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FINE SCHOOL MEN LEAVE.

It was with regret that we learned of the departure of High School Principal A. C. Hampton to accept the same position in Eugene. It is with regret and also surprise that we learn now that City Superintendent of Schools Linden McCullough has accepted a similar post in the Ellensburg public schools. Both Mr. McCullough and Mr. Hampton were high class men. It is to be regretted that on account of higher salaries offered or for other reasons that they preferred other cities to La Grande. The School Board must realize that there is keen competition for school talent, for men who can make good. We hope that the School Board will be able to get a high class man to succeed Mr. McCullough. The Observer would be well satisfied if Mr. A. C. Hampton could be induced to accept the position.

The La Grande Commercial Club is to entertain at luncheon the members of the State Editorial Association upon their return from Wallowa Lake the evening of July 15. This is fitting and proper. The Commercial Club will give the editors a real taste of La Grande hospitality. The trip to Wallowa Lake will be an eye opener to the brethren.

The United States now has a Scotland Yard. Let us hope that it is as effective and as efficient as England's.

The Speed 'Em Up is rapidly drawing near.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Baker Has Cluster Lights.

The new cluster lights shone for the first time last night and gave the city a real metropolitan appearance.—Baker Herald.

Summer Is Here.

The usual string of auto tourists are pouring through the valley. A sure sign that summer is here.—The Oregon Scout, Union, Oregon.

How The War Came To America

(Issued by The Committee on Public Information—The Secretary of State, The Secretary of War, The Secretary of the Navy, George Creel Washington, D. C. June 25, 1917.)

In the years when this Republic was still struggling for existence, in the face of threatened encroachments by hostile monarchies over the sea in order to make the New World safe for democracy our forefathers established here the policy that soon came to be known as the Monroe doctrine. Warning the Old World not to interfere in the political life of the New, our Government pledged itself in return to abstain from interference in the political conflicts of Europe; and history has vindicated the wisdom of this course. We were then too weak to influence the destinies of Europe, and it was vital to mankind that this first great experiment in government of and by the people should not be disturbed by foreign attack. Reinforced by the experience of our expanding national life, this doctrine has been ever since the dominating element in the growth of our foreign policy. Whether or not we could have maintained it in case of concerted attacks from abroad, it has seemed of such importance to us that we were at all times ready to go to war in its defense. And though since it was first enunciated our strength has grown by leaps and bounds, although in that time the vast increase of our foreign trade and travel abroad, modern transport, modern mails, the cables and the wireless, have brought us close to Europe and have made our isolation more and more imaginary, there has been, until the outbreak of the present conflict, small desire on our part to abrogate or even amend the old familiar tradition which has for so long given us peace. In both conferences at The Hague, in 1899 and 1907, we reaffirmed this policy. As our delegates signed the first convention in regard to arbitration, they read into the minutes this statement: "Nothing contained in this convention shall be so construed as to require the United States of America to depart from its traditional policy of not intruding upon, interfering with, or entangling itself in the political questions or policy or internal administration of any foreign State; nor shall anything contained in the said convention be construed to imply a relinquishment by the United States of America of its traditional attitude toward purely American questions." At The Hague we pledged ourselves, in case we ever went to war, to observe certain broad general rules of decency and fair fighting. But at the same time we cleared ourselves from any responsibility for forcing other nations to observe similar pledges. And in 1906, when our delegates took part in the Algeiras Conference, which was to regulate the affairs of the distracted Kingdom of Morocco, they followed the same formula there. While acquiescing in the new regime which guaranteed the independence and integrity of Morocco, we explicitly announced that we assumed no police responsibility for the enforcement of the treaty. And if any honest doubt was left as to our attitude in regard to the enforcement of Old World agreements, it was dispelled five years later, when our Government refused to protest against the overthrow of the Acte d'Algeiras. We declined to be drawn into quarrels abroad which might endanger in any way our traditional policy.

Society and Personal

- ANNOUNCEMENT. Social and club news for this department should be given to the Observer by phone or otherwise, during the forenoon. Such news turned in after 12 o'clock, noon, will frequently have to be held for publication the following day. S. Ivanhoe for a fortnight. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Powers and Mr. Dunham Wright, of Medical Springs, are staying at the Sommer. Harry P. Huffman, of Enterprise, was registered at the Hotel St. George, Pendleton Monday. The following persons registered at the Imperial Hotel, Portland, July 4th: R. D. McClallen, Enterprise. Mrs. W. B. Sams, of Seattle, arrived this morning to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Montgomery. Miss Ethel Gulling and Miss Irene Murphy have returned from Boise where they spent the Fourth with friends. Miss McClintock, Miss Foster, Miss Heritage, Mrs. C. H. Breck and Mr. C. H. Breck, of Baker, are registered at the Foley. Mrs. Mary Wattenburg and daughter Miss Ruby from Fossil are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wattenburg. Hon. Dunham Wright, and Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Powers, of Medical Springs, returned home this morning after attending the Pioneers' Reunion. Sparta, July 6.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Joe May left Monday of last week by wagon with camp outfit for La Grande, for a week's visit with friends. Miss Thelma Lefel was a passenger on the morning train for Portland where she expects to attend the National Education association the coming week. S. Gardinier spent the Fourth in Baker. He reports the Fourth of July celebration attracted many people to Baker and that hotels, restaurants, etc did a big business. D. D. Randall, of La Grande, was in Gypsum Tuesday and reorganized the Sunday School. Mrs. W. L. McBride was reelected superintendent and Glen Garret, jr., secretary and treasurer.—Baker Herald. Miss Lulu McNeese, who has been attending the Monmouth normal, and Miss Lola McNeese, of Wallowa, are here visiting their brother, Roy McNeese, foreman of The Tribune composing room. They have been visiting relatives at Echo, and on Saturday expect to leave for their home in Wallowa to visit with their parents through the summer.—Pendleton Tribune. Mayor of Pendleton Enlists. Pendleton, July 6.—(Special)—Dr. J. A. Best, mayor of Pendleton, has enlisted in the medical reserve corps of the U. S. army and will be subject to call as soon as he has received his commission. He enlisted Saturday while in Portland attending the state medical convention at which he was elected first vice-president. Mrs. F. M. Harper of Pendleton, has been here for a short visit with friends. Alfred Broderick, of White Pine, is visiting friends and relatives in La Grande this week. Mrs. Laura D. Nash, of Pendleton, is the house guest of Col. and Mrs. F.

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Fashion

BY MARGARET MASON

(Written for the United Press)

Mother may I go out to swim? Yes, my darling daughter But be sure to take your rubberized scarf Your bathing wrap Your knitting bag Your beach cushion And your beach umbrella So you'll be attired as you'd ought'er.

There's nothing to it. If you want to be in the swim this season you'll need a wardrobe trunk to carry all the little accessories of your bathing costume.

A bewildering array of beach cushions, round, oblong, on the square or oval in contour in gray cretonnes, linens, satins and taffeta are all matched up with accompanying bags to hold your knitting and beach umbrellas to keep off the ardent sun and attract the no less ardent son. To be a success on the sands or the surf you simply must have one of these swaggar sets. You can pick the shape of your cushion to suit your own outlines.

Then there are the stunning bathing wraps of satin or jersey with a rubberized lining. Modern sea nymphs are all wrapped up in these dashing toga like garments. Some are in one toned jersey conspicuous for the richness and vividness of that one toned hue while others are a mass of varicolor and modernist design that would make a scene from the Russian Ballet look sick and pallid. Divers ones are bound around the edges with a contrasting tone while again a fringed finish is a favorite.

If you are wearing one of the new fringed scarfs of tinted rubber with a border of squares or dots in a contrasting tone you can turn almost as an effective cold shoulder and a much less involved one than when all done up in one of the voluminous bath wraps.

Much seems to have gone to the aquatic damsels head judging from the Oriental turbans of wound rubberized silk finished with fringe or rubberized tassels, the rubberized Quaker bonnets, rakish rubberized tams with rubberized pompoms and every form of rubberized military cap, irrespective of Allies or enemy, that you glimpse bobbing above the billows, or resting above the beach pillows.

As for bathing suits themselves they are surprisingly simple, serviceable and swimmable this year. They are almost invariably a little straight-lined one piece affair of jersey satin or taffeta with the accent on the jersey worn over little straight knickers of matching material.

The jersey ones which are particularly smart are banded around the sleeveless armholes and the neckless necks and the knee-length hems with embroidered designs of worsted in brightest shades.

The taffeta suits of black or blue are most effectively plain with a piping of gayly colored figured silk kept all on edge or a wide sash girdle of Roman striped, plaid or Oriental designed silk.

Shades of Miss Cleopatra Ptolemy but the new Egyptian bathing

suits quite take the palm (of course a date palm) for being up to date by reverting to the most ancient date. Smartest things in bathing suits in the Nile and in the days of the Ramesses have been dug up for our 1917 adornment. The suits are of satin in dark shades—though one of Nile green is most appropriate—and they are little straight lined one piece models like their more conservative and conventional jersey sisters. They are applied, however, around the low neck, arm holes and around the hem with lotus flowers, queer two-headed Gods and hieroglyphics in most approved mummy case designs and colorings. There are stockings and bathing shoes and caps shaped like Egyptian headdresses and beach cushions and parasols and yes even knitting bags all applied to match.

They are a sort of cross between Little Egypt and a package of cigarettes and you can't help feel the sands of the desert were a much more fitting setting for 'em than the sands of Bailey's Beach or Atlantic City. Some of the bronzed life saving guards might be pressed into service as Nubian slaves and retainers just to carry out the local color and a few bath-houses shaped like the pyramids wouldn't be amiss.

The costume is truly much more nautical than nautical and thus an all mummied up 1917 beach belle will look like an Egyptian friezing than an American bathing girl.

Water Question Acted On.

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has the carrying capacity to meet the demands under the new conditions. The Beaver Creek reservoir has a storage capacity of 200 million gallons which is adequate to meet any demands that a city of this size may make. On the other hand the city reservoir has a capacity which would furnish the city with water for two days under present conditions.

This test will be carried out during the present month and probably part of the month of August and if at the end of that time the commission thinks the plan feasible it probably will be adopted.

TWO WOMEN DRIVERS COLLIDE ON STREET INTERSECTION

Last evening two women, one driving a Ford and another a Studebaker had a collision at the intersection of Elm and Adams streets. The Ford came from one direction on Adams street and the Studebaker from the other direction. They both turned down Elm street toward the Y. M. C. A. the Ford a little behind the other car and to one side. The woman in the Ford was unable to stop her car in time and ran into the Studebaker just in front of the hind wheel. The tire was almost torn from the rim of the Ford and the steering gear was bent so that it was impossible to tow it.

Irrigation Bonds Approved.

Salem, July 6.—(United Press)—The state officially approved the Payette-Oregon slope irrigation district bond issue. The bonds are certified as legally issued. This is the first time the state has officially approved irrigation bonds. The district is in Malheur county.

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