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THE MAN WHO BEAT LAFFERTY

Congressman-elect Pat McArthur spent Saturday night in La Grande on his way from Portland to Enterprise. Pat was always an interesting character, but he is more so now because he is the man who beat Lafferty for congress and sent all other candidates to the rear by several thousand votes.

The new congressman refused to discuss national politics, for as he suggested, he would have plenty of time to let his attitude be known when he appeared at roll call in the house of representatives.

It is interesting to know that as a congressman, Pat will wear the old white hat which has long been his pride; that he will refuse to try to outdo Jonathan Bourne's record as a fancy dresser, and that he will not attempt to raise the standard of Joe Cannon's cigars when he gets back to Washington.

He is an Oregonian; comes from the old, substantial Nesbit stock and has seen service in many different lines of work during his growing period. While late years have been given to law practice, Pat does not forget the time when he followed a plow and looked a horse squarely in the eye down in the Willamette valley; nor does he forget the menial task of extracting the lacteal fluid from the cow's udder.

He has been a reporter for newspapers, represented Multnomah county in the legislature several times; acted as governor for a few brief hours when the governor and secretary of state were absent from the state house. But with all of these things to keep in mind he probably thinks more of the days when he lived down in Polk county on the Rick-re-all river and took an extensive interest in the breeding of fine horses. In those days, as at the present time, he stuck to the old white hat—admitting at all times that he was a horse man, but always refusing to run for the office of sheriff which in the Rick-re-all country is generally conceded to be a direct compliment passed around among men who further the cause of the faithful horse.

A WRONG IMPRESSION.

Several days ago the Observer printed a story stating that Hot Lake was frozen over and the people of that resort were skating on the ice, but the article stated further that the lake which had frozen over was the auxiliary lake nearby the hot lake where the boiling spring empties.

Many newspapers failed to read that portion of the article and now the story has gone broadcast over the coast to the effect that the weather has been so cold in the Grande Ronde that Hot Lake has frozen, leaving the natural inference if the lake is frozen the hot spring must either have dried up or frozen, too.

For information of all, the Observer wishes to state there has not been the variation of a degree in the temperature at Hot Lake in a quarter of a century. The boiling water

comes from the side hill just as hot in winter as in summer and at any time it is positively the hottest water known throughout the world.

The Sanatorium is doing business as of old and people are coming hundreds of miles to effect cures for rheumatism and other diseases. It is one spot in Oregon that relieves the suffering through nature's own cure—hot water.

And because there is skating on the cold pond which is reasonably near the lake the public must not think for a moment that the cold weather has any effect whatever upon the original and only hot spring of its kind in the universe.

The cold wave in the east makes one think the freezing of a few pipes is not half bad.

Portions of Umatilla county will have to be reseeded in order that a crop of wheat can be raised. This is hard luck with seed at a dollar and two bits a bushel.

The west coast will have some protection while President Wilson is at the fair, for it is announced that twenty-one battleships will play hide and seek along the coast next summer.

England has raised another diplomatic issue while the Germans raised hades with England's north coast. The Kaiser is not paying much attention to diplomacy just now—Krupp guns do better work.

Governor West is to report the legislature for the Portland Journal, and that paper in announcing it leads one to believe it is for the good of the state that the governor's services have been secured. When as a matter of fact, many will believe it is a move on the part of the Journal to sell more papers and a move on the part of West to make a meal ticket when his official pay as governor ceases.

Rebuilt Destroyed Church.

The Baptist church of Enterprise will be rebuilt at once. This has been decided on by members and officers of the organization, says the Enterprise-Record Chief-tain. The new structure will almost duplicate that burned a week ago Sunday. A few minor changes will be made, but in the main the former church will be restored.

The baptistry will not be rebuilt, and changes will be made in doors, and one or two partitions. Such changes will be made with the idea of improving slightly on the former building, and at the same time reducing the cost a trifle.

A settlement has not been made yet of the insurance, but there is no question that this will be adjusted within the 60 days the companies reserve for investigation. Liberal subscriptions have been made to the fund needed, in addition to the insurance money, to reconstruct the building. So the money for the restored church is already pledged or in sight.

One reason for rushing the new church is that this is the dull season in building. Many members are carpenters, and they have offered their services free. When spring opens, they all will have work on the many new houses and stores and other buildings planned. But now they can find idle days which they would be glad to devote to the new church.

In fact, when the subscription paper was passed around among the members, many said they did not have the money but would be only too glad to contribute work. Some offered the use of teams and wagons as long as needed. Others would do carpenter work, or day labor. So there will be small need to pay out any money for wages if building can be erected in the coming two or three months. A stock of dry lumber is available, and at a reduced price, and the cash will be made to go as far as possible.

It is possible that Rev. W. H. Gibson, who was pastor when the former church was erected, may return. He is now in the southwest, but he is eager to come back to Oregon and he has been informed of the burning of the house of worship he helped build.



This is the hospital staff of the hospital established by the Duchess of Westminster at Le Touquet in France. It has been officially pronounced the best war hospital the British army knows in France. The Duchess is shown in the first row, the third figure from the left. Mrs. Phillips, the matron, is at her right.

ROYAL COURT.

This game of royal court will afford amusement for the children at Christmas.

Arrange two rows of chairs back to back and seat the children. At each end of the double row place a table on which is a cardboard box containing one pack of cards. Two children in turn are selected from among those seated.

They go, one to each table, and when the signal is given race in opposite directions round the chairs till they return to their original starting point at the tables. The cards are hastily placed in the box, and a hurried search is made by each of the two children for picture cards.

The four kings, queens and knaves must, when collected, be deposited on a tray that has been placed in another part of the room as a winning post. The first to accomplish this wins. The successful competitor returns to his seat; the loser vacates his and is then out of the competition.

The last two to remain in the game are proclaimed king and queen of Christmas and receive prizes, while the third is Jack the knave. He gains a funny booby prize. It is amusing to dress the royal pair in regal robes, crown them and present scepters. They may march at the head of the guests and sit together on draped and gilded thrones.

Crowns of cardboard covered with gold paper may be prepared for king and queen. A very grand scepter may be made by fixing an old tennis ball by means of sealing wax on to a bamboo cane and covering the whole with silver or gold paper or going over it with gilt paint.

HOLLY FOR SANTA.

A frolic on the order of the ever popular donkey game is always in order for a Yuletide gathering of young folks. Vary the picture a little to suit the occasion and offer a prize to add zest to the struggle. If the shops are not at hand to offer inspiration for the new version of this contest, any one with some little artistic skill can draw a picture of Santa Claus on a square of muslin and color with tinted chalks.

The youngsters are blindfolded one by one and are sent to pin a spray of holly in Santa's hand. It is, of course, the one who comes nearest to accomplishing this feat who wins the prize, a copy of some popular juvenile story. The children who stick their holly sprays farthest away from the mark may be condemned to perform some funny stunts. For instance, they may draw imaginary reindeer in the air with the index finger in the presence of the rest of the company.

An amusing Christmas trick is to make a small star upon the wall with a piece of white chalk. One by one the players kneel upon the floor at a distance of about two feet from the wall and with arms folded behind the back bend forward and try to kiss the mark. With a tall player the distance might have to be a little greater, but with players of an average height two feet from the wall will make it very difficult to succeed, and the arms must on no account be unfolded. Prizes may be awarded successful players.

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Wilson's Birthday: He is Fifty-Eight Washington, Dec. 28.—President Wilson today received a few remembrances and a lot of congratulations on the occasion of his 58th birthday. The anniversary was not made the occasion of any celebration, inasmuch as the president and his family are in mourning.

How to Prevent Croup.

It may be a surprise to you to learn that in many cases croup can be prevented. Mrs. H. M. Johns, Elida, Ohio, relates her experience as follows: "My little boy is subject to croup. During the past winter I kept a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house, and when he began having that croupy cough I would give him one or two doses of it and it would break the attack. I like it better for children than any other cough medicine because children take it willingly, and it is safe and reliable." Obtainable everywhere.

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