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IN SOCIETY

ANNA OGLESBY, Editor

One of the season's most pleasant social events was the Halloween party given by the Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Thompson.

Huge jack-o-lanterns were conspicuous on the verandas and the rooms were gaily festooned with corn brake, jack-o-lanterns and rose berries. Apples and doughnuts were hung in the archways, each guest trying to grab a bite.

The pretty summer house was converted into a "Chamber of Horrors," all present being escorted in parties of two and three through this unique and weird room.

A novel feature of the evening was the "Imp's Tragedy," a musical pantomime under the direction of Miss Silsby.

The witch who dispensed fortunes from the bubbling caldron, caused much merriment. After having the palm crossed with a charcoal, each person drew their fortune. A penny indicated a banker, a pen an author, pills a doctor, cake, a baker, etc.

The blindfold game caused much amusement; three bowls being placed upon the table, one containing flour, another water and the third left empty. Each person in turn was blindfolded and permitted to reach for a bowl. If flour was touched, the future wife or husband was one who had been married before; if water was reached, the future choice was a single person and the empty bowl indicated single wretchedness.

Mr. Hall as Ebenezer and Mrs. DuBrulle as Topsy were attractions, also the traveling musicians and spoons.

"Nuts to crack" were passed around. The ladies having conundrums and the gentlemen having the correct answer were partners for refreshments.

Cafeteria luncheon, consisting of pumpkin pie, doughnuts and coffee, was served in the kitchen.

About 80 guests were present.

One of the most pleasant parties of the season occurred when the Endeavor Society of the Christian church was entertained at a Halloween party by the Misses Inez and Della White at their home on Friday evening, October 27. About sixty young people met at the church and were taken out in two wagons—one two and one four-horse team—driven by Clarence Boyd and Alfred White.

The first thing that greeted the eyes of the party on arrival at the homestead was a display of jack-o-lanterns on the gate posts and porch.

The guests were received by two ghosts, and were ushered into the parlors, which were beautifully decorated for the occasion. Garlands of rose berries were festooned from the chandelier, and autumn leaves and wild vines adorned the walls. The rooms were lighted by numerous jack-o-lanterns and by a huge fire which burned in the open fireplace. By the fireside sat the proverbial witch with her mystical brew. She was kept busy by the young folks who were all anxious to learn what the future had in store for them.

During the evening music was provided by Miss Wilcox and Miss Hankins, and games and ghost stories were enjoyed by all until supper time arrived. The choice of partners for supper was a novel idea. The girls, each being given a cord, went upstairs, leaving one end of the cord below. The boys were then called in to choose a cord, their partner being found attached to the other end. The guests then withdrew to the dining room, which was decorated with autumn leaves and bunches of grapes. On the center of the dining table sat a huge pumpkin, surrounded by numerous smaller ones. Each couple, having chosen a pumpkin, which contained a supper for two, seated themselves on the floor and were served by the Misses White and Miss Boyd with delicious grape-juice drawn from the huge pumpkin.

At a late hour the party withdrew, each one of the guests pronouncing it a most enjoyable evening.

The Young Married Ladies' Embroidery club entertained their husbands by giving a Halloween party Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Ben Groff. The rooms were prettily decorated with autumn leaves and a number of jack-o-lanterns adorned the porch entrance. The guests were greeted at the door by spoons and the evening was spent listening to weird ghost stories, fortune telling and games. The luncheon consisted of pumpkin pie, doughnuts and coffee.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Mackin, Mr. and Mrs. Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Arms, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Umphrey, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Bisbey, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Simeral, Mr. and Mrs. Kora, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Groff.

On last Friday evening at the Elk's hall, the junior and senior classes of the high school observed Halloween by giving the first party of the year, to

which all the students and teachers were invited.

The decorations, which were very appropriate, consisted of autumn leaves, rose berries and jack-o-lanterns, the latter being of generous size.

Ghostly forms walked about the rooms and a few goblins were present, but all seemed able to enjoy the numerous games of the evening, the fortune teller, and last but not least, the luncheon.

Besides a large attendance from the high school, a number of alumni and former high school students were present, all of whom agreed that the party was a very pleasant one.

At a dainty luncheon Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Alta King announced the engagement of Miss Nellie Ellis to Edward Lee Brugger, of Spokane, Wash. The place cards were in the form of two joined hearts. Mrs. King was assisted by Mrs. Waterhouse.

Those present were: Mrs. J. Norman Waterhouse, Mrs. Job and daughter Miss Emma, Miss Lulu Currin, Miss Neva Perkins, Mrs. Kinter, Miss Jean De Long, Miss Jennie Smith, Miss Lauretta Atkinson, Miss Audra Rhinehart, Miss Nellie Ellis and Mrs. Alta King.

A pleasant birthday anniversary party was given Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 24th, in honor of Miss Oassie Currin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Currin at the Walnut Avenue farm. About 40 guests were present, many being from Cottage Grove. Mrs. Dora Fields was one of the latter, but she will not commit herself as to whether she was a chaperone or not.

Refreshments were served, consisting of chocolate, coffee, sandwiches, cake, nuts, popcorn, fruit and candy. Miss Currin received many beautiful presents. Those present expressed themselves as having thoroughly enjoyed the event.

A delightful affair of the week was the party given by Miss Ruth Woodard at her home Wednesday evening for the senior class of the high school. It was a general reunion of classmates and the evening was spent in social games and vocal and instrumental music. Fruit punch, candies and popcorn were served. Fifteen guests were present.

Quartermaster Dickey, of Appomattox Post, and his estimable wife celebrated their silver anniversary yesterday by inviting comrades and their wives in to spend the day. Those who partook of the dinner prepared by Mrs. Dickey described it as magnificent. The home was a veritable bower of flowers. A number of beautiful gifts were received.

A pleasant Halloween party was given by the 6th grade of the public school in the basement of the Methodist church Tuesday evening. The program consisted of the usual games, fortune telling and ghost stories. The boys of the class served refreshments.

The Halloween dance in Armory hall Saturday evening was a very pleasant and successful affair. The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion and good music was furnished for lovers of the terpsichorean act.

The eighth grade class of the public school celebrated Halloween on McFarland Butte Tuesday evening. A huge bonfire was the chief attraction and a jolly time was had watching for spoons and goblins.

GENERAL NEWS.

The case of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company vs. the State of Oregon and the case of Frank Kiernan vs. the city of Portland, which involves the constitutionality of legislation enacted in Oregon under the initiative and referendum act, have been set for argument in the U. S. supreme court on January 8th.

The Commer'ial club is in receipt of a letter from the Oregon State Horticultural society, accompanied by a premium list setting forth multitudes of prizes for apples and other fruits to be given to successful exhibitors at the twenty-sixth annual apple show which will be held in the Yeon building in Portland, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 15, 16, 17 and 18.

Construction work on the Eugene-Cooch Bay railroad will begin immediately after the deal for the purchase of the Lane county Asset company's holdings is concluded. The asset company holds a short stretch of right-of-way needed by the company.

Sugar has dropped as low as 6 cents at Eugene on account of war between local merchants.

Leslie Furlong, a miner of 25 years' experience who has traveled over the best part of the United States and spent much time in South America, brought down from Blue River last week some samples of gold ore taken from his newly discovered claims on Quartz and Simmons creeks in the Blue River mining district that are fabulously rich. One piece especially, taken from the center of a ledge which Mr. Furlong has traced for a long distance, is almost a solid mass of the yellow stuff.

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Ben Franklin Allen, socialist lecturer and author, delivered a discourse before a large and appreciative audience at the Grand Wednesday evening. Mr. Allen is a pleasing and interesting talker, and presented the subject, "Scientific Socialism" in a very convincing manner.

A citizen of Medford has brought suit in the circuit court against the \$1,500,000 bond issue for good roads recently authorized by the people of Jackson county at a special election.

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