

# NEWS of SOCIETY

Social news must be in the hands of the society editor by 9:30 o'clock. Due to the fact that the social page is made up before noon, it is practically impossible to insert stories after that hour. Hereafter, items, no matter how important they are, that are delayed beyond that hour, will not be printed until the following day—News Editor's Note.

All members of the Young Women's Auxiliary of the Methodist Church who have not yet made their reservations for the annual banquet are requested to call Miss Mae Stearns at once and obtain their tickets. The banquet will be held on Friday, May 9, and members are requested to be at the residence of Mrs. Sherwood Williams at 6:45 o'clock on that date. The exact place of the dinner is being kept secret by the committee in charge, although the event is announced as a progressive dinner. At this meeting, which is the last for this season, the new officers will be elected and installed, and the plans for the next year's work adopted. An unusually interesting and enjoyable occasion is anticipated.

## Three-Piece



This three-piece suit is of the latest with a vest of broad crepe. It is not too elaborate to wear at any time during the year and yet it is sufficiently smart to be just the thing for dress wear. The vest also will

**COVE, (Special)**—The Ladies Guild was entertained by Mrs. C. E. Lawson and Mrs. E. C. Herty recently at the residence of Mrs. Lawson. The ladies enjoyed an afternoon at bridge, after an adjournment during the Lenten season. Three tables were at play and at the close of the afternoon delicious refreshments were served.

Those present were Mrs. Frank Miller, Mrs. A. H. Orton, Mrs. A. G. Conklin, Miss Ross Kelly, Mrs. T. R. Conklin and Mrs. L. B. Carter.

**COVE, (Special)**—Mrs. M. Lorie will entertain the Dorcas Society, Thursday afternoon, May 8.

**COVE, (Special)**—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clayton were hosts at a delightful dinner party Sunday. Following dinner a very enjoyable time was spent.

## Fashion Notes

**Ring for Handkerchief.**  
Paris—The latest wrist bags, which often are dainty little affairs of chiffon and lace, have a brightly colored ring suspended from the bottom of the bag. Through this ring a gay handkerchief is looped.

**Gold and Sun Colorings.**  
London—Gold and sun colorings made up a beautiful track worn by Lady Gravaugh recently at Claridge's. The skirt was chiefly beaded fringe. Her ladyship carried a large fan of gold lace.

**Sleeves Give Decoration.**  
New York—Among the all-over negligees shown here today is one type which depends for decoration chiefly on its sleeves. Of chiffon, these reach the finger tips and are very wide and ruffled, being graceful, though not at all practical.

**Fancy White Gloves.**  
New York—White kid gloves stitched in green and rose are a springtime touch. They have buttons of pale green with rosebud centers.

**Plaited Grass Slippers.**  
New York—A cool boomer slipper now on exhibition is of plaited grass. The top is covered with silk in a color to match the negligee. Two straps of the same color button across the ankle.

## Library Ghats

**Libraries Pictures at Great Benefit in Education of Adult.**  
MINNEAPOLIS, (AP)—It is in the field of self-education more or less detached from the classroom and formal teaching, that the public library can render its most important contribution to the education of American citizens.

Carl H. Milan, secretary of the American Library Association, speaking today before the Conference on Home Education, meeting in this city with the National Parent-Teacher convention.

Everything the library does is to some extent educational. Mr. Milan said, and libraries are now experimenting with a type of adult education service designed to increase their usefulness to men and women who wish to continue their education out of school.

"Education is not synonymous with schools nor teaching," Mr. Milan asserted. "Every child is educated not only by the school, but by his contacts, experiences, by what he sees, hears and does and by what he reads. Although we put on to the teachers most of the blame for our uneducated or poorly educated, we should agree that the better part of every man's education is that which he gives himself."

"There is a growing recognition that America needs a thoroughly educated citizenship, and we are coming gradually to realize that no man is educated if he stops learning when he stops school. The world movement for adult education is now felt and it gives to all agents for education an opportunity to increase their usefulness."

**Women to Edit Paper.**  
CORVALLIS—Algebra McGreal, of Portland, senior in home economics, has been elected editor of the *Good Housekeeper*, which will be put out woman's day, May 19. Miss McGreal is a day editor on the *Daily Parameter* staff and is a member of Scribner women's journalistic society. Dorothy Lankford of Hillsboro was chosen manager. This edition will be entirely in charge of women students.

It must be a source of great gratification to the crown prince to read that the Allies think him a menace.

## Pro-Evolution



Chrysalis, the statue by Carl Akeley which symbolizes evolution and which was rejected by the New York Academy of design, was unveiled by the Rev. Charles E. Potter (below) in his New York Unitarian Church. Dr. Potter is the clergyman who has been supporting the evolutionary theory in opposition to the religious "fundamentalists." The statue, here shown, depicts man casting off the coat of ape ancestry.

## Priest Papers His Dwelling

**With Canceled Post Stamps.**  
HURBANK, Ill.—Perhaps the most patiently impounded house in the country is that of the Rev. A. Bucci, a retired priest, who has "hung" two rooms of his home here with 149,242 canceled postage stamps.

More than 20 years were required in collecting the stamps, according to Father Bucci, and practically every nation in the world is represented in the geometrical designs of the wall borders and in the color schemes employed on walls and ceilings.

## ALUMNI WILL DINE FRIDAY

(Continued from page 1)

The La Grande alumni of the university have already begun work on their campaign to raise a large share of the million dollar alumni fund which will be used to erect new buildings. The campaign will be completed May 30.

## 20 Students to Graduate.

EUGENE, Or.—Twenty students will graduate from the high school at Springfield this year, according to announcement by J. E. Torbet, principal. Commencement exercises will be held the night of June 4.

**Commercial Club Reorganized.**  
PENDLETON, Or.—The Athol Commercial club has been reorganized and a membership of more than 120 built up during the past few weeks. Officers recently elected are E. C. Rogers, president; William Littlejohn, vice-president; Grant Preathly, secretary.



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## RAILWAY LINE IS ABANDONED

Three Thousand Five Hundred Miles of Railway Tracks Vacated in U. S. Since 1916.

The total mileage of railways in the country has declined about 3500 miles within the last eight years, says the Railway Age this week in commenting on the effects that will be produced by the contemplated abandonment of the Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis, a railway of 245 miles in Illinois.

"It is generally known that a large mileage of railways has been torn up in the United States within recent years," says the Railway Age. "But it is not generally known that reduction in railway mileage has occurred in all parts of the country."

"Detailed statistics by states for the last two years are not available but the statistics of the commission show that between 1916 and 1923 there were increases in only 16 states and reductions in 21 states. The reductions of mileage in the states in which they exceeded 100 miles are as follows:

**Oregon Exempt**  
Louisiana, 334 miles; Colorado, 423; Michigan, 275; Indiana, 270; Georgia, 242; Arkansas, 235; Washington, 201; Missouri, 195; Wisconsin, 182; Pennsylvania, 187; Mississippi, 185; Nevada, 157; Ohio, 149; North Carolina, 149; Alabama, 145; Minnesota, 144; California, 134; Virginia, 131; New York, 109; Iowa, 103.

"In most parts of the country where railway lines have been torn up most of the communities along them have been left without any regular and dependable transportation service, and the people have suffered losses as large in proportion as those that will be suffered by those living along the Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis."

"This line now passes through 35 cities and villages, and when it is torn up, twenty of them will be left entirely without railway services.

"In nearly every instance," says the Railway Age, "the roads leading from these towns to other railways are unimproved dirt. These roads are passable only 3 months in the year, the rest being so deep during the remaining 9 months that a heavy truck cannot be operated. The Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis is the exclusive carrier for 49 grain elevators, 6 coal mines and 21 other industries. In the last year for which traffic figures are available, its local tonnage of bituminous coal was 140,000 tons, while the tonnage interchanged with connecting carriers was 269,021 tons. Its total grain traffic, local and foreign, was 297,000 tons, livestock 23,433 tons, and there was a relatively large tonnage of lumber, petroleum, gravel, hay, cement, brick and flour. After the abandonment of the road only a small portion of this tonnage could economically be given transportation. The result would be the closing down of the industries affected."

**Losses at High Mark**  
"Citizens of four towns, Paducah, Modesto, Helix and Crossfield estimate that their losses from depreciation of property will be \$6,999,999. It is estimated by the Mason County Farm Bureau that the depreciation of farm land in Mason county will be \$29,499,999 on 129,999 acres, or a total of \$36,499,998."

"A company which operates six grain elevators served exclusively by the road estimates its loss at \$109,999. "A brick manufacturer at Dow who has a plant valued at \$66,000 claims that he will lose the entire investment. The Federal Smelting company which owns a lead smelter at Federal, states that it will shut down forcing its 230 employees out of work. The

Farm Bureau of Jersey county estimates the depreciation of farm lands in that county which will be a direct loss to the farmers, at over \$200,000. In the town of Grafton are located the Equitable Power Manufacturing company and the Illinois Powder Manufacturing company, the latter representing an investment of \$700,000. These two concerns, whose output averages over 50 carloads a week will be left entirely without means of railway transportation. These are but a few of the examples cited of the losses that will be caused.

"In view of the fact that the reduction of railway mileage has occurred throughout the country, there is but one general cause by which it can be explained. This is that the operation of railways in all parts of the country has been made relatively unprofitable, which in turn has been due to a restrictive policy of government regulation."

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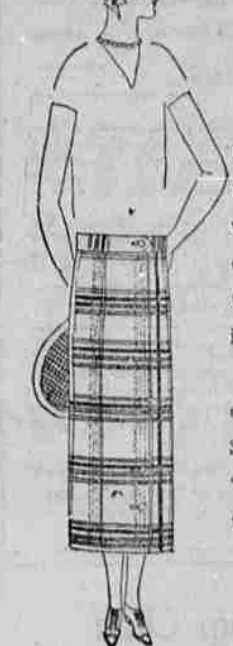
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