

# WOMAN WINS IN SKIRT WAR

### Refuses to Accept Long Skirt Ebbot of Fashion and Keeps Stores Busy Lopping Off Parts.

They would if they could but they can't—and oh how hard they have tried, those lords of creation—to send once more into oblivion those ankles that have for so long been disturbing the peace of mankind. But man will get used to it yet, and sooner or later give up in despair; for woman has quite made up her mind that she intends to do just exactly as she pleases in this matter of skirts. Regularly as the seasons change the verdict goes forth that skirts will be long again, and man breathes a sigh of relief as he decides that there will be no further temptation to forget the school lessons that taught him he must "look up and not down."

And then what happens? He discovers they're wearing "em higher." Back in the old days when the fair one decided she wanted a change she took to wearing the harem skirt. One can hear the noise yet—but could any man have been more harmless, considered in the light of later developments? Well he got his way that time.

Since he would not give her freedom she decided to show him how much of a prisoner she could be, so she took to wearing them long, long, long and tight. Even that did not please him so then the real war began. Woman decided to please herself a bit and the first skirt appeared. Very gently at first, just giving a sliver of bright under-skirt here and there. Man being color blind, he could of course stand that. But when the under-skirt disappeared and here and there an ankle began to peep forth, my oh my what havoc it made. If he had only known then what he knows now poor man would have gone his way unhooded, and skirts would have returned to "normalcy." But he decided to show her ladyship that this thing had to be stopped. So he put his foot down on this exposure of ankles. That was just a signal for argument. What did a foot worry her? She uncovered just a few inches above the ankle. Man gasped for breath. He pretended to be shocked and is still keeping up the protest. Of course he really does not yet know that in truth he is not shocked, but rather is just annoyed that his mandates should be disregarded.

So once more he gathered his forces together and made a determined effort to "come off the victor." Then what happened? This time the skirts went to the knees.

Thus it was that woman got what she wanted, as she has always done, ever since the world began. But she got it by a round-about process of course. It took time and patience. But the chief point is that she got what she wanted—freedom. And now, let man take it from her if he can. He himself has almost given up the battle. But he cannot refrain from one more last stand.

So it is that this season's fashion propaganda is again for ankle length skirts. They are shown in fashion magazines, at fashion shows and on the screen and stage. Once upon a time that would have settled the question and the fashion would have been accepted. But not so this time. Having found her freedom, woman has her skirts made just whatever length happens to suit her. Now that she knows she can wear them to the knee if she wants to, and get away with it, she contents herself with wearing them a moderate length. But when it comes to wearing them long, nothing doing! This is true in the big city, smaller town or country district. Everywhere that the newer skirts for this season are being sold, the stores are busy lopping off the extra inches left on by the makers. Woman is ruler this time. Long skirts have undoubtedly gone forever. Ankles are a permanent feature of the new era. Man has failed. Woman has won. The war is over. Short skirts will soon be about as exciting a subject of discussion as is the weather.

Bob Briggs is able to be out again after a severe attack of flu. The postmaster, Bert Hill, is on the sick list.

We had a hard blizzard on Wednesday and it lasted until Thursday noon.

Laura Wilson spent the week-end at her home. She is attending Union high school.

Miss Runles Parks made a visit to the farm on Saturday and Sunday.

Gladya Snider has been a cripple since she was thrown from the toboggan the other night, while tobogganing on the hill.

The farmers who have been putting up ice reports the ice to be of very fine quality. Why not, with such cold weather.

Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Briggs were North Powder visitors last Saturday.

The school opened a Valentine box on Valentine day, teachers and pupils all receiving pretty valentines. They enjoyed a merry time celebrating the day.

The grange people are putting in the windows and fixing up their hall, which will soon be ready for use.

Guy Church while breaking horses for Homer Bidwell was thrown, sustaining serious injuries. He is reported to have broken several ribs in addition to getting many bad bruises.

Elisha Hodgkins is now recovering, after serious illness.

Baby Hollifield has been very sick with a grippe.

Mrs. Opal Mead has a very bad cold.

John Aspen made a business trip to La Grande Friday.

Ruth Nichols has been confined to her home several days by complications following an attack of flu.

# NEMOTODE TO GET ONCE-OVER

(By Associated Press)

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 22.—Some very little animals which play a very big part in human existence are to be given the "once over" scientifically in Yale university laboratories during the next few months, in order to add information about them to the sum of human knowledge. Miss Helen Helny of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., has been detailed to assist Dr. Gotthold Steiner of Bernese University, Research Fellow at Yale, in microscopic study of the nematode, described as an animal that annually does millions of dollars worth of damage to plants and vegetables.

These tiny worm-like animals are to be found in human beings as well as in the earth. There are 40 to 50 varieties in humans. Ten per cent are classed as predators, that is they eat animals while the remaining 90 per cent eat vegetation.

Dr. Steiner and Miss Helny are to study means of reproduction of the predatory type so they will eat the plant eaters and eradicate them. One predatory type will eat 30 types of the vegetable eaters.

The plant nematodes anchor to a root of a vegetable and eat the substance there causing it to wither. A great colony makes a "root knot." The laboratory work will be to find the best conditions suited to the growth of the predatory nematode.

Dr. Steiner came to Yale from Switzerland to study this nematode. He has raised male and female, or brought about what scientists call mutation. The progeny of the new female type retain the characteristics of the parent.

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# FLOUR MILL HAS REOPENED

(Special to The Observer)

UNION, Feb. 21.—Rev. Mr. Edgington, who represents the White Cross organization, having for its purpose the establishing of Protestant hospitals in the states of Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon, was in Union Sunday and occupied the morning preaching hour at the Methodist church.

P. B. Connor made a business trip to Portland and to Baker last week. The high school basketball girls went to La Grande last Friday evening, where they played the Pendleton settable. The local girls were defeated.

Stephen Golsay, the man from an Catherine Creek who committed suicide a few days ago by shooting himself, was buried from the undertaking parlors here Saturday.

On Friday evening, after putting on the first degree, the local lodge of Odd Fellows enjoyed a light lunch. They have begun planning to take part in the county contest which will be held in Cove this year. During this contest the second degree of the subordinate lodge will be used by all contestants. The flouring mill is doing some grinding again after a short shut down.

Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Cook were very pleasantly surprised last Thursday evening when quite a few of his congregation visited the parsonage. They brought their refreshments along and the evening was very pleasantly spent in the usual social style. This social was planned for another date to celebrate Mr. Cook's birthday, but at the time he was attending a meeting in La Grande and the festivities had to be postponed. Those present were Messrs. P. M. Litter, Paul Crouter, Eugene Renter, W. V. Connor, W. A. Hayden, Felix Evans, Gastor, Beech, Kuhn.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkes made a trip to La Grande last Saturday.

The Women's Relief Corps held a short session at the hall Saturday afternoon and then opened their doors to allow the members and a number of invited guests to enjoy a patriotic program which they had prepared. The following numbers were rendered: "Talk on Washington," by Rev. L. A. Cook; reading by Ella Wright; vocal solo, Mrs. Cook; reading, Mrs. Paddock; "Talk on Lincoln," Rev. Hughes; several patriotic songs completed the program. Afterward hot rolls and coffee were served at the close of the exercises. About a hundred members and visitors were present.

One afternoon last week Rev. Hughes was the recipient of a threatening letter from some person or persons signing themselves "The Red Avengers." The letter, which was slipped under the door, was printed with a pencil and threatened that if Mr. Hughes did not place some money

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near the North School before nine o'clock that same night his automobile would be damaged. A trap was set to catch the juvenile Blackhanders but they evidently became frightened and failed to appear for the money. Nothing more has been learned of the affair and many thing it was the work of some children.

Sunday evening at the Methodist church the local K. P. order held their anniversary of the founding of Washington, D. C., February 19, 1854. L. A. Cook delivered the anniversary address.

Little Frank Dearing was taken to the hospital at Hot Lake last Sunday to undergo an operation. He will have to remain at the hospital for a couple of weeks.

Vella McClellan, who was buried here the first part of last week was born in Utah. Her parents moved to Union a few months ago, but Vella was compelled to remain in a warmer climate on account of her health. Her body was shipped here from California. After its arrival here the body was taken to the L. D. S. church and Rev. L. A. Cook delivered the funeral services were conducted by President Hanks.

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Glenn and Martha McClellan, who came to Union from Idaho to attend the funeral of Vella McClellan, left for their home last Friday.

The high school minstrel is being diligently rehearsed and will be presented to the public in a few days. The classes are also preparing a number of plays which are scheduled for the spring months of school.

R. H. Boony has purchased a new phonograph. He didn't say whether he was intending to raise the tone to music or had bought the machine for his own personal entertainment.

About fifty members of the Epworth League and friends held a Valentine social last Wednesday evening. They all reported a pleasant time.

The following people from points in Eastern Oregon were registered at the Union Hotel during the week: A. J. Van de Venter, from Medical Springs; Paul M. Ellis, from Cove; E. W. Hackman, A. E. Kuman and L. W. Weeks from La Grande; William

Battle, from Haines; J. K. Carlisle, from Baker; H. E. Nabbitt, from Baker; and L. W. Hartor, from La Grande.

Giles Harnden was over from La Grande shaking hands with his friends and attending to business.

## FARMERS' WEEK PROGRAM

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February 21, Tuesday—Cove, Horticulture  
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# MANY HOME FROM SCHOOL

TELECAST, Feb. 22.—Flu seems to be in the very air around Telecast. A number of people are confined to their homes. A large number of the school children having it as well as the grownups, consequently the attendance at school is not to the average.

A surprise party was given at the home of Chas. Hill in honor of his birthday on February 14. A number of friends and neighbors were present. The evening was spent in playing games and dancing. A good time is reported.

Harris Stans is wearing a smile once more. His wife has returned from a short visit with friends and relatives at Prairie City. Obviously Mr. Stans is not fond of cooking. His hens keep up and kept him in fresh eggs. He did not start at keeping house.