CORRESPONDENCE

SCAPPOOSE

Mrs. Jessie McDonald is spending her vacation in Portland.

R. Niblock has moved his family into the Getchell cottage.

Miss Taylor returned to her home in Portland for the summer.

Miss Gypsy Johnston has been quite sick but soon recovered.

Mrs. B. Scott spent the week end with her Ohio friends in Portland.

A young son of Martin Trtek received injuries to one of his feet.

Miss Crow left on Saturday morning for her home in San Francisco.

Mrs. Hattie Wilson (nee Wikstrom), of Portland, spent the week end with her parents.

Mrs. E. M. Watts and daughter, Miss Maude, spent several days in Portland with relatives.

The dance at West's pavillion last Saturday night was well attended and was a social success.

Mrs. Barker, of Beaverton, spent the latter part of the week with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Hatfield.

Mrs. E. M. Watts, D. W. Price and H. Lamberson have been putting a new dress of fresh paint on their houses.

James Watts, Ruskin and Roderick Blatchford have each a new bicycle which is proving a decided pleasure.

Miss L. Heist, of Salem, and Mr. J. R. Purcell, of Portland, came to hear the graduating exercises and visit friends.

Prof. Dodson, Mrs. Hatfield, Mrs. Ada Holaday and Mrs. McDonal have accepted positions in our school for the next year.

Henry Buschman, of Portland, took unto himself a wife and spent several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Buschman.

Miss Orma Robinette, of Yankton, spent the week end at the Novak home with Miss May Novak, who is teaching near Yankton.

Charlie Setvin met with an accident while working for Frank L. Smith, in which he had his finger badly cut in a potato planter.

Mrs. Cole and daughter, of Husum, Wash., visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. Albert Johnson, and attended the graduating exercises.

Dr. Ross and Harold Ross, of St. Helens, attended graduation exercises Friday night. The doctor is an old-time friend to some in the class.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Niblock and son Ambler and the Misses Ardath Hagey, Eva and Gladys Garrison motored to Beaverton to visit friends of Mr. Niblock.

Mrs. Eschebeck, one of the St. Helens-Portland auto victims, is still in a serious condition. It is yet uncertain just how badly she is injured. Mrs. Stafford, daughter of Mr. Chamberlin, was not considered seriously hurt at first and was brought to her father's home the same night, but became worse in the morning and is now in a critical condition.

Miss Lorlei Blatchford, who was a senior here the first of the year but who is now attending school in Vancouver, came home to see her class friends graduate and spend a few days with her parents.

A letter from Lester Adams to his mother informs her that out of all the soldiers on the island, thirty were chosen for exhibition drills in Frisco, Oakland and Berkeley, and out of the thirty men, sixteen were chosen for some special exhibition drills, and he states that Dewey Wren and himself were chosen among the latter. We think our boys will make good.

On Thursday evening the senior class, assisted by other members of the high school, presented "The Twig of Thorn" at Watts & Price's hall. The story of the play is based on Irish tradition, and the quaint Irish folk lore was well brought out by the various ones of the cast. The play was under the direction of Miss Crow, who ably assisted each one in representing the character taken.

Mrs. R. J. Frakes and daughter, Mrs. Lulu McLauchlan, visited her son near Oregon City on the 13th. As they returned home they called on old-time friends, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Miles, at Oregon City. They found them celebrating at a birthday party. Among the guests were Mrs. Lilly Schell, Mrs. Mary Martin, Mrs. Lillian Bergman, Mr. Bergman and son Fred, Mr. and Mrs. Will Mars. The call proved a pleasant surprise to all.

One of our neighbors, John Wattson, on last Tuesday, was elected supreme representative forester of America to their supreme convention which meets in Portland, Me., the last week in August. This is Mr. Wattson's seventh time as representative. He is also the oldest member of the grand court of Oregon Foresters of America. His election at this time was unanimous.

Mrs. Mildred Watts and sister, Miss Neva Boyle, entertained in honor of their mother, Mrs. E. C. Boyle, on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Boyle expects to return to Ohio in July. The afternoon was spent in visiting. A light lunch was served, including hot biscuits and maple syrup, the latter of which was of this spring's run from the Ohio maples. The guests were Mrs. E. M. Watts, Mrs. B. Blatchford, Mrs. W. G. Pomeroy, Mrs. Frances Pomeroy, Mrs. Rose Watts, Miss Maude Watts, Mrs. D. W. Price, Mrs. Ada Holaday, Mrs. Annie Grim, Mrs. M. J. Butler, Mrs. Bertha Uhlman, Mrs. May Getchell, Mrs. C. H. Johnston.

The high school commencement exercises were held on Friday night at Watts & Price hall. The hall was filled with parents and friends when the class marched into the hall and to their places on the rostrum. The class roll was Helen Watts, Joseph Novak, Gladys Johnson, Velma Lynch, Marjorie Holaday, Ollie Stotenberg, Nellie Shatto, Bertha Uhlman, Gertrude Uhlman, Eva West, Daisy Wikstrom, Hazel Wikstrom. The class flower was pink sweet peas, and each member carried a huge bouquet. The class colors were pink and white. The program was as follows:

March ..... Miss Ardath Hagey
Prayer ..... Rev. C. H. Johnston
Chorus—"America the Beautiful" ..... Class
Address ..... Mr. E. F. Carleton
Solo ..... Helen Watts
Presentation of Diplomas ..... Dr. Blatchford
Quartet ..... Johnston, Taylor, Tipton, Watts

The address was well received, as it was not the ordinary graduation speech. The subject was "Mary Autin," the speager reading Mary Autin's description of her thoughts and feelings when she came to America as she learned the advantages of "free America" and our school system.

Mrs. Bert West entertained the Pocahontas Ladies at her home at Scappoose Wednesday. The dining room was decorated with lilac and narcissus and flags. The table groaned under the weight of the good edibles. It also being in honor of Mrs. Scott's birthday, it was all right if she did keep the whipped cream cake close by her. Mrs. Rhoades made the fruit punch, which was certainly delicious. Oh, you fruit punch! After lunch Mrs. West and Mrs. Harrison took the ladies for a joy ride. Everyone went home happy, wishing Mrs. Scott many happy birthday anniversaries and thanking Mrs. West for being a royal entertainer. Rhoda West and Ethel Smith entertained also with music and songs.

RAILROADS PREPARE TO HANDLE ARMY

Buckling down to the task of meeting the government's needs, the railroads will soon eliminate the "extras" which have made travel in America the most luxurious in the world.

Fairfax Harrison, chairman of the railroads' "war board," has outlined the measures which the railroads of the country will put into effect as rapidly as possible.

The "war board" program provides that government interests shall have first call upon all transportation facilities. Public convenience is to be subordinated to national need, and only such equipment as can be spared from government purposes will be devoted to commercial purposes. By combining their resources, the railroads plan to avoid duplication and render maximum service with the means at their disposal.

The railroads have not yet felt the full force of the government's mobilization plans. This will come with the vast movement of troops and supplies consequent upon the calling out of five hundred thousand men to be drafted; the summoning of the national guard into federal service; the concentration of the regular army, and the establishment of military "cities" throughout the land, equipped with railroad facilities.

Railroad locomotives and cars cannot be built over night. No matter how orders for construction are rushed, the new material cannot be secured in time for the emergency. That is the reason that the public luxuries must be sacrificed in the interests of stern necessity.

Transcontinental travel, in which equipment is used the longest, will be the first to feel the effect of the new order of things. Passenger train schedules will be adjusted so as to release locomotives, equipment and crews for the more important business of moving troops and supplies. Heavier loading and prompt release of freight cars will have the same effect as increasing their number. Dining cars may have to be reduced in number and the elaborate and luxurious menus made to reflect the policy of the government.

These practices also extend to local conditions and the public may expect to see the revision of such schedules so that the local lines will likewise contribute engines, crews and equipment to the national need.

Some idea of the railroad equipment required for the movement of troops may be gained from a statement prepared by Lieut. Col. Chauncey B. Baker of the quartermaster corps, U. S. A.

To move one field army of 80,000 men, technically known as a brigade, of field army troops, requires a total of six thousand two hundred and twenty-nine cars made up into three hundred and sixty-six trains with as many locomotives.

These 6,229 cars would include 2,115 passenger, 385 baggage, 1,055 box, 1,899 stock and 775 flat cars.

Inasmuch as the army plans to move a million men, the railroads have a man's size job ahead of them.

From Coos Bay comes the report that general business conditions are good and the outlook most encouraging.

WARREN

Under the auspices of the Woodmen of the World, a big patriotic meeting will be held in Erickson's hall Saturday evening, May 26. The committee in charge, K. F. Larsen, A. E. Lund and Oscar Tucker, has arranged a very interesting program. There will be good music, a patriotic address, patriotic songs and recitations. Good patriotic music will be one of the main features of the entertainment. After the program has been rendered, ice cream, cake and coffee will be served. The admission is free, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Oscar Erickson was doing jury duty in St. Helens Tuesday.

WESTERN OREGON BIG CORN SHOW

Will Be Held at Eugene December 11, 12 and 13, 1917.

The Western Oregon Corn Show will be held at Eugene in December, on the dates given above. It will be held under the auspices of Pomona Grange and Eugene Chamber of Commerce. Cash prizes aggregating $400 have been hung up for premiums. One of the largest prizes offered is $50 for the best bushel of corn, with $25 and $12.50 for the second and third respectively. For the best single ear a prize of $10 is offered. There are many other cash prizes, ranging from $2.50 to $15. In sending out their prize lists to the papers and asking that publicity be given, the committee states: "The world is facing the greatest food shortage ever known and the United States must do all possible to relieve that shortage. Meat and fats are a much more serious factor than bread. Corn is the greatest meat producing article we have; therefore the planting and growing of those varieties of corn best suited to our soil and climate should be encouraged in every possible way." In order to stimulate interest in the show, the committee has offered the cash prizes as mentioned before. If any Columbia county farmer is interested in the contest, and they should be, full information will be furnished by addressing the secretary, Oregon Corn Show, Box 268, Eugene, Oregon.

The Women of Woodcraft will give a dance at the Odd Fellows hall in Houlton Saturday night, May 26.

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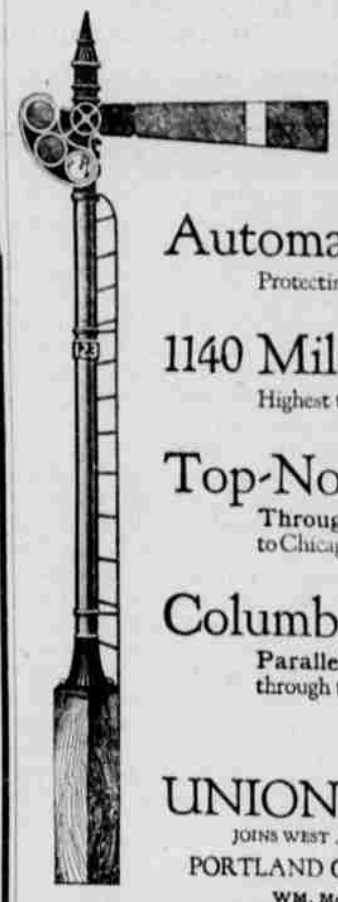

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