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RUSSIA'S ATTITUDE.

Very frequently of late the press dispatches have alluded to the possibility of a separate peace negotiated by Russia. Russia's ambition for the control of Constantinople, and for a seaport on the Mediterranean Sea, was one of the great issues that brought about the present war.

TAKING POSTMASTERS OUT OF POLITICS APRIL 1 SAVES U. S. 12 MILLION A YEAR.

By Miles Poindexter, U. S. Senator From Washington (Written for the United Press.)

The action of the President in adopting the merit system in the appointment of first, second and third class postmasters and taking this "patronage" out of politics, will save the government, at a conservative estimate, twelve million dollars a year and will increase the efficiency of the postal service.

There are 567 first class offices; 2,213 second class; 7,437 third class and 45,393 fourth class offices. The fourth class offices were placed in the classified civil service several years ago by President Taft.

The application of the principle, however, was so perverted that it did not bring the desired result. Three names were certified on a list of eligible applicants. In nearly all cases there was at least one democrat on the list and in nearly all cases this democrat was appointed.

This did the merit system harm because some who took only a superficial view of the matter blamed the principle itself for the result, whereas the real fault was the failure to apply in truth and in fact the merit principle.

The criticism really was against the old spoils system masquerading in the guise of the merit system.

So far as announced, the forthcoming order will not affect incumbent postmasters during their present term, but will apply to appointments or reappointments at the end of

Telocaset News

Telocaset, Ore., March 26.—(Special)—Farmers in this locality are about out of feed for their stock. Hay is being hauled in at \$25 a ton, baled grain at two cents a pound and straw cannot be bought at any price as the supply is exhausted.

An invitation dance and card party was given in the G. I. Haller home on Lyons hill Friday last. A delicious supper was served at midnight.

This school district now has an enrollment of 26 pupils. It is hoped to have a new grade school by the next term and probably a high school in connection with a gymnasium with all modern conveniences.

O.-W. Operator Strong was called into La Grande Friday. Mr. Crawford is relieving him.

Twin boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hobfield Tuesday, March 20. Mother and babies are doing nicely.

Edna Eames, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eames, was removed from the St. Alphonsus hospital Thursday in Boise and is improving rapidly.

Mrs. L. B. Hyatt was a business visitor in the county seat last week. Albert Thronson, of Baker, is visiting, Charles Brooks.

Addie Eames visited Sunday in the home of Greta Johnson in Union.

Petrograd has no Bastille, but its fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul is almost as good—or bad.

that term. Instead of a perversion of the principle by giving the appointment to the democrat on the list of three, the applicant standing highest on the list and having the other necessary qualifications as to general character, will be appointed regardless of politics.

This change will add to the dignity of congressmen by relieving them from the obligations and humiliations of political appointments. It will take away from the executive branch of the government one of the powerful influences or inducements, which in times past have frequently been used to direct and control the actions of Congress.

I proposed this change by an amendment to the postoffice bill two years ago, but it went out on a point of order. This year when the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill came to the senate it contained certain general legislation relative to postoffice employees.

At a later time I will briefly discuss the manner in which this change will improve the service and curtail its expense, and the opportunity for reward it will give to faithful employees.

THE CARE OF THE BABY'S EYES.

By Mrs. Max West, of the Federal Children's Bureau (Written for the United Press)

A large part of the blindness among children is needless, because the cause is well known and the remedy at hand. Many states now require that the simple treatment described below shall be used in every case, and it would do much to save children from this incalculable calamity if mothers throughout the world understood the means of prevention.

At the moment of birth the baby's eyes are to be wiped with bits of sterile cotton, using a separate piece for each eye and wiping from the nose outward. Following this the eyes are to be treated with an antiseptic which is to be dropped into each eye, first lifting the lid in order to get the medicine properly into the eye.

This very simple and inexpensive treatment is sufficient in many cases to prevent the development of the disease of the eyes of new born children which leads to blindness. But if the treatment has been neglected and symptoms of the disease appear, such as reddened and swollen lids, the mother should insist upon having the doctor begin the treatment at once, for if neglected, even for twenty-four hours, it may be too late to save the sight.

It is best to send the baby to a hospital for treatment, if the eyes are badly inflamed and discharging pus, as only the most constant and careful treatment will save them, and even then it may not be successful.

Kamela News Items

Kamela, Ore., March 25.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Norden and son, Ruby, left Friday morning for Portland. They expect to go from Portland to Seattle and will be gone about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Hickey, of St. Louis, are visiting Mrs. Hickey's mother, Mrs. Ed Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bray and family arrived from the east Friday morning on number 17. They are visiting with Mrs. S. A. Ingerson, Mrs. Bray's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick returned from Spokane Thursday where they went to attend the funeral of Mrs.

Frederick's father.

Mrs. Clarence Kieth and Mrs. Mathis and daughter, Dorothea, shopped Thursday in La Grande.

Little Lena Rose has a bad case of pneumonia. She was taken to La Grande Friday night on number 18.

Mrs. Frank Hanlen slipped and fell Friday morning, severely injuring her arm.

Bert Watson went to La Grande on business Monday.

Miss Mildred Schrekhise is spending today with the Mathis girls, Rachel and Dorothea.

James Baker is Kamela visitor at present.

Miss Bryant is visiting her brother, L. Bryant, the section foreman.

The wildcat which Mr. Hillman cap-

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Hot Lake, Ore., March 28.—(Special)—The following guests registered at the Hot Lake sanatorium during the past week: J. McNamee, P. Rourke, J. Hengham, Ida Rettig, W. A. Wade, Leroy Jacobs, Miss Anna Emmons, Mrs. W. L. Slater, L. P. Day, Victor Knapp, Mrs. T. N. Murphy, Mrs. J. O. Gulling, Mrs. C. L. Pierce, Miss Minnie B. Pierce, G. H. Pennington, R. W. Hedges, Mrs. Harriet McDonald, J. J. Carr, Mrs. J. O. Anson, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Johnson, Mrs. Sarah Thompson, Mrs. C. D. Johnson and M. G. Murray, of La Grande; W. C. Taylor, J. L. Hynes, Thos. Iverson, Thomas Kolaras and R. F. Garrison, of Portland; Mrs. N. T. Griffiths, Geo. Wilke, A. G. Hall, Francis Burgett Short, of Spokane; A. B. Nelson, Tacoma; Mrs. F. S. Slater, Canyon City; Otto Meile, Payette; William Hendrix, Heppner; Ora Van Tassel, Madras; E. Friend, Seattle; James Johns, Ida Rothrock, Pendleton; Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Pierce, Boise; C. J. Johns, Jr., W. W. Williams, Mrs. N. Nakao, Frank Mizogouchi, A. K. Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Chandler and Mrs. F. W. Eppinger, of Baker; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Rosenbaum and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Yancey, of Spokane; Geo. E. McNulty, New York; John H. Wright, Joseph; Clark Akins, T. G. Wright, Enterprise; E. E. Johnson, Lula Dickson and Mrs. Sturgill, of Union; Mrs. Homer Duges, Filer; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cole, The Narrows; F. W. Duggan, Walla Walla; Wm. Finley, Burke; Mrs. H. P. Barnes and C. H. Cleft, Asotin; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore, La Crosse; Mrs. LeOra Oliphant, Chicago; R. T. Hugbet, Burns; Nick Murloka, Rufus; D. C. Fisher, Grangeville; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kelly, Perry and John Maass, Kimama.

Chas. E. King was ill two or three days last week but is up again this week.

Hot Lake Guests

Mr. Hillman is trying to tame the cat. A dancing club has been organized. Mr. Bryant is president and Mrs. W. H. Pidcock is secretary. Both number 5 and number 19 were annulled Friday night and a stub was run instead. The snow plow was up this week clearing the passing tracks which were quite blocked. A dance is to be given in the hall Saturday night.

Mr. Kilenbach shipped in some more straw this week. Mr. Quesley shipped in another half ton of straw this week. Mr. Burnett shipped in a ton of alfalfa this week. N. N. Mason is going to work on the O.-W. R. and N. as the work on the ranch is slack. J. W. Fearh made a business trip to Elgin this week, returning Sunday.

A SAILOR'S PRAYER.

Now I lay me down to sleep I pray the Lord my soul to keep. Grant no other Sailor take My shoes or socks before I wake. Lord, guard me in my slumber And keep my hammock on its number; May no clews or lashing break And let me down before I wake. Keep me safely in Thy sight And grant no fire drill tonight, And in the morning let me wake Breathing scents of sirlin steak. God protect me in my dreams, And make it better than it seems Grant the time may swiftly fly When myself shall rest on high In a snowy feather bed Where I long to rest my head, Far away from all these scenes From the smell of half done beans Take me back into the land Where they don't scrub down with sand Where no demon typhoon blows Where the women wash the clothes. God thou knowest all woes Feed me in my dying throes Take me back, I'll promise then Never to leave home again.

THREE YEARS LATER.

Our Father who art in Washington, Please, dear Father, let me stay Do not drive me now away. Wipe away my scalding tears And let me stay my thirty years Please forgive me all my past And things that happened at the mast. Do not my request refuse Let me stay another cruise.

China is doing what it can to live up to Emperor William's idea of a first class yellow peril.

With China and America in the war, only a little group of wilful nations would remain outside.

If you aren't getting along, the chances are a motto won't help you greatly.

Palmer Valley News

Palmer Valley, Ore., March 28.—Mr. Berchfield, of Cricket Flat was a visitor to Palmer Valley this week and reports the stock doing well. He said the snow was only half as deep there as here.

John Miller was a visitor at the N. N. Mason home this week. Extine Mason Ambsary, of Quesley brothers, transacted business at the Junction this week.

Fred Quesley, who lives north of the Looking Glass, has gone to Enterprise to resume work in the sawmill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold transacted business at the Junction this week. The snow frightened them and they purchased a big supply of food.

Mr. Fearh moved this week from his ranch over to the M. C. Cropper ranch which he has rented for the season.

M. C. Cropper as shipped a McCormick self-spike to his ranch.

Mr. Herold has had a lot of trouble the past week with a cow which has the dry meran. The animal is

Don't forget—April 24 and 25 the Cattle and Horse Raisers' Convention.

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