

SOCIAL LIFE

Christmas greetings and a Happy New Year to one and all. Holly and mistletoe abound in every home while in some the Christmas trees and their colored lights gladden the hearts of the children.

The Christmas festivities were ushered in the first of the week by the Christmas dance given in the ballroom of the Wilson building, recently completed. Invitations were issued to about fifty couples, many married couples among the number. Every one present expressed themselves as more than satisfied with the event. Mention should be made of Judd's orchestra, which furnished most excellent music. Many were heard to express themselves as delighted with the new hall and its floors, which are in an excellent condition. The arrangement of the banquet room and kitchen coming in for a full share of praise. This hall gives every promise of being a most popular place for entertainments in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Greig entertained at Christmas dinner Wednesday evening. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bernele and little daughter, Lillian; Dr. and Mrs. Whitney; Miss La Vine Smith and Mr. Bain. The table was prettily decorated with white narcissus, while tiny Christmas bells festooned the dining room. On Christmas eve Mr. and Mrs. Whitworth were hosts at a pleasant little dinner party, having for their guests Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon, and Dr. and Mrs. Prinzing. Others coming in later in the evening, cards were enjoyed until a late hour.

On Friday afternoon Miss Marie Pinney entertained a few of her friends. Those enjoying her hospitality were Misses Estelle and Wilmoth Curry, Miss Riddle, Miss Lewis and Miss Joy.

Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Cochran entertained the members of the Evening Five Hundred and a most pleasant evening was enjoyed by all. Prizes were won by Mrs. Wood and Chas. Emison. This most delightful evening is one of a series being given by the club members.

Saturday afternoon the bridge club met with Mrs. Wood, the prize, which in this club is always a handkerchief, was awarded to Mrs. Whitworth. The guests of the club for the afternoon were Mrs. Drane and Mrs. Cochran.

Mrs. C. C. Dodge was hostess at a charming little dinner party Saturday evening given in honor of her sister and brother, Mr. and Miss Riddle. Those present were Miss Susie Stotzel, Miss Marie Pinney, Miss Mary Joy, Dr. Goldsbury, Mr. Boyer and Mr. Swastler.

Among the events of the holiday week was a pleasant little party at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Prinzing where Mr. and Mrs. Glover and Mrs. Laughlin of Boise were the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hager entertained a few friends Monday evening at their home in Villa Park, in honor of Miss Eva Schrap. During early evening cards were played, prizes being awarded to Miss Schrap and Mr. Clarence Hager. After the refreshments, music was indulged in until the wee sma' hours.

A most delightful dinner party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Bernele New Year's Evening. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Greig and Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Whitney.

Dr. and Mrs. Prinzing entertained a charming little dinner party on New Year's morn. with Mr. and Mrs. Whitworth and Mr. and Mrs. Remyon as their guests.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. Reta Payne Sunday afternoon, when Dr. Payne and Miss Margaret Maule were united in marriage. G. L. King performed the ceremony.

One of the prettiest parties of the Christmas holidays was given by the Carnation Club New Year's Eve, in the Masonic Hall, with Mrs. Clement, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Drane, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Caldwell and Mrs. Adam hostesses for the occasion with Mr. and Mrs. Bernele, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, Dr. and Mrs. Whitney and Mr. Bain the guests of the club. Beautiful indeed were the prizes awarded the lucky players, at the close of the games. Refreshments were served in the banquet hall, rejoicing and seldom has the room presented a more beautiful sight. To do full justice to the New Year, about to begin his reign, each guest was given a tiny horn and loud and merry were the blasts to greet him. Silver dials and white crepe paper graced the chandeliers, while the table was brilliant with candles, and masses of green fern.

The Christmas dancing party also the one given New Year's night were decided successes in every way and great credit is due the young men who are members of the club, under whose auspices the dances were given.

Some of Our Clubs.

Good Will club of Beatrice Rebekah Lodge No. 82, I. O. O. F. was organized at the home of Mrs. Bulah Rutherford, August 21, 1912, with Mrs. Annie McEndree, president; Mrs. Hattie Draper, secretary.

All Rebekahs are eligible to membership.

Good Will club was organized for the purpose of further demonstrating the principles of Odd Fellowship and Rebekahism.

To visit the sick, relieve the distressed, and educate the orphan, remembering that any good we may do, must be done now, for we pass this way but once.

Meeting dates, the second and fourth Friday afternoons of each month at the home of some sister Rebekah.

The last meeting was held at the home of Mrs. C. Johnson and adjourned to meet with Mrs. Annie McEndree.

Over eight years ago the Carnation Club was organized, at that time as a whist club. During the past four

years Five Hundred has been the game enjoyed. At the present time there are six tables meeting Friday of each alternate week. Mrs. H. O. Drane is president and Mrs. E. E. Goudy is secretary. On Friday, Jan. 3 the club will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank Rader.

The Clover Club is a sewing circle organized a little over two years ago. At present there are fourteen members who meet on each alternate Friday. Mrs. Jaquish is president and Mrs. Ray Wilson is secretary.

The S. and C. Club is a band of earnest workers. These women recently organized to do what good they might in the home town. Mrs. Dickson is president and Mrs. Troxall is secretary.

The Tillicum Club is an active little band of women who organized about three years ago. They have now a membership of about fifteen with Mrs. L. B. Fryer president.

The Boy's Congregational Club is composed of boys from twelve to eighteen years of age who attend the Congregational Sunday school. The meetings are held once a week either in the church or in the parsonage. The sixteen members have had much pleasure as well as benefit from these meetings. They are affiliated with the Idaho and Eastern Oregon federation of boys' clubs.

Ladies Aid associated with the Methodist church having accomplished a great deal of good in the sixteen years it has existed. At the present time Mrs. Chas. Hager is the president, Miss Duklos secretary and Mrs. Sage treasurer. They have a member-



THREE YEAR OLD ROSE BUSH, HOME OF J. R. BLACKBAY.

ship of about thirty, meeting second and fourth Thursday of each month.

The Congregational Ladies Aid is the oldest church society in Ontario with a membership of about forty. Mrs. A. Lackey is president, Mrs. Aston, secretary and Mrs. Walter Glenn, treasurer.

The Ke ple club is a club composed of eleven young girls who meet every Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Bernele. The object of the club is to teach the girls to sew and to encourage their taste for good literature. Some selected book is read and discussed, and the afternoon closes with light refreshments. The mothers of the girls feel that too much praise cannot be given Mrs. Bernele for the kindly interest shown in their daughters' welfare.

The Episcopal Woman's Guild has been recently organized with Mrs. C. C. Dodge as president, Mrs. Harry Chapman, vice president, Miss Ernestine Hillierley, secretary and Mrs. W. M. Walker, treasurer. At present the Guild numbers twenty-four members, meeting the second Thursday of each month, and holding a silver tea or cooked food sale the fourth Thursday.

A serious fire at the St. Paul Orchard Company's headquarters was averted on Monday last by the presence of mind of Mr. J. O. Lee, the present manager. A lantern exploded in the bathroom, scattering the oil and after partially smothering the flames with a quilt Mr. Lee succeeded in breaking open the bathroom window and putting out the fire with the hose attached to an outside hydrant. The damage was slight and is fully covered by insurance.

The O. S. L. railroad is installing a signal bell at the Idaho Avenue crossing. Preparations were made several months ago to install a bell at this crossing, but previous experience with bells that have been in use not proving satisfactory on account of the people becoming used to the continuous ringing, the matter was delayed until a bell could be secured that would overcome this difficulty. The Hoeschen model is designed to start ringing when the approaching train is two thousand feet from the crossing, and continues ringing for two minutes, when it is automatically stopped. There is a second alarm when the train passes a point two hundred feet from the crossing. This is the latest improved appliance in use at the present time.

IRRIGATED ACRES AROUND ONTARIO

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water line is below the surface of the old ground, and all the dirt taken from the ditch has been used to reinforce the lower banks. This means a ditch of the lowest cost of maintenance.

The pipe line cost twenty-eight thousand dollars, is five feet in diameter and over six thousand feet long. The mammoth pumps and motors cost eighteen thousand dollars. There are three motors of three hundred and seventy-five horse power each, which propel three eighteen inch pumps, which lift forty-five thousand gallons of water per minute, one hundred feet high.

The pump house of concrete and brick cost \$6,000. The balance was used for engineering, legal services, hauling, installing the machinery and incidental expenses.

Plant One of the Best in West. The Ontario-Nyssa irrigation plant is conceded by the best irrigation engineers to be one of the most substantial and efficient irrigating systems in the West. The actual cost to the land was sixteen dollars per acre, when cash was paid, and twenty dollars per acre on ten years time.

The 6200 acres that is covered by this ditch is of the choicest land in Eastern Oregon. It is all bench or plant which waters six thousand acres. Three different lifts are employed on this tract, that is fifty, seventy and one hundred and ten feet. Eight

will bring a revenue equivalent to a 160 acre farm in the Mississippi valley.

Lower Dead Ox Flat.

Another large tract that has come under water during the past year is the lower Dead Ox flat. The area of this tract is 10,000 acres. Three different systems are installed to cover this land; the largest and closest one to Ontario is the Snow-Moody cultivation within the next two years. This does not take into account the numerous small tracts that will be watered by individual pumping plants along the river, and the one thousand acres of Advancement land that is being watered and cut up into five and ten acre tracts, which adjoin the city limits of Ontario.

Secret of Ontario's Rapid Growth.

It is largely this land development that accounts for Ontario's rapid growth. Another very important factor in Ontario's growth is the acquisition of about 20,000 acres of Idaho land that has been brought tributary to Ontario by the building of the large steel bridge across Snake river. When this Idaho land reaches its maximum production almost every acre of it will be producing a car load of apples every year. A very large proportion of this land is now in young trees, only the oldest orchards being in bearing. These bearing orchards have demonstrated the wonderful adaptability of this locality for the growing of choice winter apples, which, with even the low prices of the present year are bringing a revenue of from five hundred to eleven hundred dollars per acre.

Taking the acreage that joins Ontario in Idaho with that on the Oregon side we find at least fifty thousand acres of land within twelve miles of Ontario with a good water right, and with the coming system of imposing a water maintenance with every acre, practically all of this land will be under cultivation within the next two years, and a large proportion of it will be producing abundantly within the next five years, and to this area there is a good prospect of an addition of about twenty-five thousand acres on the high Dead Ox flat and on the bench southwest of Ontario for which considerable effort is now being made to secure water, this is agricultural territory sufficient to support a town of twenty thousand population, and with the certainty of its becoming a railroad centre and distributing point makes the future prospects of Ontario very promising indeed.

LOCALS.

Harvey Hatch, of Parma, is proving that there is about as much profit in growing red clover seed as in alfalfa seed, his revenue this year being ninety-nine dollars per acre for seed alone.

Robert Bacon, an engineer on one of the construction engines working on the extension west of Vale, was badly scalded about the head and shoulders last Wednesday and was taken to the hospital at Boise for treatment.

Chris Barrett, a laborer on the railroad construction work near Vale was severely injured while engaged in laying track. He sustained a broken shoulder and three broken ribs, beside numerous bruises. He was taken to the hospital at Salt Lake City.

What might have proved a serious accident happened last Friday afternoon, when the large gasoline tank in the Poorman Plumbing shop exploded. Fortunately the tank was not full, and while the windows in the front of the shop were blown out, Mr. Poorman, who was at work on the tank escaped with a slight injury.



W. F. HOMAN, President Commercial Club, Member of Legislature.

Notice

Sealed bids will be received by the state board of Fish and Game commissioners at 807 Yeou building, Post land, Oregon, until 10 o'clock a. m. on January 15, 1913, at which time same will be opened, covering the sale of eleven acres of land, more or less, together with all appurtenances thereon, belonging to the state of Oregon and commonly known as the Ontario Salmon hatchery property, situated about two miles from Ontario, on Snake river; all improved and well adapted for irrigation with water wheels installed. Further information will be given upon application to the Board at the above address. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The envelopes containing bids must be marked plainly "Bid on Property" and addressed as above. Terms—nothing but cash.

Value of Land Under Ontario-Nyssa Ditch.

The land under the Ontario-Nyssa ditch can now be purchased at from one hundred to one hundred and fifty dollars per acre. Ten acres of this land in bearing orchard will easily bring a revenue of from five thousand to ten thousand dollars a year, and forty acres of this land devoted to general farming, especially dairying, hog raising, poultry, bees, etc.,

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