

THE CALL OF THE WILD.



MERIT SYSTEM AND HIGHWAYS.

Two applications of the merit system to highway work which will be noted with satisfaction by road builders have recently been made. In Connecticut state employment has been put upon a merit system basis by means of the state civil service law which became effective on Aug. 1, 1913. As applied to the highway department, this law puts all of the officials and employees, with the exception of the state highway commissioner, into the classified service. In New York state the appointment of six division engineers has been made by competitive examination. A description of the method of conducting these examinations was given by First Deputy Commissioner George A. Ricker at the recent special road meetings of the American Society of Civil Engineers. It has long been recognized that efficiency in the conduct of highway work could best be obtained by the selection of men with regard only to their fitness and ability, and it has been generally believed that the absolute elimination of political considerations from appointments of this kind was desirable. But while these have been generally accepted as abstract principles, their actual application has not been as frequent as might be desired.—Good Roads.

Liszt's Predicament.

Liszt took no money for his lessons, and so many pupils came to him that at last he had no time left for the work he wanted to do, and this was just the time when he was engaged in composing his "Christ." He therefore wrote to Hans von Bülow: "Dear Friend—I want a brown cow." Bülow came. The brown was set in motion, and in the course of a week all the pupils vanished. He could not save time for himself, for he could never say no. He had the best and noblest heart of any man.

Gems In Verse

THE AGED IRISH EXILE

IT'S a great land, maivourneen, this land of my seeking, Where a man can be all he dreamed he might be. But I'm getting old, lass, and when night comes a-snoozing My heart takes to roving 'way over the sea. I see the thatched roof and the peat fire burning, The truth in your eyes and the promise there, too, The promise of love, with its infinite learning. If I'd stayed home, maivourneen, I might have had you. But the call of the world to the keen ear of twenty Is the siren's own song when the young blood is hot. Faith, I've fought a good fight and I've friends by the plenty, But there's never a man that can say I have not, And at dusk when the thoughts of the day are a-dribbling Like soldiers of war when the fighting is long, Then I long for the peace that is past understanding, That might have been mine, lass, in Erin with you. Sure, there's women have kised me, with soft arms entwining, But there's none that gave the love that uplifts and endures, And I might have seen you, with your dear face all shining, A-crooning to children—my children and yours, And children of theirs might come slyly a-peeking, By tales of the banshee be lured to my knee. 'Tis a great land, this land that my wild feet came seeking, But, oh, my maivourneen, 'tis home I would be! —Mabel Stevens Freer.

Probe Explosion.

THE DALLES, Ore., April 9.—Coroner Burget this evening began an inquest by which he hopes to fix the responsibility for yesterday's dynamite tragedy on the Dalles-Golla canal, in which four men were killed. He has summoned 50 witnesses and the investigation will probably not be concluded until tomorrow.

EVILS OF COMIC PICTURES SHOWN

Effect on Children is Pointed Out in Letter Read Before the Woman's Club

(By Mrs. Zumwalt, of Powell River.) To the President and Members of the Oregon City Women's Club: At a time when so much is being said and done in the interest of humanity—when people are fully realizing that the childhood of today must be protected in order to build a proper structure for the manhood of tomorrow—the time seems fitting to call the attention of the public to the evil influence produced upon the minds of children by the "comic section" of the leading newspaper of the land. The thinking public was rightly alarmed at the flood of indiscriminate pictures shown in the "moving picture halls" a few years ago; a discussion of the problem followed with the gratifying result that censorship was established, which caused many films to be rejected, which if shown would certainly lower the moral standard of youth. Time and time again I have felt these "funny papers" were as great a menace to the childhood of the nation as were the moving pictures. Because the paper is brought into the home, laughed at by the elders, tolerated by them and left for the young mind to ponder over at leisure, grasp every trick and then strive to imitate the deceptions by practicing them upon their play fellows. Let every one of you, as I have done, take the time to watch the effect. Study the pictures thoroughly. Look at them from a child's point of view, then ask yourselves what possible good they can do, and realize the great harm they are doing. Watch a crowd of average boys at play—you will no doubt be surprised when you see a boy hit a smaller one on the head with a stone or club—should the little fellow cry, the other will put his lips and say "Why I thought you was the moak." "Nuthin ken hurt your head;" or a boy coasting

Inter-State Fares Readjusted.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Readjustment of passenger rates on all interstate railroads in the United States in conformity with the long and short haul provision of the law, under orders of the interstate commerce commission, will become effective on May 1, it was announced tonight. The new tariffs filed by the roads with the commission indicate a material reduction in fares, particularly from important terminals and rate-basing points to intermediate points.

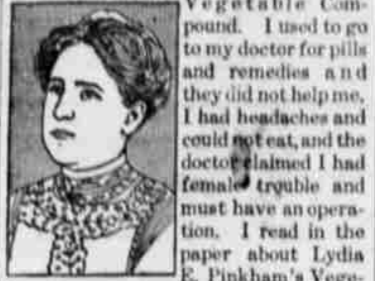
HUERTA EXPLAINS TWO WOMEN AVOID OPERATIONS

ALL NECESSARY REDRESS IS BELIEVED TO BE FORTH-COMING NOW

OFFICIALS CONSIDER STATEMENT

Tense Situation, Caused by the Arrest of American Marines Is Greatly Lessened by Action of Dictator

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The tense situation created here by the arrest of American marines or Mexican authorities at Tampico was greatly relieved today with the receipt of General Huerta's prompt repudiation and apology for the action, forwarded from Mexico City by Charge O'Shaughnessy. While no definite statement was obtainable in official circles, it was broadly intimated that the necessary redress for the affront had been afforded. Reporting developments to the navy department, Read Admiral Mayo, in command of the American naval force at Tampico, cabled that he had demanded that the Mexican command salute the American flag in explanation of the affront. His message said he had given the Mexican officer 24 hours from 6 o'clock Friday night to comply. No late details have been received. Officials at the state and navy departments considered the statement from Huerta full and frank. It promised an immediate investigation of Colonel Hinojosa's action in arresting the marines and parading them publicly through the streets, and the official statement issued by the state department added that General Huerta had promised that if the investigation should develop a greater responsibility on Colonel Hinojosa the penalty applicable to the case will be imposed by the competent legal authorities. General Huerta's good faith was accepted, apparently, without reservation, and it was pointed out that it was only fair to await the result of the promised investigation and discipline of the Mexican officer responsible for the humiliation of the American navy.



Chicago, Ill.—"I must thank you with all my heart for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I used to go to my doctor for pills and remedies and they did not help me. I had headaches and could not eat, and the doctor claimed I had female trouble and must have an operation. I read in the paper about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I have taken it and feel fine. A lady said one day, 'Oh, I feel so tired all the time and have headache,' I said, 'Take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound,' and she did and feels fine now."—Mrs. M. R. KARSCHNER, 1438 N. Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The Other Case.

Dayton, Ohio.—"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound relieved me of pains in my side that I had for years and which doctors' medicines failed to relieve. It has certainly saved me from an operation. I will be glad to assist you by a personal letter to any woman in the same condition."—Mrs. J. W. SHERER, 126 Cass St., Dayton, Ohio.

If you want special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman, and held in strict confidence.

able for the occasion. There was a large attendance. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Harvey entertained at dinner Monday at their home Mrs. Viola Harvey, of Kansas; Miss Florence Gamble, of Portland, and Mr. Geo. Smith, of Mulino. Lazelle and Gerald Melndi, of Seelwood, are spending their vacation at Mountain Ash Farm, the home of their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lazelle. Mr. Myers is very ill with no hope of recovery, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Noah. Friday was observed at school last Friday with appropriate exercises. Mr. McClure, of Meadowbrook, was calling on old friends Sunday. He was once a resident here and he is anxious to be back in this community. He says Twilight is good enough for him. Florence Bentley spent Sunday in Oak Grove with her grandmother, Mrs. Blackaby. Mr. Delano has rented his place to parties from the east. Mr. Spicer, who lately moved to Portland, is tired of city life and has moved on his farm to spend the summer.

Novelty Social.

At the Carus school Saturday night, April 25. Proceeds to be used in building a play shed. Everybody come. Ladies bring lunch for two. (Adv.)

REDLAND.

Miss Emma Brock gave a birthday party. A number of her young friends attended and report a good time. Miss Hazel Korr, who is attending school at Monmouth, came home for Easter. Miss Fay Clark, of Monmouth, visited her cousins, Gilbert, Paul and Miss Eunice Courtwright during Easter vacation. Mrs. Zeller, who has been seriously ill, is recovering. W. H. Bonney received the sad news of the death of his brother-in-law, Marlon Pulley, at Hubbard. Several persons of the Evergreen district attended the spelling contest at Stone and report an interesting time. A Miss Watts carried the honors. Mrs. Lizzie Senn is on the sick list.

WILSONVILLE.

H. D. Aden spent Thursday in Portland last week, buying new spring dress goods. Rev. Nicholls, of Salem, delivered a splendid Easter sermon last Sunday evening at the M. E. church, and there was special music by the choir. Mrs. Rand is in Portland with her little daughter, who has been under an operation at the Good Samaritan hospital. J. W. Thornton and J. Peters were witnesses in the noted Purdy trial last week. Dwight Seely has been having a bad time with a swollen face, caused from a tooth. A meeting of the different districts interested in a fair at Wilsonville this year, was held in the school house on Friday evening. Mrs. Aubrey Wood sprained her ankle on Friday evening, and has not been able to place her foot on the ground since, but has been compelled to limp. Hood View Sunday school had a splendid Easter program, given by the members of the school. Mrs. Ed Baker spent Saturday in Portland, with relatives. Don't miss the entertainment at Coral Creek school house on Saturday evening, April 18th, at eight o'clock. Baskets of lunch will be sold at the close of the program. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. No admission fee. The Arthur Day picnic was a splendid success, despite the bad weather of the early morning, and the program was a very interesting one. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Alison Baker and sister, Mrs. France, attended the funeral of Marlon Pulley, at Hubbard, on Tuesday. Mrs. Hays, of Portland, daughter of Melvin Baker, was buried at Pleasant Hill cemetery, on Friday, and a large number of friends and relatives attended. A very delightful party was given by Miss S. M. Graham on Saturday evening, at her beautiful home, near the river. The game of "500" was the pleasure of the evening, and at the close of the game the head prizes were awarded to Mrs. Norma Say and Glenn Baker, and the consolation prizes to Anna Baker and Mrs. Norris Young. Partners for supper were chosen from a box of candy chicks, typical of the Easter season. The banquet room was beautifully adorned with flowers and greenery, while Easter rabbits formed a handsome center piece for the table, which was laden with dainties, surrounded by the yellow candy chicks. Miss Graham was ably assisted by Mrs. Reed Graham.

Governor Colquitt and Texas Rangers Restive Over Mexico



Touched.

"A friend in need's a friend indeed," they say. I never realized it till today. I met an actor friend upon Broadway. If you had seen his suit—all baggy knees—His unshaved chin, I'm sure you'd have agreed From top to toe he was a "friend in need."

And had you seen him rush across the way To where I stood to take my hand and stay To shake and shake and shake and shake and say: He was so glad! And how did business speed? And how were all at home?—you would concede Of the world he was my "friend indeed." —Melville Chater in Puck.

A Terrible Oversight.

It was some time after the New Year's resolutions had all been made and broken that an acquaintance of ours met another acquaintance of some other fellow's on the street. This second person was in a deplorable condition mentally, morally, physically, etc. "Why, my dear fellow," said our acquaintance. "It really shocks me to see you like this. I thought you joined a total abstinence society on Jan. 1." "I did," wept the other, with feeling. "I did! But whadda-y' think? I forgot to pay my dues this month!" —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Bridal Tourists.

The bride looked on the mountains, The river's golden strand, Italian garden fountains, We're thinking near at hand. She spoke with cooling kindness, "How fair these vistas are!" The bridegroom in his blindness Bowed down beneath the car.

From thence did he deliver Some words about a chain, Such words as made her shiver With an astonished pain; Then to the balmy breeze: She hummed these lines and smiled: "Where every prospect pleases And only man is rid." —Frederick Moxon in Judge.

Whitney Fined \$2500.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—A fine of \$2500 was imposed today on J. Parker Whitney, son of a prominent family, clubman and reputed to be a millionaire, who pleaded guilty to violation of the Mann white slave act on a charge recently brought against him by Genevieve Hannan.

Ball Player "Beans" Chorus.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 15.—A charge of "beating the players" at the Lyric theater during the matinee yesterday led to the arrest of C. L. Pruett, crack right-handed pitcher in the visiting Oakland baseball team, on a charge of disorderly conduct. Pruett is accused of placing No. 3 bird-shot between his teeth and throwing them with a toothpick, beanshooter fashion, at the players on the stage.

TWILIGHT.

Miss Nina McDonald, of Oregon City visited Sunday at Crystal Springs Farm, with her sister, Miss Jessie McDonald.

Mr. Jack is making extensive improvements on his place which will add much to its appearance.

Miss Marie Harvey is making an extended visit with friends in Nevada.

Mrs. Thomas Kelland made her annual visit, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bulward, Sunday in Oak Grove.

Easter services were held in Twilight hall Sunday, with exercises suit-

"Home Ties", the play which is soon to be given at Wilsonville is progressing splendidly and will be in first-class shape by the evening of April 21st. The caste of characters for this play are as follows: Ruth Winn, Mrs. H. D. Aden, Lindy Jane, a colored servant, Helen Murray; Alma Wayne, from New York, Mary Brobst; Harold Vincent, Dwight Seely; Josiah Tizzard, the umbrella vender; Geo. Murray; Leonard Everett; Frank McKintin; Martin Winn, father of Ruth Winn; Sherman Seely; Ruth Winn; Aunt Melissa, Cora Hasselbrink; Mrs. Popplin, a widow with a pension and appetites; Mrs. Mabel Brobst, Don't forget the date, April 25th, at eight o'clock at the A. O. U. W. hall. This play promises to be the best ever given in Wilsonville by local talent, and it is hoped a just appreciation of the young people who are going to a great deal of work and trouble will be shown them by a large attendance.

OAK GROVE.

A regular meeting of the Parents and Teachers Association was held Friday, April 10th, at the school house, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. V. G. Boyce, President; Mrs. E. Waldron, Vice-President; Mrs. J. A. Kueck, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. L. E. Armstrong, Recording Secretary; Mrs. J. R. Evans, Treasurer; Miss Myrtle Williams, Librarian. Yearly reports showed the club to be in a flourishing condition, and lots of good work has been accomplished by this organization during the past two years, and the membership is nearly double that one year ago. Regular meetings second Friday of each month. All interested in educational work of the school are invited to come to these meetings. Always welcome.

The Women's Social Service Club of Oak Grove will continue the political meetings on Thursday nights of each week until the primaries, at which meetings two or more candidates for either state or county offices will speak. All meeting held in school house. Mrs. V. G. Boyce, president; Miss Flora Snowell, secretary.

Thursday evening S. L. Casto, candidate for county clerk and Mr. Ulen candidate for governor will speak. Mrs. Anna S. Hayes, musical director of the school, gave a concert assisted by the different pupils Tuesday evening, April 14th. The program was a lengthy one and well rendered and enjoyed by the parents and friends of the children.

S. L. Casto, an old resident, paid us a visit Wednesday morning.

JENNINGS LODGE.

The Congressional Sunday school which is being held at the Hartford hall is rapidly increasing in attendance and new classes are being added. The services are held at 9:30 under the leadership of Rev. H. N. Smith, a Sunday school organizer of the Congressional church.

A Byron disposed of many sweet peas and violets on Saturday last. Three people were picking during the entire day for the Portland Easter market. Mrs. D. P. Wood entertained Mrs. Daly, who left this week for Alaska, on Friday. Additional guests came in for lunch, including Mrs. H. H. Emmons of this place.

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association was held on Friday, April 10th, at the home of Mrs. Will Jacobs. The rooms being unusually pretty with potted plants, dogwood blossoms and trailing smilax. The library table held a cat glass bowl of moss, imbedded with forget-me-nots. At 2:30 the president, Mrs. H. J. Robinson called to order and the usual business of the meeting, including gratifying reports from the playground committee was given. The hostesses of the afternoon being Mesdames R. Hart, William Cook and Jacoba. They had a treat in store for the thirty ladies who were present, each bringing a good book for the school library and giving a quotation from an author. Mrs. Losey read a paper on the public school system, built on play, taking the Emerson system, which is being used in Gary, Ind., with such success. Francis Sandstrom and little Dorothy Jacobs contributed recitations, and a reading by Mrs. Cravate of Wichita, rounded out the enjoyable afternoon. Delicious cake and tea were served by the hostesses. Mesdames LaClare, Ostrom, and Morse were named as hostesses in May. This regular meeting being held the second Friday in May, when election of officers will take place. The following ladies attended: Mesdames Spomer, LeClare, MacHargue, Ostrom, Russell, Bernard, Cravate, Pierce, Morse, Dill, Dow, Jones, Robinson, MacFarlane, Roberts, Shaver, Smith, Altman, Hatford, Hart, Jacobs and Miss Sears.

Miss Alice Waldron left on Saturday for Everett, Wash., to resume her school work at that place.

S. P. Day, of St. Paul, will arrive on Friday to join his family, who are contemplating locating at this place. Arthur Roberts caught the largest salmon of the season at this place last week, it weighed 49 3/4 pounds and measured 3 feet and 10 inches. This place is getting to be quite a fishing resort. Many coming out on Sunday to enjoy the sport.

Edd Curtin, our local dairyman, has purchased a new milk wagon and has a large patronage at Gladstone and here. His place is known as the Maywood dairy.

Messrs. Hugo Sandstrom, J. Lehman and Dr. C. L. Haynes have had new phones put in their homes.

On the evening of May day the Community Club social will be in the form of a masquerade dancing party. This seems to be very pleasing to the dancing people of the community, and a drawing card for a large attendance. Mrs. David LaCure and Arthur Soesbe, are to furnish the music.

Mrs. Edd Frichman and her husband from a sister and her husband from Idaho, whose names we did not learn. Miss Nelson, a trained nurse, is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. John Jennings.

J. A. Soesbe, a retired capitalist of Newport, is at the Lodge for an indefinite stay.

The school district board have been fortunate in securing Mrs. Altman for principal for the ensuing year. Mrs. Altman was with us last year and was very successful. Mrs. Nora L. Staushall will have charge of the primary grades, and comes very highly recommended to us.

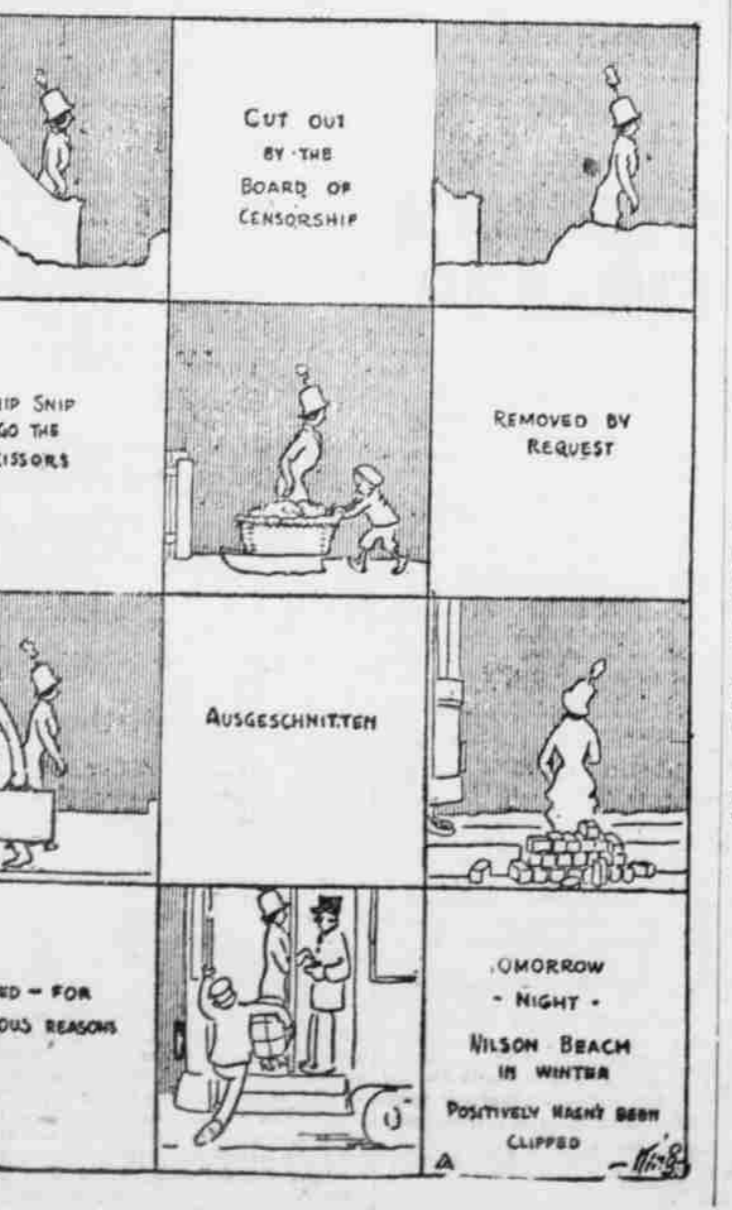
George Morse returned from a trip to Vancouver, after visiting a few days with the H. C. Painton family.

J. A. Soesbe made a trip to Warrenton this week. He has a number of lots there and reports the country is booming since they are to have the Hill locks there.

Little Dorothy Jacobs is on the sick list. She is threatened with an attack of appendicitis. Dr. Meissner is in attendance.

James Waldron, of Newberg, made a short visit with his parents this week. Mrs. L. Wilcox took one hundred of her white rock chicks on Monday. There seems to be a big demand for the day-old chickens.

THE SLIT SKIRT—OR THE CENSOR'S DELIGHT.



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