

TALK OF THE TOWN

Trunks and suit cases at Blackledge's Furniture store. 5-17-tf
 Mrs. Etterman, an old settler, was buried at Wells today at 2 o'clock.
 Acme Quality Paints and Floor Varnish that wears at A. L. Miner's. 5-17-tf
 The election is over. Get your piano tuned and let harmony prevail. Katz's in town. 8 18 1t
 Call up the Palace of Sweets for your ice cream and sherbets. Free delivery. 5-6-tf
 Chloroleum Sheep Dip, recommended by the government \$1 gallon at Graham & Wells. 6 t d-2 t w
 General repair shop. All work first-class, promptly done. Back of Beal Bros., blacksmith shop, Wood Bros. 5-7-tf
 R. H. Katz the piano tuner is now in town. Leave orders Hotel Corvallis or with Profs. Gaskins or Boone 5 18 3
 All singers in the city are requested to meet Prof. Gaskins at the Presbyterian church at 7 o'clock Wednesday eve:
 R. O. Horning, of Astoria, and Miss Cecil Roswell, both former OAC students, were married at Astoria May 12.
 E. L. Strange and Walter Taylor went to Albany this morning to attend the Grand Encampment meeting there this afternoon.
 Ethel Price, of Kings Valley, passed through Corvallis yesterday on her way home from Portland where she has been visiting a sister.
 Wait Brown is having a new cement sidewalk constructed in front of his premises on Washington, between Fourth and Fifth.
 Dr. and Mrs. Mentor Howard went to Albany today and will visit with Odd Fellows, Rebekas and other people during the entire session of the Grand Lodge.
 Go to Dr. Howard for the best and most artistic dental work. Twenty-two karat gold crowns reinforced with 18 karat gold solder made and put on in one hour. 8tf
 G. O. S. Humbert, a former popular pastor of the Christian church at this place, now Field Secretary of the Eugene Bible University, was in the city today and met with a cordial reception.
 Dr. Howard don't keep you in the anxious chair and make you lose your valuable time and punish you a half day for 15 minutes work. A mechanic can always do a piece of work first class in a reasonable time. 8tf
 The Ladies Auxiliary to the Commercial Club will meet tomorrow afternoon at the club rooms. Mrs. W. F. Gaskins being the hostess. Dr. J. A. Harper will address the members on the subject of "Street Improvement," and a full attendance is desired.
 The dirt commenced to fly this morning in the excavation for new improvements at the Christian church. The changes will amount to \$3,500 or more and the seating capacity of the church will be doubled. An extension on both south and west, a new roof, thoroughly repainted and rearranged will certainly add materially to this popular place of worship. Rev. and Mrs. Hubbell are not only exceeding popular with their own people but by their kindness and hospitality, have drawn around them a host of friends who wish them success in their labors of love.

PRACTICAL EDUCATION.

Young Ladies at Waldo Hall Prepare Appetizing Meals.

One of the most interesting features of the noble work done in the various departments at O. A. C. is the care and attention given to the young ladies in attendance from nearly every county in the state preparing for the active duties of life. In the wise provision of Waldo Hall with all modern conveniences adapted to household science the young lady may go forth from this great institution of learning not only with a classical education, but trained in sewing, fitting cutting, house decoration and thoroughly trained in the art of cooking as well as the cost of producing the meal. An experiment is now going on at Waldo Hall in which the young ladies are getting practical experience. They are buying their own provisions, cooking and preparing the food along hygienic lines, and serving the same at the noon hour to all who may come and pay the price. The meal served yesterday consisted of veal loaf, cream potatoes, biscuit, butter, salad, lettuce, sliced bananas and oranges and mayonnaise dressing. The cost for this elegant meal was 8 cents. They are strictly admonished that the menu furnished must come within the price. Tomorrow will be a 15 cent meal and will certainly meet all the requirements of the most fastidious. It is hardly possible to predict what blessings these changed conditions will bring to the homes of Oregon. There is nothing more disgusting to the man of intelligence than to come home hungry and tired and set down to a sloppy meal or see the good wife careless and slovenly in her dress. A large proportion of the divorce cases are due to this cause. Happy will be the young men who select these young ladies as life partners and all honor to those engaged in this noble work.

Passengers Will Be Called

A decided improvement in Pullman car service became effective yesterday on the Harriman lines. General Passenger Agent McMurray's office announced that hereafter Pullman passengers will not be roused from a more or less sound sleep in the mornings by the shout of the dining-car attaches to the effect that breakfast is ready. The first, second and last call for breakfast will be eliminated entirely.
 Instead, passengers, upon tucking themselves away in their berths, will be asked by the porter what hour they desire breakfast. The name and berth number, with the hour the passenger wants to be aroused, will be set down on a call list and kept by the porter. In the morning each will be called at the appointed hour.
 In bringing the system in use down to a hotel basis, passenger officials believe they are putting in an innovation that will be appreciated by the traveling public. Blanks have been prepared for use on the Pullman cars that are not unlike a call list in a hotel. Passengers need not be awakened until they want to get up, doing away with the present system whereby the whole car is aroused at the first call for breakfast early in the morning and disturbed at each successive call. Other meals throughout the day will be announced as at present.

OBELISK FOR CAIRO.

American Makes Generous Offer to Khedive of Egypt.

OFFERS TO PAY EXPENSES.

Ex-Consul Frederick C. Penfield Willing to Bring Shaft of Rameses From Upper Egypt to Capital—Savants May Oppose, Though Acceptance Is Deemed Probable.

Frederick Courtland Penfield, formerly United States consul general at Cairo, who recently married Mrs. Annie Weightman Walker, daughter and heiress of the late Mr. Weightman, the great manufacturing chemist of Philadelphia, has been spending the winter in Egypt with his bride and within the last few weeks has made a generous offer to his highness the khedive and the council of ministers of the Egyptian government. Mr. Penfield proposes "to give proof of my interest in the capital of his highness—wherein I dwell several years and where I have many valued friends—by offering to defray the expense of transporting from upper Egypt and re-erecting at Cairo an example of the glory of ancient Egypt in the form of an obelisk."

The British capital, on its Thames embankment, has a splendid specimen of this expression of Egyptian art, the French capital has an obelisk standing in its most important square, Rome has four or five, while the capital of the Ottoman empire is enriched by an even greater number taken from the land of the Nile. The last of these monuments to leave the land of their creation was presented to the city of New York by a former khedive.

"For years it has seemed to me an anomalous fact," continues Mr. Penfield in his letter to the khedive, "that the capital of the land of obelisks, the metropolis of the continent and the unrivaled winter resort of cultured Europeans and Americans should be less favored than the capitals and great cities herein named. To play even a small part in placing in Cairo its logical home—an obelisk of importance would afford me great happiness, and therefore I beg to make the offer in brief terms to defray the total cost of transporting and re-erecting in a conspicuous place in the capital the obelisk of Rameses the Great, now standing, with pedestal and part of its shaft covered with soil, near the pylons of the temple of Luxor.

"I am fully aware that the project may arouse the opposition of savants and archaeologists in Europe and elsewhere and that their cry of 'desecration' would find vociferous expression. But I fail to comprehend how conscientious objection can be made to the obelisk's removal from upper Egypt, where it can be viewed only by a few hundred persons each winter, to the nation's capital, where the masses, not only visitors from all countries, but the enormous native population as well, may see it daily in their goings and comings. If this proposal be favorably entertained I shall beg that the task of removal may be executed under the supervision of such engineer officers and representatives of the Service des Antiquites as the Egyptian government may assign to the work. It would be my wish to have the obelisk placed either in Abdin square or upon the space in front of the Khedivial Opera House. But the choice of site I should be willing to leave wholly to the government of his highness.

"I feel that I am well enough known in Egypt, through having for years been the accredited diplomatic representative of the American government, to have my bona fides at this time well understood, and I beg to assure your excellencies that if this petition be honored by the acceptance of my offer I will cause the Luxor obelisk and its pedestal to be removed to Cairo and re-erected without expense whatsoever to the Egyptian government, and if permitted to thus prove my affection for his highness' capital I beg to state that I shall neither expect nor desire reward in any form."

At the last accounts Mr. Penfield had not received a reply, but there is very little doubt that his generous offer will be promptly accepted by the Egyptian government provided the council of ministers can obtain the indorsement of the officials of the museum at Cairo and other archaeologists. There has been earnest opposition among all the archaeological societies in Europe to every recent proposition to disturb any of the ancient monuments upon the upper Nile, and there is now a strict law against taking antiquities out of the country. The removal of one of the several obelisks on the upper Nile to Cairo would not be contrary to that law, although it would meet with the general objection to disturbing any antiquity.—William E. Curtis, Washington Cor. Chicago Record-Herald.

New Style in Creases.
 Frenchmen, who regard King Edward VII. of England as the best dressed man in Europe, have been interested in noticing since his majesty has been in Paris incognito that he wears his trousers creased down the side instead of down the front.

"Baby Party" in Society.
 Miss Mabel Page, a society girl of Bayonne, N. J., gave a baby party the other night. Guests appeared in infants' costumes, some acting as nurses. Coffee was served from nursing bottles.

ROCKHILL AS A TIBETAN.

Accident in the Career of the New Ambassador to Russia.

Take it from William Woodville Rockhill—doesn't that sound like a name in a play?—that exploring Tibet is like sauntering down a shady lane. The new ambassador to Russia is distinctly skeptical of those gentlemen who go to Tibet and get themselves hung up by the lobe of the ear and have repousse designs in powder burns worked all over them in the button-hole stitch. They make him think, he says, of a certain famous attempt to find the north pole, in which the relief party got so much farther north than the explorer did that the unfortunate scientist had to hurry like thunder to catch up with it. That farthest south arctic expedition has been equaled, he says, by some of the Tibetan explorers.

And Mr. Rockhill ought to know, for he wandered all over Tibet, protected by a cold American nerve and his looks—not that he is proud of his looks. When he planned that Tibetan trip he was second secretary of the American legation at Peking, and his servant was a native Tibetan. "Am I too handsome to pass for a Tibetan?" asked Mr. Rockhill of the menial. Mr. Rockhill was slyly facetious. The Tibetan was as solemn and matter of fact as the death record in the family Bible. He said he feared the displeasure of the noble lord if he were to answer truthfully. Mr. Rockhill began to lose the savor of that jest, but he insisted. "But the noble lord will hereafter hate his faithful servant," protested the Tibetan.

"Darn it," said Mr. Rockhill in excellent Tibetan, "you tell me what's the matter with my looks?"

"All is wrong," said the Tibetan—"everything is wrong with the excellency's looks save and except his magnificent big nose. Because of that most spectacular and ornate organ he may pass as a Tibetan of the second class, and by further disguise he may be accepted as one of the nobility. But the nobility are very handsome men."

Just the same, Mr. Rockhill traveled unmolested all over Tibet and didn't have to raise his voice during his stay in the Forbidden Land. Even if he isn't a good looking Tibetan he is ordinarily considered a very classy American. Tall, portly, of distinguished presence, he is an ardent scholar.—New York Globe.

GREAT AFRICAN REGATTA.

Zambezi River to Be Scene of Gathering of World's Crews.

The Zambezi river above the Victoria falls, in Africa, is to be the scene of a great international regatta, managed by the British South Africa company, in June, 1910. It is expected that crews from all the rowing centers of the world will participate, and there will be races for fours, pairs and scullers as well as for eight oared crews. The company has arranged that the famous oarsman Guy Nickalls take charge of the affair. In a recent conversation at London Mr. Nickalls said: "Owing to the date falling just before the end of the term I am afraid there will be difficulty in getting a crew to go out from Oxford or Cambridge, but I hope to get a Canadian crew over from the Argonaut club and one crew, if not two or three crews, from the United States as well as entries from Belgian and possibly French and Italian clubs. I think I can count on Leander being represented. I am going out to Africa to have a look at the course and watch South African rowing. I shall get there in time for their annual Whitsuntide regatta and shall be able to judge if their form will enable them to compete with the rest of the world's oarsmen or whether it will be necessary to have an inter-African challenge cup. I shall get back just in time for Henley, where I hope to meet French, Italian and Belgian crews and get them interested in the matter."

HAT THAT CAUGHT A ROBIN.

Accidentally to Pick Cherries—Feet Tangled in Trimming.

A deluded robin came to grief the other day in Flushing, N. Y., because a pretty girl wore a peach basket hat trimmed with artificial cherries.

The girl was walking along Broadway near the old courthouse when the robin, on a lower limb of a tree, spied the hat and its trimmings. It hopped from its perch on to the hat and started to pick at the cherries.

The girl screamed and clutched at her hat. The robin's feet caught in the trimmings, and it was held a prisoner. A man went to the assistance of the girl and the robin. Then the robin escaped.

Novel Street Lighting.

The quantity of light which it is now possible to obtain at a reasonable cost from tungsten lamps in series has led to an innovation in street lighting in some Michigan towns which, it is thought, may find wide adoption. In Grand Rapids, where the system seems first to have been applied, the tungsten lamps are strung across the street between the eaves of the buildings in such a way that they form the outline of an arch. The effect of a series of these illuminated arches at night resembles that of a canopy of lamps covering the street and shedding down upon it a pleasing illumination. The same system has been adopted in Big Rapids and is under consideration in Greenville and other towns.

Violet Wisconsin's Flower.

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