

DANCING IN SNOW IS BIG FEATURE OF PAGEANT!



DANCING IN SNOW IS ONE OF THE BIG FEATURES OF THE OUTDOOR CARNIVAL AT ST. PAUL, ONE OF THE BIGGEST EVENTS OF THE YEAR IN THE NORTHWEST. IN WHICH THOUSANDS, YOUNG AND OLD, TAKE PART.

MANY FIRES ARE FOUGHT

Forest Service Reports 1176 Fires in National Forests—Sixty Per Cent Put Out Before Headway Is Gained.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Eleven hundred and seventy-six fires on the national forests of Oregon, Washington and Alaska burned over 9000 acres of timberland, destroyed 25 million board feet of merchantable timber worth \$23,000 and young growth and forage worth \$12,000, and cost the forest service \$19,000 to subdue during the fire season of 1916, according to a complete report just compiled in the office of District Forester George H. Cecil, Portland, Oregon.

In addition to the timberland, more than 10,000 acres of open country was also burned over. The fires on the national forests of this district for 1916 were distributed as follows: Alaska 28, Washington 465, and Oregon 683. In number of fires reported, the Siskiyou national forest in Oregon leads the district with 243 fires. The Snoqualmie forest in Washington stands second with a record of 177 fires for the season. The least number of fires occurred on the Tongass forest, Alaska, where three were reported.

Sixty per cent of these 1176 fires were discovered and put out before they had gained headway enough to cover a quarter of an acre. Thirty-two fires, less than 3 per cent of the total number, burned over more than 10 acres and did damage to exceed \$100 before they were put under control. Any one of the 1144 other fires if left to itself might have become a large forest fire, says District Forester Cecil.

Campers caused 23 per cent of all the fires reported. Lightning was responsible for 19 per cent, railroads for 8 1-2 per cent, logging operations 6 1-2 per cent, brush burning, 6. The remainder were from miscellaneous and unknown causes. These figures do not indicate that campers are becoming more careless with fire than formerly, but that there was a great increase in the number of tourists and campers visiting the forests, according to Mr. Cecil.

Nearly \$3000 of the \$19,000 spent by the forest service in fire fighting in this district last year was used on private land within or adjacent to the national forests, to subdue fires which threatened to enter the forests. Timberland owners furnished cooperation to the amount of \$5,264.63. Excellent cooperation was given by the state foresters of Oregon and Washington.

War Oddities

Berne, Jan. 29.—(United Press)—Great success has been achieved by many Bavarian cities in the manufacture of boots and shoes from compressed paper.

London, Jan. 29.—(United Press)—"What is the first thing you do when you come out of the trenches?" a nurse asked a Tommy who came out wounded.

"Run to the creek and wash my rifle," said the soldier. "Then I wash me."

London, Jan. 29.—(United Press)—A ten-year-old bugler plays every call in the third battalion king's African rifles now on active service in East Africa.

London, Jan. 29.—(United Press)—British soldiers seize regimental badges from their German prisoners and fasten them to their belts like scalps at the waist of American Indians. Several Tommies have their belts completely covered with captured badges.

London, Jan. 29.—(United Press)—Smith Hall, winner of the Victoria Cross for saving the life of Captain Learoyd last summer was the guest of honor at Learoyd's wedding.

Paris, Jan. 29.—(United Press)—Franco-Swiss frontier guards are the best of friends and frequently trade tobacco or play cards across the boundary line, the French, however, always remaining on their own side to escape internment. At some points a rail fence marks the line.

Leonora Fisher Whipp.

Mrs. Whipp, who will assist Hart-ridge Whipp, the distinguished baritone in a song recital at the Methodist Episcopal church Tuesday evening, January 30, is a virtuoso as an accompanist, being at all times sympathetic in the extreme, the two making an artistic combination rarely found.



"I don't have to advertise," says Mr. Well Satisfied. "Every one knows me." That's true and the people don't have to patronize you. And lots of the new-comers who are coming here every day don't know you're on earth and what's more they don't care.

NEWS FROM NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Wallowa County News Enterprise News Items

Wallowa High Defeated Union High Basketball Team—760-Acre Farm Sold.

Wallowa, Ore., Jan. 29.—The Wallowa Sun says: Wallowa wins first interscholastic basketball contest, 31 to 7.

Union high school with several wins to her credit went down to defeat before the Wallowa quintet Thursday evening. The game was fast and rough at times. Wallowa guarded so closely that Union was able to score only two field goals. Wallowa missed several easy chances for goals but as the game progressed they began to shoot them in with great regularity. Prospects are good for a winning team. Wallowa plays Joseph at Joseph next Saturday. Next week Wallowa makes its annual trip playing La Grande, Pendleton and Milton before returning.

The Wallowa girls have the best team in years. January 12 at Enterprise they defeated the Enterprise girls team 17 to 9. Saturday, January 20, the Elgin girls team played here and were completely outclassed. Wallowa won 53 to 3. Elgin was unable to score a field goal. In Anna Schaffer Wallowa has one of the best, if not the best goal shooter in Eastern Oregon. Fifteen field goals in the first half and five in the last half are to her credit. Wallowa displayed a good deal of team work.

Enterprise plays a return game here Saturday night.

Last Friday evening the Wallowa basketball team, made up of players weighing 120 pounds or less, made the trip to Enterprise and met the team there of like weight. Working under the handicap of a small floor and the excellent goal shooting of the opposing side Wallowa lost 31 to 13. The same teams meet again Saturday evening as a "curtain raiser" to the girls' basketball game to be played in the gym.

The Enterprise high school basketball team were Wallowa visitors last evening. A game was played with the Wallowa Athletic club at the gym and the visitors won by a score of 35 to 21. The game was fast and at some times was rough.

One of the most important land deals recorded here in recent months was consummated this week when B. M. Rounsavell purchased the 760-acre wheat and stock farm owned by Kline and Williams. The farm is located in the Willow Springs district and is one of the best in that section. There is 300 acres under cultivation now, 150 acres more can be cultivated which is now in bunch grass, and the remaining 310 acres is fine pasture land. Part of the 310 acres is timbered which will furnish wood and posts for the farm. The price was \$20 per acre. L. Couch, the real estate man, made the deal.

C. M. Rounsavell was quite seriously hurt Monday while cutting wood. In company with his brother he was sawing up a big tree for wood and when they had it cut nearly off it pinched and the other brother took the ax to cut the lower side of the log when the ax slipped through his hands and striking C. W. just above the knee on the right leg, cutting the upper part of the knee cap. It required six stitches to draw the wound together. It is thought that the knee cap is not injured enough to cause a stiff knee.

One of the biggest wheat deals in this part of the county for this season's crop was made at Lostine yesterday, when Lee Bell, the local grain buyer, bought the crop of C. R. Elliott. There was 11,000 bushels sold, being the fortyfold variety. There were other companies bidding for this crop, but Mr. Bell's bid was taken, as it was the highest bid. The price was not given out but it was above the \$1.50 mark though.

J. J. Hawley, who is now residing in La Grande, was a business visitor in Wallowa Monday. Mr. Hawley is now in the employ of the railroad company at the Junction City.

Stomach Troubles.

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Debutantes to Train At Chevy Chase

National Service School Will Initiate Ambitious Girl Rookies into Mysteries of Soldering.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—(United Press.)—Joy reigns in many a debutante heart here. A second season of the national service school, where ambitious girl rookies are initiated into the mysteries of soldiering, has been announced.

They'll drill and march, and wig-wag at signals and shoot, and the smell of powder—no sir, not talcum powder—will pervade the air about the Chevy Chase suburbs of the capital next spring. The encampment will begin April 16 under the auspices of the woman's section of the navy league.

The school will be in session six weeks—the course to consist of 20 days. Senator Newlands estate, last year's site, will probably again be used.

More than 1500 applications for instruction are already on file. The Red Cross, as was the case last year, will conduct the classes.

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THE WHAT-YOU-MAY COLUMN

Captive Soap.

This is supposed to be a free country. And yet look at our soap. Is it free? No!

But it used to be. Yes, soap used to be free. It lived in a dish and led a wild, glorious, independent life in hotels and sleeping cars. It was at liberty to come and go, (and frequently did, hotel men tell us), with any traveler it took a fancy to. Or it could stay home and float in the washbowl.

Today, soap is a captive. It is locked up in dark, cavernous slot-machines, with a price on its head. Or else it's chained to a wall and left to swing sadly to and fro. Or it's reduced to a limp liquid and hung around in bottles, looking more like a cross between pea soup and salad dressing than its old familiar self. In any case it is bound about by a cordon of push buttons, knobs, cranks and levels which, in its crushed and bewildered condition it can never hope to break through.

Even in private life soap is no longer free. It used to be soap's delight to swim in the dishpan; but today it is driven into a little cage, shaken around in the water a while and put back on the shelf to mope.

Ice.

Ice is one of the cold, hard facts of life that we are forever bumping into; and one of the few things in this world that's what it's cracked up to be.

Ice is a paradox. It is used by cold storage men to make it hot for the public, and it would be a cold day for them if they didn't have it.

Ice was invented by Divine Providence to keep our rivers and lakes from freezing to death. During the summer it comes in chunks and goes in a hurry. It is what housewives and saloonkeepers depend on in July and fall on in January.

Ice is found in the stare of box-office clerks and on the shoulders of society leaders. Married women stand on it in their bare feet just before they go to bed. It is used by Americans to cool their cocktails and by polar bears to cool their own tails.

Ice rides around in big wagons and has a good time, and when it gets tired of life it melts and runs away.

HARTRIDGE WHIPP, BARITONE

Appearance Tomorrow Evening at the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On account of the large advance sale of tickets for Mr. Whipp's recital he is assured of a splendid house at his initial appearance in La Grande. Mr. Whipp recently made a very successful appearance in Chehalis, Washington, and speaking of his concert, the Chehalis Bee-Nugget said:

"Whipp recital of great merit. Hart-ridge Whipp, baritone, gives best song recital heard here. A singer with unusually resonant and dramatic voice. Audience refuses to leave hall until encore is given.

"One of the best, if not the best, musical events ever held in Chehalis was given Wednesday (Nov. 15) in the high school auditorium, when Hart-ridge Whipp, baritone, appeared in song recital with Leonora Fisher Whipp at the piano. Chehalis has never heard more finished artists, nor a singer of more pleasing effects than Mr. Whipp. Mr. Whipp has an unusually full, resonant baritone, and his program demonstrated the great versatility of his voice.

His remarks prior to each number, giving the history of the selection and something about the author, added greatly to the understanding of his songs. His ease on the stage and constant good humor kept him in close touch with his hearers at all times. Mr. Whipp excels particularly in the power of his tones, his resonant qualities and the very fine tone-shading he uses in interpreting his selections, also his perfect enunciation. He is also very pleasing in his selections requiring dramatic power. Mrs. Whipp proved a most excellent accompanist."

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