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ABE MARTIN



Mrs. Tipton had's brother is victim' her an' when she asked him if he wuz gittin' homesick, he said: "No, not exactly, 'cept I do miss my son arguin' with me." "Daddy, why do all celebrities hang up their cigarettes?" asked little Pansy Mopps, when she read where Lady Drummond Hay reached for one.

Blue Mountain Grange Adopts 3 Resolutions

By Mrs. Charles Spencer (Observer Correspondent)
GRANGE HALL (Special)
When Blue Mt. Grange met Saturday the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: Whereas, the legislature of Oregon was devised to make the laws for the state and devise methods for enforcement, and Whereas, the overcharge and graft in clerk hire is a disgrace to that body and to the state, Therefore, be it resolved by Blue Mt. Grange that we ask the state grange to take some practical stand to abate the nuisance. Resolution two: Be it resolved by Blue Mt. Grange that we protest as unjust and unfair to the farmers, the using of farm products by chain stores as leaders to purchasers, thereby causing a fall in prices of these farm products at the beginning of the season. Resolution three: Be it resolved by Blue Mt. Grange that we take this method to express our appreciation to the members of the legislature who worked so successfully for the tax program. These resolutions will be introduced for adoption at the next meeting of Pomoona Grange. Four new members were voted into the order and one application for membership was received. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eckley were elected as alternates to state grange convention to be held at Marshfield in June. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McComb and Mrs. Wray Lawrence were inducted into the mysteries of the third and fourth degrees. For the lecture hour Mrs. Grace Grout, lecturer, presented an interesting program of which the leading feature was a talk on dairying by Hans Seltors, official tester of the dairy association. Mr. Seltors pointed out that to be successful in the dairy business and if it is to be put on a healthy basis, the dairy cow will have to be treated as one of the family, diseases will have to be stamped out and feeding problems will have to be observed. A comparison was made between the 10 highest producing cows in the county for the last year and the 10 lowest producing. The highest made an average new profit of \$18.49 per cow for the year while the lowest made an average new profit of \$24.91. Mr. Seltors stated that there are 8,000 dairy cows in the county. Other numbers on the program were a reading "Circus Brown's Prayer" by Blanch Fleshman and two violin selections "Spring Song" and "Love's Old Sweet Song" by Milton Hunt. He was accompanied at the piano by his sister, Dora Hunt. It is of interest that Milton's violin was made in 1736. The roll call was "What is a Successful Life?" Charles Smutz is recovering very satisfactorily from a minor operation. Young William's birthday society of the Christian church of La Grande met at the home of Miss Mildred Spencer last Tuesday evening. The meeting opened with devotionals conducted by the president, Miss Mildred Courtney. Miss Velma McCall had charge of the study period, the subject being the Philippine Islands at which time she exhibited some fancy work made by Philippine girls. The articles are the property of Mrs. C. R. Gekeler, who purchased them while stationed there as a nurse in the World War. At an appropriate hour ice cream and waters were served. Thirteen girls were present for the meeting.

Library Chats

By Mabel E. Doty, Librarian
The study group is becoming more popular and is one of the most pleasurable and stimulating ways of acquiring knowledge. One group has just completed an interesting study course on Modern American and English Poetry and they are all so enthusiastic over the results that they will undoubtedly get together for the same purpose another winter. The course was obtained from the University of Oregon and used for group study instead of individual. Edgar Lee Masters, Robert Frost, Amy Lowell, Edgar Arlington Robinson, the Imagist Group and others were included in the course making 16 lessons in all. After summing up the delightful or otherwise qualities of the poets at the last meeting Tuesday evening, all lingered for a short time when two of the members "surprised" the others with some tempting refreshments. Perhaps there are other groups or clubs who are planning programs and study courses for the next year. For those who wish to take advantage of the university group study courses catalogs listing the courses and giving the necessary information about them may be found at the library.

Using one book as a basis for a course is often times a delightful method. The *University of Oregon* catalog very worth while books for those who would like to try this plan. Perhaps Alphonso Smith's "What Can Literature Do For Me" would be one of the most stimulating books for this purpose since it leads one into so many unexplored byways and offers so many kinds of literature for study.

There are also several suggestive outlines for study courses at the library and we will be glad to be of service to anyone who wishes to plan a program for the coming year.

BUDAPEST (AP)—Patriotic Hungarians are trying to establish "Let us hope for a better future" in place of "Good morning," as a greeting. A person thus saluted would reply, "May God hear your voice!"

VIENNA (AP)—A national movie-tone company will be founded here with Austrian capital. Austrian artists will be favored and the company will have special rights in the republic.

EXILE TROTZKY



Through the white streets of Constantinople, blanketed by snow for the first time in a decade, walked Leon Trotsky—Russia's man without a country, arch-enemy from the soviet republic he founded. Recovering from a recent critical illness, Trotsky is reported to be seeking refuge in France or Germany.

ner club at her home Thursday. A lovely chicken dinner was served at 1 o'clock to 12 guests. The remainder of the day was spent visiting. The club will meet next month with Mrs. L. D. Smutz April 26.

Sara Williamson, who has been ill since Wednesday, is able to be out again. She resumed her duties as teacher in Willow school in La Grande Monday morning.

Mrs. I. D. Smutz and family and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smutz and two children were dinner guests at the Roy Spencer home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hughes, of La Grande, were visitors at the William Hughes home during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Gekeler recently enjoyed a short visit from Mrs. Gekeler's sister, Miss Ruth Johnson, of The Dalles. Miss Johnson is a teacher in the public schools of The Dalles.

Ladd Canyon Grange will entertain Pomoona Grange next Saturday, Mar. 23, at the Odd Fellows hall in La Grande.

In honor of Mrs. Carl Snodgrass, Mrs. William Hughes and Mrs. George Hughes entertained last Wednesday afternoon at the home of the former with a gift shower. At the close of the afternoon which was spent visiting, the hostesses served refreshments. The guests were Mrs. Snodgrass, Mrs. George Gekeler, Mrs. Delbert Anson, Mrs. Ernest DeLong, Mrs. Joseph Snodgrass, Mrs. Henry Hughes, Mrs. Roy Spencer, Mrs. Charles Gekeler, Mrs. I. D. Smutz, Mrs. W. A. McCall, Mrs. A. L. Strong and Mrs. Charles Gekeler.

Mrs. Arthur Golden had two guests Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Willis Smith, Mrs. George Hughes, Mrs. Thomas Macomb, and Mrs. Bert Groat.

Mrs. C. R. Gekeler entertained the members of the Birthday din-

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In other portions of the grounds there may be bird houses for those that prefer a home provided by man. Some will prefer to build their nests in thorny low trees, which mauling cats will find it difficult to penetrate. Evergreens in the border will break the wind in winter for our feathered friends which brave this inclement season.

Providing food through planting means a judicious use of berries, snowballs, sumacs, elderberries, bittersweet, bush honeysuckle, mulberries and wild grapes throughout the border. In winter time when food for the birds is apt to be scarce, a sanctuary for birds would offer such trees, plants

and vines as bittersweet, hawthorn, euonymus in variety, honeysuckles, buckthorns, sumacs, mountain ash, snowberries, hemlock and viburnum.

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