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Library Chats

By Mabel E. Dotz, Librarian

"More Thought to Music Week" is the sentiment of an attractive poster near the front entrance of the library and with it a display of books which should be of special interest to music lovers. Many of the books were borrowed from the State Library for this occasion and it is hoped that they will be widely read during the month that they are in the library. The collection includes the following:

"My Adventures in the Golden Age of Music," Finck, "Music at Midnight," Draper, "Music, Classical, Romantic and Modern," Hull, "New Music," Dwyon, "Spirit of Music," Dickinson, "Musical Laughs," Finck, "Music for Children," Starr, "Common Sense of Music," Speth, "Sixty Musical Games and Recreation," Smith, "What Music Can do for You," Seymour, "Everybody's Guide to Radio Music," Scholes, "Radio Listener's Book of Operas," "Jazz," Whitman, and "Survey of Contemporary Music," Gray.

Grasshopper Won Favor

Ancients regarded the grasshopper as a symbol of good fortune. Many years ago Charles Duncombe and Richard West, silversmiths in Lombard street, London, both being interested in history, delved into the subject of discovering appropriate insignia for their trade. Shortly after a sign appeared before their shop upon which was depicted the agile grasshopper, busily engaged in his favorite pastime. His color was golden and with apparent disregard for nature, he hopped across his fields. The effect was all that could be desired. The sign created much interest and trade thrived.

Lowest Animal Life

Sponges are one of the lowest forms of animal life. It is possible to detach buds or branches of the sponge, which will grow and live separately. Marine gardens of sponges have been established in quiet lagoons in Florida.

Not a New Discovery

The very word "sermon" has become a synonym for dullness; the word "preach" a definition of tediousness. These are not the meanings which these noble words once had.—Woman's Companion.

Champions All



"To keep your Studebaker President a champion, be sure to replace the spark plugs every 10,000 miles with new Champions' Free Cox of the Western Auto Supply Company, advises Art Somers captain, and Sammy McAdam, left wing, of the Vancouver Lions, champions of the Pacific Coast Hockey League, who are shown in the top photo. May 5 to 11 is being observed as Champion Nations Change Week in all Western Auto stores.

Appoint C. E. Hughes Solicitor General

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—The appointment of Charles Evans Hughes junior as solicitor general was announced today at the White House.

President Hoover's selection was a surprise to political Washington, as Mr. Hughes' name never had been mentioned in connection with the gossip as to a possible successor to William D. Mitchell, who was elevated to the post of attorney general on March 4.

Mr. Hughes is the son of Charles Evans Hughes, former secretary of state, a friend of the president and one of those upon whom Mr. Hoover has leaned for advice both during the pre-inauguration period and since he entered the white house.

Some apartment house owners in Turin, Italy, not only encourage tenants with children but offer a cash award for every child born in the houses.

The Problem

We have been trying to require a liberal education by reading 15 minutes a day, as our great inspirational writers assure us is easily possible, but unfortunately we appear to be the kind of man that devotes the entire 15 minutes, if not 16 or 17, to wondering which book he can read in the limited time at his disposal.

Evil Passing for Good

EVIL is easy, and its forms are infinite; good is almost unique. But a certain kind of evil is as difficult to find as what is called good; and often on this account this particular kind of evil gets passed off as good. There is, indeed, an extraordinary greatness of soul to attain to it as well as to good.—Pascal.

Still Guessing

Geologists do not agree as to the inner constitution of the earth, but one view is that the inner core is metal, surrounded by a coating of rocks some fifty miles deep.

UNION CITY PARK BEING IMPROVED

Will Make Bid For Eastern Oregon Tennis Tournament This Summer.

By W. V. Connor (Observer Correspondent)

UNION, Ore. (Special)—Union's city park will be used as a place of recreation and amusement more than ever this summer when present plans of the city council and other organizations are carried out in full. The city has just installed a merry-go-round for the children and work will soon begin on double tennis courts of concrete where the old dirt courts are now located. The expense of installing these permanent courts will be borne in part by the city and part by the school district and the local athletic association. At a meeting last Monday the contract for the courts was awarded to Ora Cline a local contractor. A bid will be made to have the Eastern Oregon tennis tournament held here this summer as the permanent courts, lawn, shade and other conveniences will make this the most suitable place in Eastern Oregon for such a meeting.

Among the Unionites who were in La Grande Saturday to attend the Eastern Oregon track meet were: Sault Roy Conklin, Coach E. P. Coburn, W. V. Connor, John Wortman, and other members of the teaching force of the Union schools.

About thirty members of the Union Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges went to Cove Friday night to attend the county meeting of the two lodges. Dinner was served a seven o'clock then the Odd Fellows exemplified the third degree of the Subordinate lodge and the Rebekahs put on their memorial service. Delegations were present from La Grande, Elgin, Union, Somerville and representatives from lodges from outside the county.

School at the South building here was closed at one-thirty Friday afternoon and the entire teaching force went to La Grande to see the art exhibit at the various grade buildings. Wednesday, May 8, the grade rooms of the South school will hold their annual art display. Classes will be dismissed early and

the patrons invited in to see the work and visit with the teachers.

George Board, who has been running a restaurant and rooming house in the brick building just south of the property and will retire from the business. The lower floor of the building has been rented by Gipsen Brothers who will move their pool hall from the K. P. building to the new location.

The sophomore play which was put on at the school gym Wednesday night was a real comedy in every sense and kept the audience in an uproar for nearly two hours. Much credit is due Miss Bess Hunter, a member of the high school faculty, for her efforts in training the cast of the play. The play was a three-act comedy entitled "A Dutch Detective."

Clifford Minnick who has been attending the Northwestern Business college at Spokane arrived home last week and will remain here until the first of the year before returning to his school work. Road conditions finally being such that the logging trucks could get up to the camps for logs the local mill pond has been filled during the past week and the Oregon Trail mill is ready to start its season's sawing the first of the week.

Tony Smith, Will Baxter and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Davis motored to Wallowa Friday afternoon. They chaperoned the high school girls who played indoor baseball at the latter place that evening.

Charley Tobin who has been conducting a grocery and meat market in North Union, left Wednesday for California and probably Mexico. For the present his wife and two sons will continue to run the local business. The Tobins recently lost their home and all the contents by a fire.

Mrs. Will Dobbin and son Billy are planning to leave the first of the week for a visit in Portland and Eugene. They expect to be away for about two weeks.

The Union high indoor baseball team who recently defeated the Enterprise high girls on the Union floor went to Enterprise Friday for a return game. The latter game was not so one-sided as the first one, although the Union girls won out again. The score at the end of the ninth inning appeared to be a 50-50 affair and an extra inning was necessary to decide the contest. Final score Union 57, Enterprise 49. The Union team included: Edith Cheney, Ruth Connor, Vivian Jory, Othella Delaney, Helen Hall, Gladys Wortman, Inez Wil-

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son, Kathryn Kieblock, Bernice Lamb, Lucille Miller and Lola Mayette. Miss Pauline Hood, coach for the girls, accompanied the team to Wallowa. These two games which Union won from the Wallowa county team, were the only defeats the Enterprise girls suffered during the season.

Several local potato raisers have been shipping out carload lots of potatoes during the past couple of weeks.

The Main Trouble
Tramp—Yes, lady, my folks when they died, left me a lot of money.
Kind Old Lady—Well, if they did, why do you go around begging?
Tramp—The trouble is, lady, they didn't tell me where they left it, and consequently I never found it.

Pieric Acid
Pieric acid is poisonous when used in large doses, and the dry crystals when handled sometimes cause inflammation of the skin. It was formerly used very largely as a yellow dye for silk, but it is now employed chiefly in the manufacture of explosives.

Next Thursday is Straw Hat Day. All mere males will blossom forth in nifty new straws—which ought to bring some real spring weather.

In a recent travel folder issued by the Union Pacific there is mention of a Wallowa Lake located in the "Powder River mountains". Do you suppose they have moved that charming body of water without telling us about it?

There is something wrong with our system of government when anybody with enough money to hire paid petition circulators can invoke the referendum or initiate some pet legislative scheme with or without legitimate reason. Thousands of people will sign any petition presented to them, regardless of its purpose or provisions—so getting something before the people at a general election is merely a financial matter. A vote of the people is necessary and desirable on some public matters, but Oregon is inclined to work a good horse to death. Our initiative and referendum laws need a bit of improving.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IMPROVE

With no dependable statistics to determine the present tendency among young people toward drinking, as compared with a decade ago, it is encouraging to read the opinion of a noted Englishman, St. John Ervine, following his recent visit to this country. Ervine, an opponent of prohibition and a European whom we might expect would treat the dry effort in America too lightly, has the following to say in an English periodical:

"At all events I am very certain, when I look at the well-set-up young men and good-looking girls that I see everywhere about me in this city, that there must be thousands of people who either do not take drink, or take it very rarely. Clear eyes and steady hands are not acquired in speakasies, which are dismal holes at the best. I have been in two or three. . . . There was, I do not doubt, an outbreak of heavy drinking among the young in America, and perhaps in certain quarters it still continues, as a piece of bravado, but I am certain that the soakers are dwindling in numbers, and that the rising young take no more interest in fermented liquors than the average healthy-minded boy and girl in England do. In any event, whatever the truth on that subject may be, the fact remains that I see everywhere in New York a handsomer and fitter type of young man than I saw nine years ago."

With a great deal being said about the wayward activities of young people (frequently by older people who do not clearly recall the rule and exception of their own youth), the brighter observation is pleasant to read. No one expects—certainly not visiting Englishmen—to find young people in the United States more perfect than they are in other nations of the world, but we believe they are making progress.

Youth has its faults and there are occasional cases of bad conduct, but young people are discovering that liquor and success do not mix, just as most American adults discovered it in order to inaugurate prohibition. Some youngsters, both in New York and in the rest of the country, sport a flask and obey the childish urge to "show off" with too frequent drinking. But they are not dangerously numerous. Young people are smart. Even many of those lacking the right kind of parental counsel are learning by experience that being able to carry hard liquor is not a profitable accomplishment. There is a decreasing tendency to cultivate it. Youth's sense of values has altered in favor of sobriety. It is gradual but we are inclined to think Mr. Ervine's observation is correct.

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