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The entertainment of Mrs. De Priest, wife of the negro congressman from Illinois, at the White House recently along with dozens of other congressmen's wives was a very natural thing. Criticism of Mrs. Hoover's action, originating in the south where political capital is scarce, shows how ridiculously narrow minded some otherwise democratic American citizens can be. Mrs. Hoover is to be complimented. She would have been guilty of a grave error had she not included Mrs. De Priest along with other wives of representatives. White House entertaining, although called social, is actually official in character. Mr. De Priest, by virtue of intelligent leadership in his home district, has been placed on a basis of official equality with other representatives. It would be a sorry indictment of American citizenship and tolerance if that official equality were denied members of his family.

### THE \$650,000 BRIDGE

The announcement of a new bridge to be constructed by the state highway commission near Gold Beach at a cost of \$650,000 has caused the Baker Democrat-Herald to wonder about previous pleas of the commission that no money was available for necessary work on the Old Oregon Trail. And the Baker paper also says that Eastern Oregon is suffering now that this section has no member on the highway commission.

That is hardly fair to the commission and is certainly doing an injustice to Judge Sawyer, resident of Bend and member of the commission. In the first place we can't be disturbed about that \$650,000 bridge without knowing a lot more about traffic conditions on the Roosevelt highway. It is entirely possible that the bridge at that particular point is far more important at the present time to the state highway system and the handling of traffic than widening and straightening the Trail across the Blue Mountains, for example.

If the commission were not convinced that this is true (and its members know more about Oregon highway needs than anybody else in the state can possibly know), the project would not have been approved. Knowing the unselfish and impartial spirit of the commission, The Observer cannot think otherwise. It is merely a question of having limited funds for doing a score of important jobs in completing the present highway system.

Bridges, new construction, widening, etc., are all on the program—and with bonds to retire and interest to pay there is just so much available for everything, and no more. Some projects have to wait, some can be undertaken at once. The unfortunate part is that such an important traffic artery as the Old Oregon Trail, only entrance from the east, must be allowed to deteriorate instead of being constantly improved. It can't be helped, apparently. The arguments for other projects are, it is obvious, more convincing at the present time and the money is to be spent for them. If the tables were reversed and we lived at Marshfield or Gold Beach, work on the Oregon Trail would be considered in the same light.

The question of representation on the highway commission, however, has nothing to do with approved projects. Contrary to the Baker paper's insinuation, Eastern Oregon has a very capable and interested member in the person of Judge Sawyer of Bend. No commission member could be more seriously concerned with the highway needs of the area east of the Cascades. He is fully informed on the condition of Eastern Oregon roads and the need for various improvements.

But Mr. Sawyer is serving the entire state of Oregon, as any commissioner from this section should, and not just a restricted area. He and his colleagues make their decisions on a basis of the system as a whole. Surely the people of Oregon would not have it otherwise. And contrary to the snap judgement of the uninformed, Eastern Oregon highways received a far greater proportion of the 1928 expenditures for maintenance and construction than its population and traffic volume would normally warrant. Eastern Oregon is not being discriminated against. The state simply needs more money for road work right now than it has available.

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## ABE MARTIN



Women kin be fooled on ever' thing 'cept what's the style. 'Olio's the Buckeye state, Indiana's the Hoosier state, an' California's the Torso state," said little Winnie Moots today, in reciting the nicknames o' the states.

### Second Annual Picnic Is Held At Flora, Ore.

By Mrs. William Wiggins (Observer Correspondent)  
LOSTINE, Ore. (Special)—In the neighborhood of 1,500 to 2,000 people attended the second annual picnic held near Flora Friday. The morning was taken up with a program of speaking and music while the afternoon was spent in athletic contests and a ball game. Dancing in the afternoon and evening netted a neat sum that will be used for a fund to improve roads in that country.

Ralph Hudson, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. J. D. Hudson, and sister, Gna, and Mrs. Sam Morris stopped in Lostine Sunday evening to visit Mr. and Mrs. William Wiggins. They had spent the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Radie Hudson, near Joseph.

Leo Clark, of Wallowa, was in Lostine Thursday looking at some timber.

The Neighborhood club met at the home of Mrs. Minnie Ward up South Forks. Nine women were present and a delightful afternoon was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Crow, Mildred Dinsley and Mrs. Cool Children returned Saturday from Portland where they have spent a week.

Miss Edna Seaman, of Free-water, is visiting with friends this week.

Mrs. Charles Bridwell and Mrs. Earl Allen returned home from a few days visit at Walla Walla. They report that the E. V. Goodman family will return to Enterprise the first of the month to make their home.

Next Sunday the Christian Bible school will have a picnic dinner after the lesson hour.

Mrs. S. L. Magill went to La Grande early Thursday morning and met Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Magill, of Chicago, who will spend a week visiting here.

Mrs. Preston Similetery left Friday for Standard, Cal., to join her husband who preceded her there two months ago.

Mrs. Walter Quisenberry has as her guests her four sisters, Mrs. Blanch Helms, Mrs. Anna Herrington and the Misses Gladys and Elaine Poe, of Portland, who drove up Saturday for a visit with friends. They formerly made their home here.

Mr. Crow and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Magill, Mrs. Sadie Hall and daughter, Frieda, and Mrs. O. J. Foley and daughter, Margaret, attended the demonstration of the vacation school conducted by the Rev. Couden, which they report as being very enjoyable.

The Wallowa ladies aid will meet this week with Mrs. George Woods, of Evans.

Herman Breshers and family returned to their home near Yakima Wednesday after a very pleasant visit with Mr. Breshers' parents.

Miss Carmen Plass, of Wallowa, visited her sister, Mrs. Clara Childers, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Womack and William Womack drove over Friday from Gardane for a visit with their mother, Mrs. Nellie Womack, and sister, Mrs. Sadie Hall. Miss Frieda Hall accompanied them as far as Pendleton Monday morning as they returned home. Miss Hall was met by her uncle, O. M. Gardner, of Richland, who took her to Forest Grove for a visit with an aunt, Mrs. Vankirk.

Chris Johnson arrived Thursday for a visit with friends. He formerly lived in Lostine.

The Rev. Mr. Couden, pastor of the Wallowa and Lostine Presbyterian churches, at a recent meeting of the Grande Ronde Presbytery, declined the office of field man to succeed the Rev. W. M. Baird, of Baker, who was retiring.

The Rev. Mr. Couden preferred to stay with the churches as pastor.

Mrs. George Tilton was hostess to the community club Friday afternoon.

Friends and neighbors were pleased to know of the arrival of a baby girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Crossland, of Union, Mrs. Crossland was formerly Miss Myrtle Owen.

Sgt. and Mrs. O. F. Campbell, of Wallowa schools, left Wednesday morning for Montpelier, Idaho, where they will spend their vacation with Mrs. Campbell's parents.

Mrs. Beattie Lloyd and son, Maurice, of Imnaha, are here visiting Mrs. Mary Downs and Mrs. Roy Martin.

Mrs. Ruth Hensley has returned from Monmouth where she graduated last week.

Mrs. William Elmer, of Leap,

was shopping in Lostine Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary Goodman, of La Grande, visited her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Goodman, who will leave in a few days for a trip through Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradley had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Evans, of Emmett, Idaho.

Miss Ruth Leonard has been very ill for a week. She is reported to be improving.

In Monday's school election Harrison Holmes was reelected clerk and F. W. Hammock reelected school director. Mr. Hammock has held this office for the last 15 years.

Ed Allen moved his family in from Haines and they are occupying the property where the John Avery family lived.

Donald Riggle killed a rattle snake last Tuesday not far from the Frank Victor place. The snake was in a clump of brush and when it was disturbed it did not rattle but crawled out very peacefully. It measured 42 inches in length with 19 rattles.

Frank Hemberton received a 29 year service pin from the Pacific Light and Power company last week in recognition of his continual employ in that company for that length of time. It has been the rule of the company to issue service pins to people who have been in the constant service for 5-10-15-20-25 and 30 years service. Dave Scott, of Joseph, and Elmer Waugh, of Wallowa, each received a 18 year pin and Wayne Wagner received a 18 year pin at Pasco in May. Mr. Wagner used to run the plant at the head of the lake.

Mrs. August Matthieu, Pete Wilson and Golda Sanders report seeing a cougar across the road near the Falconer sheep camp in the Imnaha canyon. The animal was only a few feet away from the car.

John Couch, of Leap, was in Lostine Wednesday. He went on up to Enterprise where he sold his

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