

NEWS of SOCIETY

Social news must be in the hands of the society editor by 5:30 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.

Reception Given Rev. and Mrs. Sitton

A charming affair took place yesterday afternoon when a formal reception was given in the basement of the Baptist church, honoring Reverend and Mrs. A. R. Sitton, who will leave for North Bend, Ore., soon for North Bend, Ore., where Rev. Sitton has accepted a position as minister of the First Baptist church there.

The guests were received at the door by members of the W. W. G.'s dressed as rose buds and conducted to the hostess, Mrs. W. P. McAdory, who introduced them to her mother, Mrs. William Hunt, and sisters, Mrs. Lulu Baird and Mrs. W. H. Quinn and son, Master William Quinn. The guests were then taken on down the receiving line by members of the W. W. G.'s, dressed to represent flowers, summer and spring, and introduced to the mothers of the W. W. G.'s and Reverend and Mrs. A. R. Sitton, after which they were taken to the W. W. G. room, where refreshments were served.

Ladies of the Missionary Society assisted in the receiving line, while members of the Ladies Aid Society assisted in the other room. During the afternoon seventy-two guests registered.

Following the serving of refreshments the guests were taken to the

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main room of the church, and a musical program was rendered by the W. W. G.'s, under the direction of Miss Marvel Rhine. Miss Mabel Schaffer presided at the piano.

With the successful organization of a Music Department of the Neighborhood club, known as Monday Musical, the club is now starting to organize an Art Department. This department is to be an Art study class and all ladies interested are cordially welcome to its benefits. Several La Grande women have studied art extensively and it is assured that this branch of the club will be very interesting.

All ladies wishing to enroll in this Art Study class are requested to please call Mrs. J. D. Lynch or Mrs. H. H. Cleaver.

Mrs. George A. Bean announces the opening of a vocal studio at Third street and M avenue. Having studied vocal under the direction of an associate teacher of Jean de Reszka of Paris, Mrs. Bean now some of the Reszka's vocalists for the equalization of the voice which as yet has not appeared in print. The Italian Bel Canto is also taught, which means a clear ringing tone free from tremolo. Madame Machesi's vocalists form the basis of study.

A pleasant afternoon was spent yesterday when the Missionary society of the First Methodist Episcopal church met at the home of Mrs. S. C. Smith, 1702 1/2 Washington avenue. After the regular business session the regular afternoon's program was rendered, after which delicious refreshments were served and a social hour spent.

Everyone spent an enjoyable afternoon yesterday when Mrs. Lynn Stilwell was hostess to the Parkdale club. There was a large number in attendance, ten guests being present besides the members of the club. Among the guests were Mrs. Austin and daughter, of Chicago, Ill. The afternoon was spent in social entertainment, after which delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. Stilwell was assisted by Mrs. Zack Chandler.

Wallowa. (Special to the Observer)—Miss Laura Thompson and H. R. Fraile were united in marriage Wednesday at Enterprise and left immediately by auto on a few days honeymoon trip to the coast. Both Miss Thompson and Mr. Fraile are popular young people of this vicinity and have many friends here who wish them every happiness. They expect to make their home here.

HUNT'S LETTER

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triumphed the same year, from the village of Baraboo.

Both were interested in history, political economy, theories of government and similar subjects. Young La Follette wasn't going to let any girl get ahead of him, so he pitched into his studies with added vim. Miss Case, who as Mrs. La Follette was later to become an active advocate of woman suffrage, set out to show that a girl could know as much about politics and government as any boy.

The scholastic race was a tie. Meanwhile, the competition which first brought dislike soon changed the attitude of each of the young folks to respect, then to admiration. Before graduation, Dan told her of his well-placed arrows. The next document they sought after getting their diplomas was a marriage license.

And that fall they both entered law school!

When La Follette set up as a lawyer, Mrs. La Follette became a working member of the firm. She briefed cases, acted as index clerk, did much of the research necessary in preparing cases for trial.

This position as right-hand assistant to her husband she still holds.

An alert, rather stocky, gray-haired but energetic woman of the so-called "intellectual" type, Mrs. La Follette has not had to make her husband's interests her interests. They have been that from the first.

So next to Bob himself, "Mrs. Bob" will have the biggest say in how to attack the problems of the Independent campaign.

Quartier Vist Pierce. SALEM, Ore.—Larold N. Pierce, until a few months ago confidential adviser to George L. Cleaver, state prohibition director, telephoned to the police here that Dollie and William Quartier had visited his home and had demanded an interview. It was said that Mrs. Quartier represented herself to be a Miss McKay, formerly employed as stenographer in the office of the prohibition director. When the police arrived Quartier and his wife had left.

Officers said they were inclined to believe that Quartier and his wife came to Salem bent on trouncing Pierce as the result of an affair in Portland recently, which resulted in Quartier striking Pierce on the head with a paving brick.

Freight Rate to Florida Same HOOD RIVER, Ore.—Through the efforts of the Hood River Traffic association, composed of all apple shippers of this community and other northwestern box apple interests, the proposed application of local rates on all apple shipments forwarded to Florida further south than Jacksonville has been withheld until after a hearing before the interstate commerce commission at Washington, D. C., November 12. At present the freight charge to all Florida points is \$1.50 per hundred.

New French Coat



HERE is a new coat, French, of course, that could play a number of roles in any wardrobe. It could be used over afternoon or dinner gowns as well as evening ones, and would also do very nicely as a wrap for afternoon tea or matinee. It is of black satin embroidered in antique design in dull colors. It is lined with gold-colored satin. It may be wrapped closely about the throat or softly rolled as in the photograph.

WANT WEDDING LAWS CHANGED

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)—The clubwomen of Florida plan to make a strong fight at the forthcoming legislative session in April and May, 1925, to have the marriage laws of the state amended, setting a limit upon the marriageable age of girls.

The matter was a subject of great interest at Tampa recently when a girl bride was brought before the county probator officer. It was discovered that the child's parents were dead and that she had been left in the care of her aged grandmother. The grandmother had given her consent, the only legal requirement, to the child's marriage to a man of 34 years of age. The union resulted in grief to the young wife. Now the club women, backed by judges, probator officers, and others, plan a fight to bring about enactment of laws designed to prevent a recurrence of such tragedies.

"As it is at present, the county judges are helpless," declared Mrs. Amos Norris, Tampa clubwoman, in making it clear that her organization would carry the fight before the legislature. "If the parents or guardians of a child consent, there is no law to prevent children of 11 or even younger marrying. In the recent case of the 11-year-old bride which has brought this matter again before the public, Judge Hazard at first refused to issue the license, but upon further examination of the law, he realized that he had no legal right to deny it when the grandmother's consent was given and so he issued it. He could do nothing else."

"We hope to alter this condition by bringing about a state law that will define the minimum age limit for marriages with guardians' consent." Sixteen years has been suggested as the limit.

Oyster Spat Is Planted. NEWPORT, Ore.—L. Wauchamuth, manager for the Oregon Oyster company, and his associate are planting eastern oyster spat on their Yaquina bay beds. Mr. Wauchamuth said that eastern spat planted here a year ago had grown to twice the size of spat planted on Washington oyster beds in the same length of time.

By close study the secret of propagating eastern oysters in Pacific coast waters has been discovered and the spat being planted on the Yaquina bay beds are expected to spawn here and in a few years to develop to be equally as large as an Eastern oyster.

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MANY SEEKING BERRIES NOW

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—Many people from town and surrounding country have been making trips into the mountains and wooded sections during the past few weeks, in quest of the much desired huckleberry. Some have been fairly lucky in getting a nice quantity of berries. The crop is said to have been very good in parts of the Promise and Powwaka sections. A few have found small patches in the north woods. Jay Dobbin and wife of Prairie Creek, were among the Wallowa visitors the first of the week.

Mrs. George Hill returned to her home at Island City the first of the week, after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. H. W. Meek.

Mrs. Joe Brooks left recently for Las Angeles, Cal., where she goes to visit two of her sons who reside there.

F. A. Downing of Leap, expects to move his large combine harvester to the Dry Creek section in a few days, where he will harvest one hundred acres of wheat for Mr. Jones.

This section of the country was visited Friday night by a heavy shower. The rain appeared to be general over the country. In a number of instances it is reported to have wet the ground to a depth of two and three inches. While the rain came too late to do any great amount of good for the grain crops, it will be very beneficial to gardens and nurseries.

The forest fire danger was greatly lessened by the heavy rainfall. During the first part of the month the north woods was the scene of several large fires. One fire burned for several days in the Howman-Hicks holdings north of town, and is said to have burned over two or three thousand acres of land. Another fire in the same section of the country, burning in the green timber is reported to have done considerable damage. All fires appear to have been completely extinguished by the rain. A drying wind has been blowing for the past several days, and it is feared that the danger of fire will become very great again soon.

The water shortage is beginning to be felt in this section of the country. The warm weather coming early in the season caused the snow to melt high in the mountains early in the season. Bear creek is said to be very low for this season of the year and a large amount of irrigation water is required for the crops. The city's water supply is taken from this stream. This condition has been the subject of considerable discussion during the past few days. It is said that farmers in this section

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don have the "prior rights" to the water. District Water Master Stanley was here the first of the week discussing the question with interested farmers and members of the city council in an effort to come to some satisfactory decision regarding the matter.

J. B. Gastin, U. A. McRae and other stockmen, went to Powwaka range the first of the week to gather some beef stuff. The range in this section is said to have been quite good this season, not being heavily stocked. Some of the stock being brought out are in fine condition.

A large number of people from here attended the M. E. camp meeting at the head of Wallowa Lake Sunday.

L. V. and Dumas Lathrop of Leap went to Enterprise the first of the week to move a combine harvester to their ranch. They expect to commence cutting within a few days.

"Wired Wireless" Experiments Successful in Coal Mines

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP)—Possibility of the establishment of communication between underground mine workers and the surface through the development of the line radio, or "wired wireless," is given further impetus as the result of tests conducted in several Illinois mines.

The "wired wireless" utilizes trolley wires, mine tracks, compressed air and water piping, and similar conductors for voice transmission. It is reasonably sure to withstand severe disturbances occasioned by mine explosions or cave-ins, according to J. L. Jakoby, engineer of the department of the interior, who is making a special study of the matter. In tests conducted in a coal mine 400 feet deep, no difficulty was experienced on the surface in receiving radio messages from a set mounted upon a mine locomotive, as long as the apparatus was in the vicinity of the metallic carriers. Experiments show that the range in the average coal mine is only a few hundred feet when operating in the proximity to metal carriers.

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SCORE KILLED IN WILD PANIC

VERA CRUZ, Mexico. (By the Associated Press)—Twenty children were trampled to death and 17 persons were injured in the Bolaya theater Wednesday night when the film of a moving picture caught fire and threw the spectators into panic.

Those who were viewing the picture that was being thrown on the screen believed when the film exploded that the house had caught fire. A mad rush, especially from the galleries, which were filled with little children, resulted, and many of them were trampled to death.

The exact number of victims is still unknown.

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