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AS THE PRESS SEES IT.

Marine insurance rates and battleships go down together.—Washington Post.

Mr. Schwab may conclude to have the submarines built by his new plant in Canada.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Huerta says he will return. Perhaps; but he never can come back.—Washington Post.

They say the Colonel has finally become reconciled to being regarded merely as an ex-President.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

J. L. Brady, of Lawrence, advises the Turks if they wish to get into a holy war they would better stay out of this one.—Kansas City Star.

The movement for better babies will touch a responsive chord in every mother's heart who knows how poorly off other folk are in this respect.—Washington Post.

An Illinois justice has ruled that a university may legally work its women employees nineteen or more hours a day—by reason of being a charitable institution.—Boston Herald.

Field-Marshal Kitchener should not object to the interview with him written by Irvin Cobb. It is probably a better interview than Kitchener could have composed himself.—Chicago News.

We notice that the combination of letters that are used to indicate the pronunciation of geographical names in the war-zone are quite as baffling as the names themselves.—Albany Journal.

The Kaiser, who was to take Paris in September, took Lodz in December. Recalls the case of the young woman who said she would not marry the man until he had saved \$10,000, but compromised when he amassed \$18,400.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual meeting of the Stockholders of La Grande National Bank will be held on Tuesday, January 12th, 1915, at 2 o'clock p. m., at their banking house in La Grande, Oregon. At this meeting a Board of Directors will be elected to serve for the year 1915, and until their successors are elected and qualify, and such other business will be transacted, as may properly come before said meeting.

F. L. MEYERS, Cashier.

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HOSTAGE.

(By Corinne Roosevelt Robinson.)

Life, wilt thou wait awhile

And let me smile?

Before the stress and turmoil have begun,

Grant me one hour,

One hour of golden dalliance in the sun;

The fair, sole dower

To hold forever close against my breast,

And so forever rest

In happy knowledge that joy has been mine,

That in my veins like wine

Has run the glamour of the sunlight's glow;

That winds so soft and low

Have brought me fragrance of the distant brine,

Or honey-sweet amid the spring-touched trees

Have swept the scent of these

Upon my eager senses, till I seem

A part of my own dream,

My dream of youth

And nature's flowering,

Life, let me sing!

Wilt thou not stand aside

Until with all the fair world's gifts allied

I shall have armor of delight to bring

Against the fierce hot sting

Of thine assault when that dread day shall come?

I promise thee, O Life, I shall be dumb,

Nor utter one reproach if only now

I may go forth with gay uplifted brow

And meet my golden hour of happy fate—

Life, wilt thou wait?

I am no coward—when the trumpet calls,

Valiant, my feet shall climb the crumbling walls,

My breast be bared to hail of shot and shell,

But now, while all is well,

Let me hold fast

To this sweet hour that it shall ever last,

A hostage to the future and the fight.

Thus when the darkness comes and clash of arms

And my soul is sick with fierce alarms,

The healing light,

The peace of what has been,

Shall guide me through the din,

And pledge me promise of what is to be;

Thus may I see

My happy hour once more restored to me,

Transfigured, dim, perchance, yet glorified

Altho with death allied!

So be it, then—if now,

Stern Life, if thou

Wilt wait a little while

And let me smile.

Bad Cold Quickly Broken Up.

Mrs. Martha Wilcox, Gowanda, N. Y., writes: "I first used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy about eight years ago. At that time I had a hard cold and coughed most of the time. It proved to be just what I needed. It broke up the cold in a few days, and the cough entirely disappeared. I have told many of my friends of the good I received through using this medicine, and all who have used it speak of it in the highest terms." Obtainable everywhere.—Adv.

All accounts owing to the Geo. A. Anderson company are now in the hands of M. V. Mefford for collection, and parties owing the company can pay their accounts at the old location of the company in the Gardiner building.—Adv.

PERRY ITEMS OF INTEREST

BASKET DANCE AT PERRY BIG SUCCESS.

New Piano Ads to Pleasures of Social Meetings.

Perry, Jan. 6.—Geo. Dixon returned Sunday night from a ten day vacation trip to his old home in Idaho. He reports a very enjoyable time while away. Also Mr. Jos. Eshelman, principal of the Perry school came from Union, Sunday where he has been spending his vacation with friends. School began its work again Monday, with good attendance.

Leon L. Perry, Mrs. Gertrude Killpack of Idaho, Mrs. Erma Hendrickson and husband of Canada are now visiting Mrs. L. R. Perry. They came to attend the funeral of their father, L. R. Perry.

The young ladies gave a basket dance Friday night, and the effort put forth by them to show the young men a good time made such an impression upon the boys that it will be hard for them to forget the good time they had. The hall is now equipped with a piano which will add greatly to the musical feature of the socials which will be numerous this winter.

CLOUD FORMATIONS.

What We Know About Them Seems to Be Mainly Guesswork.

Many scientists have told us how clouds are made. Most of the textbooks on physical geography tell all about them, but it is all guesswork. Clouds are a mystery. It is true they are composed of moisture floating in the air, but how did the moisture get there?

It is held that particles of moisture are evaporated from the earth's surface by the heat of the sun. This moisture does not form into clouds immediately. Indeed, the passage of the moisture from the earth to the upper air is quite invisible. It was formerly supposed that this moisture was condensed by the cold of the upper air into rain droplets, which formed the clouds.

But scientists hold that the tiny particles must have something to condense upon. They used to tell us that the moisture collected upon dust particles to form into rain drops. Now they are practically agreed that it is something else, but they don't know what.

Anyway, when these drops get large enough they accumulate into vapor, forming clouds. When the droplets get too large and heavy to float in the air they fall to the earth in the form of rain, and this is about all we actually know about clouds.—War Cry.

When Seals Were Food.

The gray seal used to serve Cornish men as an article of diet. Stephen Hawker tells how he and a brother clergyman, having asked a landlady at Boscawen what she could give them for dinner, were told "Meat and tadies." They tried to get her to particularize the meat, but "Meat, nice, wholesome meat, and tadies" was the full extent of her information. When the meat was served it tasted like veal, but was unaccompanied by any vestige of bones that might have enabled the diners to infer its origin. Years afterward Hawker lighted on the nature of the "meat" when he read in an old history of Cornwall that "the people of Boscawen do catch divers young soyles, which doubtful if they be fish or flesh conyange housewives will nevertheless roast and do make thereof savory meat."—London Graphic.

SNAPPING THE CRANBERRY.

Dinner Game Suggested, but Not Recommended.

This is a game to be played at the Christmas table. When the cranberry sauce is brought on each guest must place a cranberry on the end of a knife, holding the knife in the left hand with the right hand close behind the cranberry. At the word "snap," given by the hostess, the cranberry should be snapped with the first finger of the right hand at the target. The game shall be continued until each player has shot away all of his cranberries. The score is counted thus:

Hitting the hostess with a cranberry counts one.

Hitting grandpa counts two; grandma, three; Uncle Will, four; Uncle Tom, five, and so on, depending on whom the guests and those around the table are.

A cranberry that goes on the floor is out of play, but one that falls in any person's lap or sticks in the hair or on a coat or dress can be picked up and played again. Anybody that hits anybody else squarely on the nose counts fifty to the lucky player's score. This is a highly diverting game and one that all will enjoy, especially the hostess.—New York World.

The accounts of the Geo. A. Anderson company are due and payable to M. V. Mefford who has offices in the former location of the company in the Gardiner building.—Adv.

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