

THAW SPOILS WINTER SPORT

JOSEPH SKATERS HOPING FOR ANOTHER COLD SPELL

Live Stock Shipments Continue—Influenza Outbreak May Cause Schools to Be Closed.

JOSEPH, Jan. 12.—(Special)—Skating on Walloya lake has come and gone, but while it lasted; Oh, Boy! Some sport! The first of last week reports began to be circulated that the lake was freezing, and by Wednesday the crowds began to appear on the glassy surface. The ice was perfect for skating, being about three inches thick and without snow or frost to spoil the slickness. About three days of fine skating was enjoyed by lovers of the winter sport, who came from all over the county. Then on Saturday morning came the thaw and snow. Some little skating was tried on Sunday but those who were there say that the ice was poor. It is hoped that Jack Frost will favor us with another chilly demonstration of his skill.

VERSAILLES IS HISTORIC SPOT

WAS SCENE OF FRENCH HUMILIATION IN 1871

Where Germans Once Fowed Peace Terms Allies Are Discussing the Future of the Home.

PARIS, Jan. 14.—Versailles, where the peace conference is to be held, has tragic memories for France as the scene of her great humiliation when, on January 18, 1871, in the famous Galleries des Glaces, King William of Prussia was proclaimed German emperor. About five weeks later the French envoys were forced to sign the preliminaries of the hard peace imposed upon France by Bismarck. The Germans set an imposing stage for the first ceremony. Old King William, the Crown Prince Frederick, father of the last German emperor, Bismarck, Moltke and other Prussian generals and princes, assembled for religious services. After the sermon was preached the king read a patent establishing the empire, and Bismarck followed with the proclamation, which concluded: "May God grant us and our successors ever to be increasers of the German empire, not by warlike conquests, but with the peace and gifts of freedom and civilization."

4564 BOOKS IN LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT OF LIBRARIAN GIVEN OUT FOR 1918

Net Increase in Number of Books Last Year was 660—Total Circulation During 1918 Was 19,227.

Volumes in library Jan. 1, 1918 3604
Books purchased 886
Books donated, including documents and pamphlets covered for use 196
Total additions 1082
Books lost by borrowers 8
Books worn out and discarded 111
Books missing, presumably by theft 3
Total withdrawals 122
Net increase during the year 960

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The Keen Buyer

STUDIES THE MODE OF BUSINESS—A KEEN WOMAN BUYER REALIZES THAT STYLES CHANGE—ALL FALL AND WINTER GARMENTS WERE MANUFACTURED IN "WAR TIMES" WHEN CONSERVATION OF CLOTH WAS A "BATTLE CRY"—TODAY PEACE REIGNS IN OUR LAND. SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT 1919 WILL SEE NEW COLORS, STYLES AND FABRICS.

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- Ladies' Skirts, novelty 1919 \$8.90, \$9.90, \$12.50, \$14.75
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- Ladies' Crepe Waists \$3.98, \$4.98, \$5.90, \$6.90 to \$9.90
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"This plan of arm has captured everybody," he says. "We have been promised just the legislation we want—good enough to provide for co-operation of the states with the federal government and permitting us to carry out our Oregon land settlement plan."

"Model farm management farms for settlers in every part of the state will be our program in future land settlement, and the federal legislation will provide the funds for reclamation and purchase of lands for resale to soldiers on the easy payment, low interest plan. We expect to get the necessary state legislation to go with this at the coming session."

"The authorities at Washington tell us that the application of the farm management idea to settlement is brand new and our model farm management farm is the first thing of the kind ever attempted. The office of farm management has promised us funds for both investigational and demonstration work in farm management in Oregon."

Oldest Timber.
What is described as the oldest timber in the world which has been used by man is found in an ancient temple of Egypt. This timber is used in connection with stone work, which is known to be more than 4000 years old. This wood—and the only wood employed in the construction of the temple—is in the form of ties which hold the end of one stone to another. The ties appear to be timbers of which the ark was constructed.

Nation's Religious Beliefs.
The German prevailing religious belief is Lutheran. The Church of England prevails in Great Britain, known more familiarly in this country as the Episcopalians. However, all churches are accepted in England now. Belgium, France and Italy are Catholic in tendency.

Busied by Glorious Faith.
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garden seem more timely. This work was done by the librarian on her own time, and involved no expense to the city. Although no effort was made to find a sale for the produce, aside from what was given away, enough was sold to buy several dollars' worth of flowering bulbs, which will, if they come up successful, materially improve the appearance of the grounds.

The book collection has shown a large improvement in the children's department. For the first time, sufficient funds were on hand to offer the children reasonably clean and fresh copies of the books, and enough copies of the popular standard books to begin to satisfy the demand.

No new fiction was purchased during the year, a policy adopted through the urgent request of the state librarian, acting in her capacity of food administration director of library publicity. The fiction collection is in consequence very much reduced in quality and appearance. In general literature, as many books as possible have been added, with serious attention given to buying literature which is readable, useful, inspiring and fairly permanent in value. War books were the most popular and numerous additions. In the reference department, a notable addition was the set of Nelson's perpetual loose-leaf encyclopedia. A set of Werner's Readings and Recitations has already proved very useful.

Five hundred and eighty-four books were shipped for the use of camp libraries, donations from the people of La Grande.

Various experiments in library publicity were tried on a small scale, but aside from newspaper advertising, no advertising seems very effective, other than the personal inquiries of the librarian as to what patrons desire in the way of books or other information obtainable from a library.

Thanks are due to the editor of the local paper for the large amount of space given to library news.

In conclusion, much of the work of a public library is intangible, consisting of results which no efficiency expert could reduce to dollars and cents. The people should realize that it is only through the liberal policy of the city commission that a library has been built up on lines that can make it a growing credit to the community. But even if the work is not wholly measurable in definite statistics, as a municipal institution, the library must show value received for money expended. In this regard, the library will well bear a comparison of its condition and book circulation, with the income expended.

LUCIA HALEY, Librarian.
January 4, 1919.

Long Mountain Range.
Sumatra is of volcanic origin, and, together with the other members of the Malay group, formed in an early period of the world a part of the Asiatic continent. The Barisons, or Sumatra Alps, form a broken chain of mountains, running lengthwise of the land. Some of the highest points of the chain are 10,000 and 12,000 feet above the level of the sea.

To Clear Bluing.
The several thicknesses of cotton over the mouth of a bluing bottle if you would have the bluing flow smoothly and without dark particles.

NOTICE TO CAR OWNERS
Owing to the inability of the state to keep up with its orders for 1919 license plates, this office has not made public its order until now, that by January 20th, 1919, all persons desiring to run their cars, must have on them the yellow license plate for 1919, and the law must also be observed as to each car having two license plates, one on the rear and one on the front of such car.

The above notice backed by the state law will be strictly enforced and those that have not secured their license plates by the 20th of January, 1919, it would be well for them to leave their car in the garage, until their license plates have been placed thereon.

Dated this 5th day of January, 1919

LEE WARNICK,
Sheriff of Union county, Oregon,
Weekly—once 1-10-19

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