

MISS TOLSTOI ACTIVE MEMBER

YASNAYA POLEANA, RUSSIA.
Dec. 16.—Miss Alexandra Tolstol, the favorite daughter of Count Leo Tolstol, the novelist and chief literary figure in Russia during the half century preceding his death in 1910, is the leader of the movement to save the great writer's home from decay and to make here on the estate a popular university where lovers of Tolstol's writings and creed may come, study and even settle indefinitely.

"Tolstol's was a universal mind. He does not belong to Russia entirely," said the famous writer's daughter, "and for that reason I feel that England, France and the United States have an interest in this historic place. The Soviet government is doing what it can to preserve the home and maintain it as a place for pilgrims, but it hasn't the funds. Anyway, the materials must come from abroad, and I have been promised by Kalenin, chairman of the central executive committee of all the Soviets, that contributions of materials or money will not be interfered with or diverted."

Miss Tolstol, who is a vigorous type of woman and bears physical and intellectual resemblance to her father, has been in Russia since the general war. She was a field nurse during the war, and after the revolution, has been imprisoned several times, once for eight months in the Lublanka dungeons of Moscow, and was arrested during the summer for a few hours, as a member of the famine committee.

The Tolstol home is in a condition typical of those few Russian homes which have escaped the ravages of revolution. The roof has not been painted for seven years. As a consequence, the tin has rusted and is letting in water that is rotting the rafters and making dislocations in the walls, so in a year or two the house will be beyond repair. The chimney flues are breaking open and threaten at any time to let fire into the wooden portions of the house. The latticed porch, used by Tolstol and his family in summer is already minus one corner. The tiny "Villa Thoreau," a small house built some 50 yards from the home and once used to accommodate visitors in summer, is tumbling down.

The home is now occupied by several members or relatives of the Tolstol family, thankful for this refuge and engaged in keeping open the home for visitors and preventing thefts of manuscripts or other souvenirs. Without money to buy food, the occupants have been obliged to sell their farm animals for lack of grain to feed them.

It is estimated by Miss Tolstol that \$100,000 will be required to restore the homestead and other buildings.

Promise News Items

(Special to The Observer)
Dec. 17.—We are having some snow.

C. E. Gorbett had a barn raising last Wednesday. Several neighbors were present.

Carl Griffith is carrying the mail this week.

Mrs. Garrett, who has been down with pneumonia is improving.

C. B. Kenworthy and B. E. Thompson are putting legs in the mill this week.

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Mrs. Anko Hara, widow of the late Premier Hara of Japan, proceeding to the Temple for the funeral of her assassinated husband.

were passengers on the stage Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Horner and Mrs. Truman Poulson called on Mr. and Mrs. Carl Griffith Sunday.

Mrs. W. B. Hessoek is on the sick list.

Miss Alice Carper visited a few days with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Reel, last week.

J. K. Carper went to Wallawa Tuesday.

David Garrett visited Sunday at I. S. McDonald's.

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12-16-21

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LIBRARY BOARD HAS MEETING

(Special to The Observer)
ELGIN, Dec. 17.—Fred Hamilton and Harry Sanderson of Summerville drove to Lostine last Sunday to look for a wheat and apple market.

H. H. Weatherpoon has been packing out a carload of Wagner apples at Imbler the past few days.

Fred Wegener, who is employed with the Eastern Oregon Lumber Co. in Enterprise, came out Saturday evening to spend a few days with his family.

Ernest Weiss went to La Grande Monday evening. He expected to stay a few days.

T. K. Bellamy of La Grande was looking after business in Elgin Tuesday.

The regular library board meeting was held in the library last Monday night. Matters concerning the library were discussed. Final plans and arrangements for the benefit show to be given on December 23 were made. The librarian reports a circulation of about 325 volumes so far this month. Prin.

cial Bailey of the school has made arrangements for a high school girl or two to work in the library part of the time, thus giving the girls some practical experience, and also giving Mrs. Wills a little more time to put in non-necessary work in the repair of the books and the duties of a librarian apart from receiving and delivering books from the desk.

The Woman's Auxiliary held its regular meeting on Monday night. The following officers were elected for 1922: President, Mrs. Arch DeBoie; vice-president, Mrs. Dwight Barnes; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Lynn Hill. After the meeting the members of the Legion, who were invited guests for the evening, were entertained by dancing and a splendid supper was served by the Auxiliary.

D. Jackson of Kansas City, who is the president of the Eastern Oregon Lumber company of Enterprise, passed through Elgin Tuesday on his way to pay a visit of inspection to the plant in Wallawa county.

The high school girls' basketball team has been at a decided disadvantage because of the lack of a suitable place to practice. It has been found that the second floor of the Barnes building would be satisfactory and can be had, rent free, so soon the girls' teams will be contesting for honors.

The Legion boys were so well pleased with their entertainment by the Auxiliary that they plan to return the favor and in the near future to give a party for their hostesses of Monday evening.

The Elgin Recorder has been sold this week to W. M. Dynes. The Southards expect to leave again.

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