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Residence of S. A. Miller



Residence of Dr. B. F. Giesy

A BIG UNION HIGH SCHOOL

The necessity of a Union High School at Aurora and as soon as possible, is being talked right now by various districts to be benefited. It is not the intention of the Observer to discuss, week after week, the merits of a High School. We take it as a matter of fact that our readers know probably more along these lines than we do. If they don't, it only proves further the need of a Union High School here. It is timely and expected that the paper speak on the proposition, and we can give our opinions, reasons and words in one issue as well as several. We believe hundreds of our readers will agree in general, and we hope, those differing will, on proper meditation, see the wisdom of this all-important, progressive move and assist in putting over the school program that means so much, and will be the means of making this the big, thriving central point we all wish it. It isn't a selfish idea, but one that will benefit each in many ways directly and indirectly. The cost is a trifle in comparison. Probably a cigar a week. The children today need an education as much or more than we of our day. The present condition is unsatisfactory, unwarranted, selfish and unfair to the students. A good High School comprising five districts would be in demand at present by about 75 pupils. There is not a week passes but what some stranger here wants to locate; but moves on as soon as he finds there is no high school here. There are those that would sell a farm or property, who would find a quick buyer at more money if only we had a school. Property would advance, more families with school children locate, more building and bigger town would result—making better market and more work. The present is the opportune time. We don't think it is any one man's affair, but a duty for the communities at large, and personal jealousies must not enter. We believe also the time has arrived when each man is big enough and can see far enough and is broad minded enough to work untiringly for the completion of a grand Union High School without the sanction of any one or without a thought as to whether his neighbor is for or against. The results are so much more important than any petty fuss among good people. This spot of God's Foot Stool is coming to the front. It is being talked about, being noticed, and all Oregon looking and expecting a New High School, New Pythian Home, New Comers and More Business. We can go ahead or be the laughing stock of Oregon. If we go, we all win, we will all be glad of the progressive spirit shown. Our surroundings will improve, and above all, our children will not say we didn't give them an equal chance in the start of life. The Observer is heartily in favor of the very best Union High School. We know it will greatly help us; we know it will benefit us directly and our children. We sincerely hope no man within this radius will, after due consideration, oppose such an important move. Let's make it unanimous and celebrate afterwards with a big, rousing, community party of good cheer.



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Surprise Party

A party was given Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Ziegler, in honor of Mrs. Ziegler and Miss Alleta Zimmerman's birthday. It was a surprise to both. A lovely dinner was served at noon by the guests who all brought well filled baskets. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Chris Ziegler, Mrs. G. Dentel, Wm. Dentel, Mrs. L. Radcliff and son Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dentel and Dorothy, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Zimmerman and Alleta, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Giesy and Viola, Teddy and Ulyses of Laurelhurst, Mr. and Mrs. Will Gooding, Relda and Helen, Mr. Paul Gooding and Lucile, Ben and Lloyd Ziegler.

Enjoyable Affair Sunday

A very enjoyable day was spent last Sunday Dec. 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stuwe, near Barlow. The occasion being the birthday anniversary of her mother, Mrs. H. Blosser. Those present were Mrs. H. Blosser, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Stuwe, Helen and Lyle Stuwe and Mr. Henry Collister of Needy, Mr. Otto Blosser and son Ivan of Aurora, Mr. and Mrs. Elton McLaughlin of Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stuwe and son Carl and Fred Leffler of Barlow, Mr. David Steiner of Salem, Mrs. A. Blosser, Cora and Evelyn Blosser, Mrs. Mabel Rickson and daughter Irva and Mr. Paul Patterson of Portland.

New Year's in Egypt

If a group of people were shipwrecked or otherwise cast upon their own resources and were to lose track of the date they would have no easy means of finding it again. Our year is an artificial one, and so must be made by careful study in well equipped observatories. Without precise instruments it would be difficult to fix the day when the new year begins.

The ancient Egyptians experienced no such difficulty. Their year, from which ours is derived, had a perfectly natural beginning. It always commenced on the day when Sirius and the sun rose together.

The temples of Egypt were really observatories, built to face this or that star as it rose. They were more or less elaborate, but all had as their fundamental plan a long narrow passage down which the star's rays came, and a dark chamber at the far end where the priest made the observation and wrote the date in the book.

The beginning of the new year was an important event. We can picture the scene as the priests, followed by the scribes, lawyers, merchants, and the curious crowd, wind their way up to the temple in the first streaks of dawn, and take their appointed places. As day light comes on the interest of everyone is centered on two groups.

The priests on the roof are straining their eyes for the first glimpse of the coming sun, while those down in the dark chamber are watching for Sirius. Soldiers are stationed around the temple to keep the crowd silent and to prevent stragglers from crossing the path of the star's rays in front of the temple door at the critical moment.

A shout bursts from those on the roof as the sun tops the horizon. The observers below watch their wat' clocks carefully now as the minutes are told off, and strain their eyes at the narrow opening where Sirius is to shine. In a few moments Sirius itself flashes into view, and the new year has begun.

The Egyptians discovered that the year has an extra quarter of a day in it. They did it by noting that on some years Sirius and the sun rose almost together, while on others there was an appreciable difference in time, and that these changes repeated themselves every five years. They found the length of the year to within 11 minutes of its true value, which was a remarkable thing to do with the primitive appliances they had at hand.




The First National Bank OF AURORA

This Holiday Season we are completing our first six months of business, and we thank our friends and customers who have made possible a growth of resources to \$12,000 in this short period.

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Let us mention, as an Xmas suggestion, that you open a savings account here for that boy or girl as a Christmas present. A home savings bank, furnished by us with each new savings account, will be a constant reminder of the giver and be an aid toward the habit of saving. And the boy or girl will later appreciate your prudence in placing the account with this strong, help bank.

Perhaps you would like to present some one with a gold coin for Christmas. We also have a supply of crisp new bills in all denominations which may help to supply your Xmas needs.

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