

LADD CANYON NEWS ITEMS

LEAP YEAR PARTY AT LADD CANYON POPULAR.

School Children Take Part in Fine Program and Social.

Ladd Canyon, Feb. 20.—(Special)—Mrs. Ollie Green is here from Emmett, Idaho, visiting her brothers, Messrs. Dick, Henry and Adolph Peebler.

Miss Mary Banton visited a few days in La Grande last week with her sister, Mrs. Alta Winburn.

The Leap Year Neck Tie social which was held at the school house Friday evening, Feb. 16, was a complete success in every detail. The house was crowded and everyone enjoyed their supper which was served near midnight. The stage was beautifully decorated on a white background in honor of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington's birthdays and also St. Valentine's day. The school children deserve special credit for their program which they rendered as follows:

Song, "Our Army and Navy"—By school.

Essay, "Washington"—Miss Lucile Jorris.

Recitation "Love of Country"—Sibyl Mulholland.

Recitation, "The Baby and the Soldiers"—Etta Banton.

Vocal Duet, "My Dream of the U. S. A."—Miss Verdle Graham and Miss Kittle Mulholland.

Oration—A. H. Perryman.

Selected Reading—Miss Lulu Counsell.

Recitation—Mildred Conaway.

Recitation, "Sheridan's Ride"—Miss Verdle Graham.

Recitation, "Lazy Lew"—Franklin Counsell.

Song, "The Sleigh Ride"—Misses Lulu and Hattie Counsell and Kittle Mulholland and A. H. Perryman.

Recitation, "Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg"—Miss Maud Banton.

Recitation, "Washington's Kiss"—Miss Kittle Mulholland.

Recitation, "He Came"—Raymond Stump.

Selected Reading, "Naughty I"—By Miss Goldie Bainbridge.

Recitation, "When I've Grown Up"—Mildred Mulholland.

Dialogue, "Watermelon Pickers"—

Miss Verdle Graham and Henry Counsell.

Vocal Solo, "Good-bye to All, Good-bye"—Miss Lucile Jorris.

Magic Tricks—Performed by John Larm.

Recitation, "The Blue and the Gray"—Miss Katie Counsell.

Recitation, "Army Diet"—Walter Peebler.

Solo, "Columbus"—Mildred Mulholland.

Recitation, "Caleb's Courtship"—Miss Dora Gelger.

Dialogue, "Respect for the Aged"—Misses Lucile Jorris, Lulu Counsell, Golda Bainbridge and Dora Gelger.

Song, "Yankee Doodle"—Miss Irene Mulholland and Henry Counsell followed by school in chorus.

Tableaux, "Fare Well, My Soldier"—By four.

Closing Song, "America"—School.

Burt Stump, who was operated upon for appendicitis by Dr. C. H. Upton, about four weeks ago, is able to be outside a good deal. His condition was deemed quite dangerous but with a competent nurse and good care he is well on the road to recovery.

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ANIMALS THAT COUNT.

Maggies, Rooks and Apes Can't Get Past the Number Four.

There are human beings, such as inhabitants of the Murray Islands, in the strait of Torres, that cannot count further than two. But, most surprising still, most animals possess calculating abilities, and several have a distinct appreciation of number. In certain mines of Hainault the horses are used to traversing the same road thirty times that after their last round they go to the stable of their own accord and refuse to take another step. Mon-falgue says that the oxen employed in the royal gardens of Susa for turning the wheels to which the water pulis were attached absolutely refused to make more than a hundred rounds, which constituted their daily task.

A close observer has definitely established the fact that magpies and rooks cannot count further than four. A rook never returns to its nest until it is quite satisfied that there is no danger near. When four hunters or less departed in succession from a nearby log cabin the rook would return to its nest after the last had gone out of sight. But whenever there were more the bird lost count and returned to its nest even while some were still in the hut.

Similarly apes do not count further than four, and the Boers of the Transvaal when they want to hunt these animals hide in numbers exceeding four. Four depart in succession in such a manner as to be noticed by the apes, who then come forth and are easily captured.—Chicago News.

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FIRST PRINTER'S DEVIL.

He Was a Young Negro Slave Employed by Aldus Manutius.

Aldus Manutius, who in 1488 set up his office in Venice, has long been famous as the first of the publishers of the famous Aldine classics, which today are so highly prized by book collectors. He was the author of a Latin grammar, a Greek dictionary and a treatise on the metrical methods of the poet Horace and originated the form of type known by us as Italic and by German printers as "cursive" type.

He is also said to be responsible for the name of "printer's devil," almost worldwide in its application to the youngest boy in the office. A young negro slave employed in his office who was so very black and dirty that his natural ugliness had become an almost fiendish expression became feared and known all over Venice as "the little black devil," and Manutius at last realized that the boy and himself had dangerously awakened the superstitious fears and dislike of the more ignorant Venetians. He accordingly formally exhibited him during a whole day on the public streets and had the criers make this proclamation throughout the city:

"I, Aldus Manutius, printer to the holy church and the doge, have this day made public exposure of the printer's devil. All who think he is not flesh and blood may come and prick him."—Charles Winslow Hall in National Magazine.

Don't Call It Slang.

A Cleveland man who has lived for a number of years recently got it into his head that he might die one of these days and that it would be well if he wrote his autobiography ere that sad event occurred, as one might say. So he sat down and wrote many pages and took those pages to a local publisher. After the manuscript had been in the latter's hands for some time the author called him up.

"This is B Jones," he explained generally.

"Who's B Jones?" came the reply.

"B Jones, you know—B Jones of East Umph street, whose autobiography you are publishing. Ah—I'm a little short this week. Could you let me have something in advance?"

"Not on your life!"

And you may think the printer was slangy, but he wasn't.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Community of Interest.

"Pardon me, but you seem much entertained by that story of the \$500,000 necklace the Philadelphia banker gave his bride."

"Yes."

"Perhaps there is some particular reason why you are interested?"

"Why, yes—I'm a tax assessor."

"Well, it interested me too."

"You're not a tax assessor?"

"No; I'm a burglar."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Arbitress.

The proprietor of the employment agency was speaking.

"You say you are looking for a job as cook?"

"Yes."

"Well, there's a number of ladies lined up. They all want cooks and have good references. Look 'em over and see if any of 'em would suit you."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Case of Elias.

Once I had a little dog Named Elias, And I think he was cut On the bias. There was something wrong—at least, Running north he pointed east— Such a slanting little beast Was Elias.

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