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(Interesting items culled from Observer files 18 years ago) December 17, 1897.—The next meeting of the Populist Central committee of Union county will meet in La Grande January 8 1898 and all Populists are invited to be present (signed) J. E. Reynolds, chairman, George H. Curry secretary.

The order of the Knights of Pythias is rapidly increasing its membership. Eight new members are now being taken in.

It is rumored that a branch road will be built from Elgin to the stone quarry on Mr. Plass's farm four miles Northwest of this place. The preliminary survey has already been made.

A. G. Conklin and Carl Stackland of Cove were Thursday receiving the insurance money from W. B. Sargent for the loss of their fruit dryer. The amount paid was \$300.

Mrs. Abe Rynearson has been very ill at her home in this city caused by an abscess on the lungs. For several days Dr. Richardson feared for her

recovery. Her daughter Kate Hanley and baby has been quite sick but all are recovering.

A. C. Huntington, John and William Rynearson have recently been appointed to appraise the Lytle estate near the Williamson farm.

H. Rule of Imbler, where he is a prominent farmer, contemplates going to Klondike.

W. L. Evans brought in a four horse load of wheat from Promise in Wallowa county, yesterday to be ground at the Alliance mill.

Preston Burnett was down from Starkey Prairie yesterday. Snow is four inches deep at that point.

If the Republicans are so very anxious to follow in the wake of "The respectable citizen" why do they hesitate to give the people a postal saving bank law.

December, 18.—The price of wheat is quoted today at 58 cents—quite an advance over a few days ago.

Mrs. J. H. Aiken left last night for Portland to have her eyes treated.

Sleighs were out in force yesterday.

The Pierce Bros. who have contracted to grow 600 acres of beets, are making preliminary arrangements for the work.

December, 19.—We are informed that certain freight conductors have been notified to procure passenger conductor uniforms by the first of the year. This bears out the rumor that the O. R. & N. contemplates a double passenger service.

J. A. Russell and C. W. Ness have leased the Heidenrich meat market and are now open for business.

The Methodist ladies have lost none of their own reputation in their chicken pie dinner Friday. The tables were loaded with good things. The receipts were \$56.00.

Wilson and Holbrook have engaged in the live poultry business and have a large consignment of geese, and turkeys from Wallowa county. They started to drive them on foot from Wallowa to Elgin, but the geese wouldn't drive. However they have a drove of 145 turkeys that keep a horse busy keeping up with them, but when the sun goes down they camp in the first accessible tree.

Ernest Mahaffey has accepted the challenge of the Lostine football team to meet any eleven in Eastern Oregon on either Christmas or New Year's Day.

ing with her mood. Whatever the irresistible influence is, it has not our wits of frill and fancy and left them for the most part plain creations with coats medium length and skirts short even to the top of the high boot.

In the window of a Fifth Avenue shop a model of dark blue gabardine is attractive the gaze of the never ceasing stream of well dressed women who frequent this thoroughfare. Suggestive of a uniform, it boldly stands forth with patch pockets over the seams, a small one above and a large one below the broad belt of white leather that sports a black buckle. Trimmed with wide Hercules Braid the collar, notched in the most approved manner, is faced with white broadcloth to match the belt and bound with black braid the same as the front and the lower edge. Huge white ball buttons, complete the trimming and below the binding on the circular skirt, the cuffs of Russian boots are seen in black patent leather to match the vamp, while the quarter is made of white kid. A small turban of black straw with white wings flaring on either side carries out the balance of the black and white, marking the skill of a clever modiste.

Many variations are seen in this suit. Here it is made without the pockets, and there with a shawl collar in place of a notch. However, if you start in quest of some really new fabric you are doomed to disappointment unless the fabric be a cotton. Invariably as you roam through the racks and models of the cloak and suit departments, you see the black clad saleswoman pause in front of the chair of a prospective customer and hear her say, "A dark, blue serge or gabardine, shepherd's check worsted or Donegan Tweed?" and there the choice ends, unless, as I said before, you want a cotton for your tailored suit. Here magic has been wrought with the warp and wool. Carraval is one of the interesting new cottons it is a material for all the world like a duvetyne that has borrowed the knots of ratine, and there are numberless other good suiting cottons and linens.

Distinctly different in purpose and appearance, the suits with short Zouave jackets in no wise conflict with the vogue of the tailored, but are selected for theatre, afternoon and dress wear. One of New York's most famous houses has on display an attractive model in mouse-gray faille silk, the coat short and boxy and the skirt laid in soft pleats. Fine silk-corded motifs in the corners of the jacket and woven buttons in self-tones make rich trimming.

The other day in a theater party of four young girls who braved the uncertain April weather to wear their best to the matinee, two had the new short jacket suits, one a blue taffeta with silk covered buttons placed close together down the closing and the other a gray silk with frogs of silk-covered cord. In some of the better they are introducing these short coats in cloth but taffeta and faille are used in the great majority of the models.

Hats equally stunning, appear in turban and sailor shapes, small sizes being favored. There are round turbans and tricornered, all straw or satin faced ranging from black and emerald green to the sand and putty shades. Often a bow, flower or wing adorns the tip top of the crown and I have heard it said, if one dares to whisper such a thing in a neutral land, that it was copied from the peak of a German's helmet. Others are trimmed around the brim. Resting on the cover of a big hat box with a background of flowers, one store displays a putty-colored turban, the sides straw and the top satin, edged around with acorns, oak leaves and roses. Another shop on a side street has a whole window of flower hats, while a house, renowned for its tailored styles features turbans and sailors trimmed with wings and quills and natural leg-horns, embroidered around the crown with wool in black and emerald green. It would seem, there is a hat for every face, but when it comes to footwear we all must bow to Fashions will for ties or boots are the only choice.

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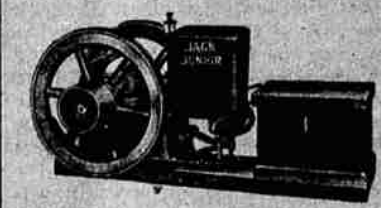
New York, Apr. 24.—Now that Easter is past history and the smart women has placed her stamp of approval on this style and that by actual wearing, street clothes resolve themselves into two distinct types, the tailored and semi-tailored suits. Perhaps it is the anticipation of a cross-continent trip to the Fair that is making the tailored suit so popular of it may be mildly on charity bent finds the plain coat and short skirt in keep-

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