

A NAUTICAL KNOT

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HIGH SCHOOL OPERETTA

High School Auditorium

Friday, December 15th

Tickets Now on Sale—Adults 50c—Children 25c

Tickets may be Reserved at Silverthorn's Drug Store

Sports---

Followers of basketball in the Y. M. C. A. to the tune of 22 were out for the first big "rehearsal" last evening, and the prospects of a team are exceedingly bright. Out of the score of candidates there should be developed a powerful team.

LIVING COST DOUBLED, BUT U. S. PAYS CLERKS \$100 A YEAR LESS THAN IN 1853

Washington Dec., 13—(United Press)—The United States government now pays its employees \$100 less a year than it did 62 years ago. Ethelbert Stewart, chief of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor, an authority upon the subject declared to day.

This decrease comes at a time when the cost of living has soared two-fold and three-fold from the levels of 1854.

The salary scale of government clerks was fixed by act of 1853. Prior to this there had been no regular gradations in paying for employes. A certain number would get, for instance, \$819 per annum, another \$837 another \$869.50 and so on. The work of including so many scattering items in the appropriations bill vexed the committee who decided in that year to put all of these in a lump appropriation at \$840. This is an example of

the plan that was followed in the fixing of the rates of governmental pay to its employes.

These classes have not changed since that day save by the creation of lower grades of pay. There were no \$720, \$650, or \$540 per annum employes of the government at that date, as there are now.

In 1854 no clerks listed as such got under \$1,200 a year. Now clerks are listed at \$840.

There are higher positions today than there were in 1871 but there are comparatively few and are occupied mostly by experts. The chief increase in the number of government employes in the District is shown by the statistics to have been in the lower grades of the service.

Fortune's Hand Is On Gold Spigot For Zulu Kid.

BY J. W. PEGLER.
United Press Staff Correspondent.

London, Dec., 12.—(By Mail.)—Fortune's hand is on the spigot, ready to turn on a golden stream for Young Zulu Kid, who is scheduled to fight Jimmy Wilde for the world's flyweight championship in London December 18.

If the Zulu can flatten the Tyrion-Terror there will be lucrative matches galore awaiting the Brooklyn Wop-African. If he can't turn the trick and takes a header himself, he will return home enriched by several strings of wampum and the enlightenment of a trip abroad.

The conqueror of Jimmy Wilde will

find the British boxing public a lavish patron. Just now none of the home-grown partisans believe Zulu or any other flyweight can topple their idol. A draw would open Zulu's way to a campaign of bulky profits and the inevitable return match to a finish with Wilde.

Jimmy insisted on elaborate stipulations for the three-minute round when he signed on the dotted line for the Zulu match.

"I boxed a dub a long time ago," he said, "and the timekeeper walloped the old dishpan, every two minutes. Every time I had my man on the verge of the big dive, bang! went the dinner-gong and he got a rest. Never again for me. Three minutes is just the right space in which to hang on the finishing tuch and get in full count."

The Welsh harp hasn't been boxing much of late. He keeps in condition by a regular course of calisthenic stunts and spars for exercise, however, and does not believe it will be necessary to grind himself into shape for the Zulu fight.

Wilde is a good golfer and spends the annual sunny afternoon on the links near London. He is still waiting to play this year's round.

Notice of Stockholders Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the La Grande National bank will be held at their banking house, in La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 9th, 1917, at 2 o'clock p. m. At this meeting a Board of Di-

rectors will be elected to serve for the ensuing year and such other business will be considered as may properly offer.

F. L. MEYERS,
Cashier.

—Adv. 12-8 to Jan 8.

Notice to Stockholders.

Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the United States National Bank of La Grande, that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the said bank, will be held at their banking house in La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 9, 1917, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and transacting any other business that may come before the meeting.

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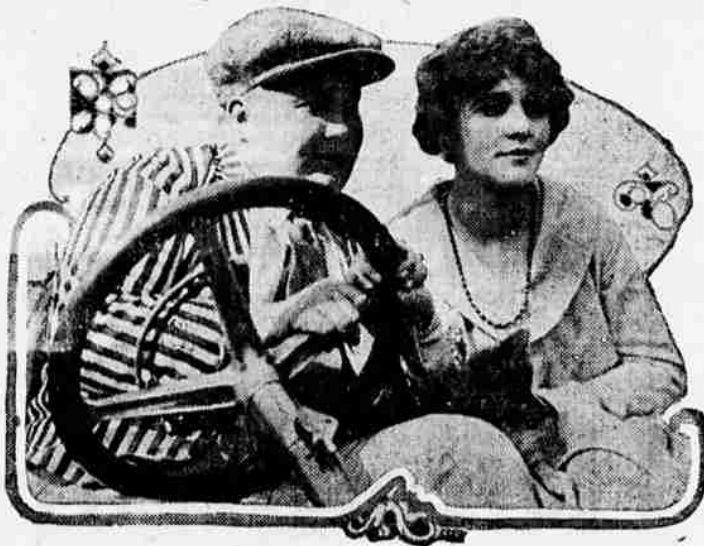
5th day of December, 1916.

T. J. SCROGGIN,
Cashier.

—Adv. 12-6 to 1-8.

Wedding invitations, announcements and calling cards printed at the Observer Job Printing Department. 10-28-16.

Nobody Loves a Fat Man



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The fact that nobody loves a fat man has been proven to be an absolute fallacy time and time again, but occasionally there will bob up just an incident like the one herewith pictured in which there is evidenced that Miss Huff certainly does not love the fat man. He has just proposed. Moreover, he is just going to be rejected, for her face expresses that "far-away" look of "thinking about the other fellow."

A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION

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