

Local News In Brief

To Attend Game.
J. Donald Meyers, of the Arcade theatre, left yesterday, via auto, for Corvallis, where he will attend the O. A. C. Oregon football game.

Returns to La Grande.
Mrs. Charles Haughton has returned to La Grande and has opened her hairdressing shop in the balcony of Andrews Variety store.

Here from Portland.
Miss Edith Tragg, of Portland, arrived in La Grande this morning to spend a few days visiting. She will be the house guest of Miss Lorna Goodale.

Story Here Tomorrow.
A Thanksgiving story hour will be held tomorrow morning at the library at 10 o'clock. John Allen, Precilla, Miles Standish and other members of the Pilgrim band will be present to meet the children.

Mrs. Peterson Improved.
Mrs. C. A. Peterson, wife of A. J. Peterson, underwent an operation of the throat Monday morning. She is still confined to her home but is improving. It will be some time before she will be able to return to her work.

Personal Mention

George E. Raybill of Pendleton is now registered at the Foley hotel.

Mrs. J. L. Hyman of Joseph was in La Grande this morning on her way home from a trip to Portland.

O. M. Heacock, radio manufacturer of Enterprise is now registered at the Sommer hotel.

H. H. Gilmore of Glens Ferry, Idaho, is in La Grande on business. He is registered at the Foley hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Jordan and daughter of Enterprise returned from a trip to the coast this morning.

Mrs. J. W. Emmons of Enterprise was in La Grande this morning on her way home from a trip to Lewiston, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hyde of La Grande left on the branch train this morning to visit for a few days in Elgin.

Miss Beta Hieker returned to her home in Elgin on the branch train this morning. Miss Hieker visited in this city at the home of Mrs. John Stelminger.

Mrs. C. E. McChendon of Richland, Wash., is stopping at the Foley hotel.

Mrs. Anna Carey of La Grande left on the branch train this morning for Looking Glass to spend the next few days visiting friends.

Mrs. J. Weimer and Mrs. Clyde Bloom of Coe, were shopping in La Grande yesterday.

GREAT LADY IS CALLED TO BEYOND

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would have weakened into frail infirmities.

Was Courageous
Despite these trials she not only kept her courage and her vigorous individuality, but she retained as well a depth of human understanding and a confidence in herself and those about her that endeared her to many thousands.

After she became First Lady of the Land, as always in the years preceding, the helplessness and the uncertainty received the first and fullest measure of her devotion. Children of every class had her unfailing attention. Wounded veterans of the World War owed her many a debt for hours gladdened by her visits to their hospitals or by flowers sent by her personal order from the White House con-

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servatories. Her unusual outpouring of sympathy extended to animals, many of whom she befriended and protected.

In her thoughtfulness for the interests of others and in her loyalty to her friends, she was outstanding as a statesman who was not a statesman in a narrow sense, but a vigorous-minded woman who ever presided over the household of a president. On the night of election day in 1920 she announced her determination to send away the policeman stationed at the White House gates since the United States entered the war—a purpose which was fulfilled on the very day Mr. Harding took office. Before he even had looked around his new office he found a order throwing the gates wide open, and hundreds trooped across the lawn and peeped in at the windows while the new First Lady of the Land was presiding at the first White House function—an informal luncheon for old friends and neighbors from Marion, Ohio.

During the whole time she was mistress of the Executive Mansion, Mrs. Harding combined with her social duties an unwavering allegiance to her convictions, and displayed in doing so a degree of tact which won her universal esteem. The social aspect so long a part of official Washington life was preserved by her to the letter but without ostentation. And at the same time she found opportunity to show in many ways that she had lost none of her interest for the class of home folk from which she had come.

"Just Folks."
"Say that we are just folks," she told newspapermen when they asked her for a message to the people at the time of Mr. Harding's inauguration. "We are just folks, but when I enter the White House, I propose to accept all of its social obligations and become the First Lady of the Land in truth as well as name."

The full significance of that promise was known to but a few of her intimate friends. For years she had not such a well day, and she had reached a time of life when even the plucky cheerfulness with which she covered her almost continual suffering was certain to be broken by the exactness of her position. It would have been easy to surrender to the attacks of physicians and friends, and in last retirement to sit down amid the comforts of the White House and nurse triumphantly over past years of struggle. Many women would have done it; but for her that was impossible. She declared she never would be contented as a "quitter." With her new position in life, she said, she would accept responsibility, and these responsibilities she was determined not to shirk.

Wife of Struggling Editor
Nor did she interpret in any narrow sense the obligations of mutual helpfulness she had assumed when, in 1891, she became the wife of a struggling newspaper editor back in Marion. Even in those days she gave vastly more to the marriage partnership than a woman usually is able to contribute, and grown men in Marion today remember how she used to count out newspapers to them when they were newshykes. When the future president entered politics, she found new and unexpected ways of helping him. As the wife of a senator, she kept in touch with hundreds in her state who wanted help in Washington, besides maintaining her place fittingly in the social life of the capital.

Of those gathered round Mr. Harding when he entered the presidential campaign of 1920, there was none who kept better informed of what was done to further his candidacy than Mrs. Harding. She had opinions, and she was outspoken in expressing them to the women entrusted with management of the campaign. After the primaries in Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan, when the outlook for success was darkest, there were experienced politicians who advised the candidate to withdraw. But she was not one who believed in giving up, once a fight had been begun, and some of the men who know most of the inside story of those trying weeks give to her the credit for keeping Mr. Harding in the race he was eventually to win.

Active Figure.
After the nomination Mrs. Harding became, in spite of the growing threat of physical collapse, an active figure in the front porch campaign. Not only did she appear always with her husband when he faced a crowd, but she remained beside him when the times seemed to shake his hand, and she gave a hand-clasp also to every one of the many thousands who filed past to acclaim his candidacy. Besides all of that, she visited his headquarters daily and talked political politics with his advisers, and she entertained at her table many of the distinguished visitors who came to Marion and exchanged opinions on national issues with them over the teacup.

From the time Mr. Harding became interested in politics, she made a study of things political just as she had familiarized herself previously with the Marion Star printing plant, and when the results of the 1920 elections had been written into political history neighbors in Marion nodded their heads and related how the young editor's wife had promised her intimates on her wedding day that "some day I will make his president."

Annual Housekeeper.
But with all her interest in public affairs, she had a true woman's love for a well-ordered home and was known to White House attendants as an unusually painstaking housekeeper. While she was setting the social calendar which had been almost forgotten

during the war days and the subsequent illness of President Wilson, she was making many changes also in the organization of her household. All her efforts in that direction were bent toward making the White House a real home where the busy chief executive could have rest and quiet after the day's work, and where his friends could be received with the same hearty welcome that had greeted them in Marion. In order to better understand her tasks, she had called just before the inauguration, on Mrs. Wilson, and had discussed with her the cares and trials of the place she was entering.

For a time after she came into the White House, Mrs. Harding continued her close association with the details of her husband's work. She visited the executive offices, met every employee, and made sure that any suggestion for facilitating the public business had her breath and her growing social duties called a halt, and her discontinuance of those visits was the first signal that she had been compelled to narrow the scope of her activities. The White House social program, however, was continued without abatement up to the time of her collapse and serious illness in the summer of 1922.

She Did Her Part
The Armament Conference, that brought to Washington late in 1921 many distinguished men and women, imposed upon the mistress of the White House a task particularly trying. Mrs. Harding saw the advantage to be gained in the direction of good understanding by properly entertaining the visitors at the president's table. To those who inquired about her health she replied that if she were given strength to do her part during the conference she would be satisfied that her occupancy of the White House had not been in vain. It was not long after the conference ended that she began to feel unwell, and by late summer her strength was so low that she was confined to a wheel chair, and when she began to get about and see her friends again she was taken to Florida for a long rest.

Active in Charity Work.
After this illness, her thoughtfulness for others who were ill appeared to increase, and from her casual household in Florida visitors she ordered that thousands of Easter Bibles be distributed from the White House conservatories. Both before and after she entered the White House the wounded war veterans had been her particular care, and more than 500,000 of her rehabilitation fund, fifty his life itself, and certainly his interest in life. She made a study of their treatment and was instrumental in founding the Veterans' Bureau and the establishment of a better system of hospital treatment.

The wounded men at the Walter Reed hospital, on the outskirts of Washington, were paid many surprise visits by their friend, laden with fruits and flowers. Weekly huge bouquets were sent also to other nearby hospitals. During the summer of 1922 when, because of poor health she was unable to carry out the usual program of garden parties on the White House grounds she insisted on giving one at which the honored guests were the wounded soldiers from all the hospitals near Washington. More than two thousand of the crippled, blind and deaf filed past her and each received a word of greeting and encouragement. Repeatedly she left her place to guide a blind boy across a rough piece of ground or to bring plates or refreshments to those unable to leave their chairs.

Lover of Children.
She was passionately fond of children and devoted much of her time to the study of their care and protection. She was intensely interested in the country's public schools system. When a woman by Washington school children to the president was broken by a terrible downpour she invited them into the East Room of the White House where they went through their program. The children crowded close to her, and she shared her seat with a proud little miss of eight, while others sat on the floor at her feet.

Mrs. Harding was born in Marion, Ohio, in 1860, of a sturdy stock of pioneers, her father, Amos King, being one of the town's first settlers. She married Mr. Harding in 1891 when things did not look too bright for him. He had just taken over the ownership of the Marion Star, and it was loaded down with mortgages and still had to make a place for itself in the community. She never had been used to extravagance, however, and she immediately turned

In Commons



Councillor Ellen Wilkinson of the Fallowfield district is the first woman Socialist to sit in Parliament. She is one of four women in the new House of Commons.

DOUKHOBOR CHIEF BURIED IN ROCK



THE GRAVE OF PETER VERIGIN, BRITISH COLUMBIA DOUKHOBOR LEADER AND UNSETTLER.

NELSON B. C.—Peter Verigin, leader of Canada's Doukhobor colonies, rests in a vault that towers above the principal village. Five thousand followers carried his body there.

He was regarded by the Doukhobors as divinely sent to lead them. Under his guidance their wealth increased to \$5,000,000. They owned 50,000 acres of land, several factories.

While in Marion she taught music, and many of the boys and girls of her home town were her pupils. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, but was very tolerant of others, and as the president was a Baptist, it was the custom of the Hardings to attend the Calvary Baptist church in Washington.

Charming Personality.
Of slight build and medium height, Mrs. Harding carried herself strongly erect and with charming dignity. Though her hair was silvering before she came to the White House, her eyes were as bright, her manner as vivacious, and her pliancy and smiles as radiant as when she was a girl.

She was always well groomed, but never cared for extremes in dress. Her attire particularly was said to be the mystery and envy of many Washington society leaders. She had an interesting collection of lace and some rare and handsome pieces, mainly helped to complete her gown. She did not affect jewelry and usually wore only a diamond necklace or diamond clasp on a piece of black velvet about the throat.

In her younger days she had been an expert horsewoman and an accomplished pianist. Many musicians will always remember the interest she took in them.

It was from her training as a horsewoman that she acquired the love for animals which became more and more marked in later years. In the White House "Laddie Boy," the president's Alrodeau, was her constant companion. More than once she stopped on the street to reprimand drivers who were punishing their horses. At least one horse, Old Clover, who lived in Pennsylvania, would have been willing to attend to her commission. Hearing that Clover, who was 21 years old, was about to be killed because his master was unable to provide for him in his days of useless old age, she sent the owner a \$100 check to assist in keeping him in comfort to the end of his days.

Mrs. Harding was active in philanthropic circles. She devoted much of her time to girl's work and was the national head of the Girl Scouts organization.

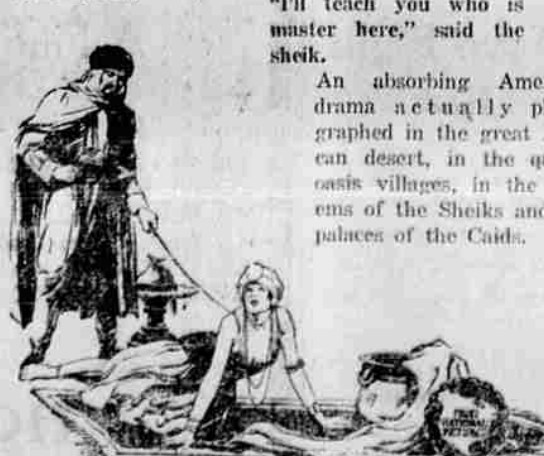
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