

OUTLOOK GOOD AT THE PARK

THE PARK (Special).—The snow is melting faster than at any previous known records at this time of the year. Although much water is the result of this fast melting, there are no great amount of water holes, indicating that most of it is going into the soil. Many uncovered spots show that the grass has been growing under the snow during the winter and was not frozen as it was feared. Some are inclined to fancy that there will be danger of a frost damaging the crops that will be in too early.

"Uncle" Dan Fruit, an old pioneer, who was in Old La Grande in 1852, now residing in Boise, Idaho, but formerly of this place, Lower Powder and North Powder, had an extended visit with his friends here last week. Mr. Fruit is 79 years young, born in Illinois in the year 1846, crossing the plains when 7 years old. He is a man of exceptional vigor for his advanced age. He is also brightly endowed with a good memory, and much practical education. He is a free thinker of the fullest type—that is, he fully believes in the teachings of Christ in its simplicity. He is in politics what one would call a moderate Socialist—strong Roosevelt man—now for La Follette. He is, as he always was, a real good entertainer. He is with the kids all ways and all the time. A splendid story teller, he can keep an audience merry for months telling his yarns which are not of the beautiful and braggart class. He knows the Old Oregon Trail from one end to the other. He is here Saturday for Medical Spring where he will visit his old friend, "Tacie" Durham Wright of the Cottage there.

George McDowd is preparing to butcher several pigs sometime this week.

Bert Van has been hauling wood every day for the past week. He was at the Medical Springs store or business Saturday evening.

Lydia Vanoverter spent the afternoon of Monday with "Aunt" Maud Vanorder.

Frank Wigglesworth has a new

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root on his woodshed, being regular old-time shakes made out of tamarack.

Charles Vanorder has 11 new pigs almost ready for market. They are strictly a good sight to see, for they are round, clean and sleek.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hunter had a three-day visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. Vanorder, honoring their guest, Daniel Fruit, of Boise, Ida. They report one of the grandest times of their lives. The good stories told by Mr. Fruit and the good cuts spread out by "Aunt Maud" will long remain in their memories.

Coyotes Kill Deer. Jack Hunter, Jr., heard the screams of a cougar between the two tunnels above the forks. He was going the rounds of his traps for mink, weasels and martens on Elk creek when he heard the animal across the creek. Jack saw five or six burrards circling around over the rim rocks north of Thompson's place Saturday afternoon. He went up to investigate and found the carcass of a deer, apparently killed by coyotes some time before, for the meat was nearly all gone.

Miss Ida Hunter returned home Sunday after a two weeks' visit with friends of the Park. Jack saw five or six burrards circling around over the rim rocks north of Thompson's place Saturday afternoon. He went up to investigate and found the carcass of a deer, apparently killed by coyotes some time before, for the meat was nearly all gone.

The Y. G. and I. G. club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bloom of Medical last Thursday night. They all enjoyed the new radio recently installed at the Bloom home.

The Goddard boys are cutting wood at Ed Miles this week. Wilford Miles is helping them.

Miss Edna Miller, school teacher, was present at the club party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bloom of Medical Springs last Thursday.

Miss Berle Vanorder was a guest of the Bloom family last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Eva Vanorder was also at the club party in Medical Springs Thursday evening.

George McDowd with his team took a party from the Park to the Springs attending the club meeting there yesterday night.

Kenneth Vanorder tells in a letter from Richland that he has a team of mules weighing 1700 apiece.

Frank Whitten of Big Creek was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lay recently.

Clyde Bloom, the forest ranger of Medical Springs district, was counting the cattle at Joseph Lay's ranch a few days ago.

Cedl Walker, 15, from Odeon, Utah, a nephew of Joseph Lay, whom they brought with them on their return from Utah is doing exceedingly well. He came here especially for his health and the climate here seems to fully agree with him.

Miss Clara Lay is still visiting friends around Medical and Big Creek.

Orville Lay is running the dog saw on their ranch cutting wood for the house.

Clarence Vanorder will haul a load of grain to Big Creek to the churning mills to make feed for his pigs.

Frank Wigglesworth has bought a straw stack from George McDowd.

SWEDEN WILL CHEER SICK

STOCKHOLM (AP).—The hospital wards of Sweden will no longer be mere "sanitary deserts" and the eyes of patients will no longer be weary by staring at the sterile expanse of bare walls, after selected works of art have been placed in the hospitals as the result of a movement, just getting under way, which is enthusiastically supported by doctors, patients and art experts.

The initiative has been taken by a number of patients in Thorby county hospital who, having heard that there was a movement to place specimens of fine art in restaurants, wrote to a leading Stockholm paper and asked why the same could not be done for the hospital where they "were shut off from nature and forced to gaze continually at white walls."

The suggestion led to inquiry among hospital experts who endorsed the idea of bringing art to hospital patients, but made certain interesting reservations.

The pictures must be selected with great care both with reference to the colors used and the subjects depicted. This is particularly important, it was pointed out, in the case of wards for fever patients, whose imaginations might be unduly stimulated by certain types of painting. In general the total effect of subject, color and design should be cheerful, and at the same time soothing to the nerves. Certain hospitals in Sweden have already been decorated under this new plan, both with original works by Swedish artists and with printed reproductions of masterpieces.

At last, it seems, the farmer is learning to raise his voice.

Woman Runs Training Table for Washington

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP).—Called in by Coach Callow to prescribe and supervise a scientific diet for members at the University of Washington, Miss Dorothy Kusler, assistant professor of nutrition, just followed good household practices. During the two seasons that she has been in charge, the busy crew has won the intercollegiate championship at Poughkeepsie, and she is feeding them up again to defend the title on the Hudson in June.

"We do not give the crew men a special diet," Miss Kusler says. "They are served a well balanced menu that all people should follow in order to keep healthy and in good condition. Fresh fruits and vegetables, milk, cooked and dry cereals, cooked meats, special steaks and other wholesome foods constitute the main part of the fare. No rich desserts or pastries are served and highly seasoned dishes, fried potatoes and other foods fried in grease are taboo."

The men are given coffee in the morning if they so wish. Toward the end of the season the menu becomes more simple, and is made up of foods most easily digestible. Greater quantities of fresh fruits and vegetables then appear on the tables.

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OPEN FIRES CAUSE LOSS

LONDON, (AP).—Londoners have tackled with renewed energy this winter the problem of reducing their fog bill which often causes a loss to the community of \$5,000,000 a day.

Scientists have concluded that while it was impossible altogether to abolish fogs, as provided by nature, it is possible to have comparatively cleaner ones by doing away with the soft coal smoke bill caused by some 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 smoking chimneys.

Officials of the Coal Smoke Abatement Society estimated recently that there were 600,000 inhabited houses in London nearly every room of which, including the kitchen, has an open fire place by which the homes are heated. These fires pour their quota of dirt and soot into the air all day long and far into the night. Ordinarily the soot is carried off by the elements, but when a heavy fog sets in the particles remain suspended in the atmosphere, shutting out the sun entirely and turning daylight into darkness. Clean fogs could not do this.

During a recent fog here, which lasted the better part of three days, as most of them do, scientists estimated that there were from 250 to 300 tons of soot floating about in the air within the London area. Statistics have been compiled showing that London's annual soot-fall amounts to something like 75,000 tons.

Every individual in the city is affected, more or less, by the heavy fogs and smoke nuisance. Traffic sometimes comes almost to a standstill, and shop dealers often close up their doors because of lack of business. During the fog season this winter alone it has been estimated that the loss to the community has been at least \$37,000,000.

By a system of education, promoters of the idea of cleaner fogs hope eventually to do away with the open smoky coal fire place for heating. These would be replaced by gas, electricity, central heating or the use of stoves burning anthracite instead of the bituminous fuel which has caused so

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much of the trouble. Dr. John S. Owens, who has taken a leading part in the smoke abatement movement for more than 30 years, says that within 10 or 15 years virtually all the open fire places will have been done away with, broadly speaking, London will then be virtually a smokeless city, and when the fogs do come, they will at least be clean.

Bookstore for Spiritualistic Literature Opened by Doyle

LONDON (AP).—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle not only writes books nowadays, but he sells them. Sir Arthur has opened a bookstore across the street from Westminster Abbey and has taken over active management of the stock, which consists entirely of psychic literature. Not even the "Sherlock Holmes" best sellers will be stocked.

The shop has been called the "Psychic Bookshop and Library" and will be used principally as a distributing house for pamphlets and books dealing with spiritualism.

Norway Ties of Danish Names. OSLO, Norway. (AP).—Since Christianity changed its signs to date for the purpose of winter, all suggestions of the time when Norway was under Danish control, many other cities have expressed a desire to return to their original Norwegian names.

Drastic Cut in Swede Armed Forces Planned

STOCKHOLM (AP).—Drastic reductions in the personnel of the Swedish army have been proposed by the government in line with a general policy of economy. While definite figures have not been made public it is regarded as probable that a bill reducing the army from six to four army corps will be introduced in parliament some time during the coming session. This would result in the disappearance of a number of historic regiments, some of them more than 300 years old. The navy, under present plans will not be affected.

The government plan is to cut down the number of infantry regiments from 29 to 18, and artillery regiments from six to three. Training for the infantry would be de-

creased from 255 days to 140 each year and for the artillery and other troops from 260 to 240. The plan is based upon the theory that Sweden's military position is greatly better now than in 1914, and the fact that Sweden has no common frontier with Russia. Opponents of the measure, however, point to the recent unsuccessful revolt at Reval, Estonia, as a sign of danger, and it is expected that warm debates will result when the measure comes up for consideration in Parliament.

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