the class and its social activities.

Members and their friends will meet at the church at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, and those wishing to do so will join a party which will go out for an hour's singing of appropriate carols at the homes of various members and friends of the church. After the singing, all will return to the church for games and amusements until midnight, at which time refreshments will be served.

Class Party at The Zigler Home

About 40 members of the Sunday school of the Emmanuel Mission met at the home of Mrs. H. M. Zigler yesterday afternoon for a holiday party. Games, music and indoor races, under the direction of Rev. Robert Sweeten, pastor, were enjoyed by the members.

Miss Shepherd To Marry B. A. Fisher

Miss Clara Shepherd, whose marriage to B. A. Fisher, of Seattle, will be an event of Jan. 2, was complimented at a miscellaneous shower at her home yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Harold Hale and Mrs. Ralph Worrel arranged the event.

Miss Shepherd is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Shepherd and a graduate of La Grande High school. The wedding will be solemnized at the home of the bride's parents and will be attended by only the immediate families of Miss Shepherd and Mr. Fisher. Rev. J. George Walz, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will perform the ceremony.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

- Wednesday, Dec. 30 7:30 Westway club of the Women's Benefit association, with Mrs. R. E. McAnulty. 8:00 Senior Sixteen, with Miss Margaret McAllister. Thursday, Dec. 31 1:00 Jolly club, with Mrs. Nate Zweifel, at the Sacajawea Inn. 1:45 Diversity club, with Mrs. Claude Packert, assisted by Mrs. Fred Rees. 2:00 Bridge club, with Mrs. Leal Russell. 2:30 Poppy club, with Mrs. Clarence Green. 8:30 Three D club, with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mackay. 7:30 Tigress Bridge club, with Miss Janet Bingham. 8:00 Triangle club, with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hoppel. 8:00 T and C club, with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Speckhart. 8:00 Fifty-Fifty club, with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Worrel.

Friday, Jan. 1 New Year's day. 1:45 Sac. Soci. club. Saturday, Jan. 2 2:00 Women's Relief Corps, at the K. of P. hall. 8:00 Saturday Evening Bridge club, with Mrs. J. T. Richardson. Monday, Jan. 4 2:00 Art Ramblers club, with Mrs. C. H. Bidwell. 2:00 Wakulla club, with Mrs. Donald Cole. 3:45 La Grande City Council of P. T. A. La Grande hotel. 3:45 Netappap Camp Fire, at the Methodist church. 4:00 Gaius Camp Fire, with Mrs. R. O. Williams. 8:30 Eastern Star Social club, potluck dinner, at the Masonic hall. 7:30 Pythian Sisters, at the K. of P. hall. 8:00 Bridge club, with Mrs. Lynn Larson. 8:00 Swastika club, with Mr. and Mrs. William Gable. Tuesday, Jan. 5 2:30 Neighborhood club, at the La Grande hotel. 7:30 P. T. A. to the B. of R. T., at the Eagles hall. 7:30 Neighborhood Music club, La Grande hotel. 8:00 Young Women's Educational auxiliary, at the Methodist church. 8:00 Lions auxiliary and Lions club, with Mr. and Mrs. Max Sarvis.

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