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HIS DAY AT HOME

(By Frank L. Stanton.)

De birds is fat an' plenty,
De honey in de comb;
Hear come Mister Good Times,
Axin', "Is you home?"

Think I let him tarry—
Let him go away
I tell him: "Mornin' ter you!"
Here de place I stay!"

"I'll beat an' grease de griddle,
An' bless my time an' chance;
I'll tune de one string fiddle,
An' 'swing you in de dance!"

We dance an' shake de shingles—
We cut de caper new;
De neighbors hear de music
An' 'sine de dancin', too!"

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"SAFEGUARDING AMERICA"

FRANCE has unofficially notified the United States that she contemplates an invasion of the Ruhr basin for the reason Germany has not complied with the requirements regarding disarmament.

There are reports that the Russian soviet government is concentrating troops on the Bessarabian border with the plain intent of making war in the spring. It is even considered probable that several nations of Europe outside of the Balkans may be drawn into the fray. Poland is almost certain to be involved and France feels called upon to give aid to Poland.

Meanwhile the attitude of the United States toward the League of Nations remains uncertain. There are conflicting reports as to the view of the president-elect and if Mr. Harding has decided in his own mind what do he has not yet informed the world as to his intention.

The one tangible development thus far has been the Borah resolution providing suspension of new navy building through agreement with England and Japan. It is a move that will have strong backing because of the economy in such a course and the further fact Great Britain will welcome it as a safeguard for England's present mastery of the sea.

But if Uncle Sam is to stay out of the league and out of any practical working plan for enforcing peace can we afford to stop improving the navy?

If President Wilson was too idealistic in advocating the League of Nations what about the "visionaries" who ask America to disarm in the mere hope that other nations will do likewise? Can we afford to throw our powder away while Germany still remains defiant and the Russians are ready to cut the throat of any "bourgeois" country that manifests a weakness for such treatment?

Having criticised President Wilson for lack of preparedness the opposition now has its inpping and from appearances will improve its shining hour by stopping naval progress and reducing the army to impotency. Is that the way to "safeguard America"?

JAIL FOR DRUNKEN DRIVERS

ALL sentences for men who drive cars while drunk is becoming the slogan in many places. In Portland there has been such agitation on the subject that it is now a common thing to read of a drunken driver going to jail. That a similar sentiment towards inebriated drivers is felt in Spokane is indicated by the following expression by the Spokesman-Review:

In police court Tuesday a man convicted of driving an automobile while he was drunk was allowed by Justice Witt to pay a fine of \$75 and costs and to depart in peace.

In this way traffic ordinance enforcement is made a joke, and the public highways are made unsafe for the law-abiding. When a drunken man drives an automobile he is not in any particular danger. Drunks are seldom hurt in automobile accidents. Their condition seems to operate as a sort of insurance against personal mishap. But there is real peril for sober folk on road or driving cars.

To be guilty of driving a car while drunk the man had to have fractured two sets of laws—the prohibition statutes and the traffic code. If he had killed a man through his crazy driving, he would have pleaded irresponsibility, and would, of course, have been duly remorseful after the damage had been done.

His penalty was about equivalent to the price of half a dozen bottles of contraband whiskey. As punishment, it amounted to nothing at all. A few days in jail would have made him very reluctant ever to do it again. But if a man has plenty of funds, the fact that he may have to pay a small fine does not deter him from going on a tear.

The number of fatalities and serious accidents resulting from reckless driving is alarming. There are now three manslaughter cases before the superior court, all arising from too much speed and too little caution. That the man who was fined in police court failed to kill anybody is not his fault. He did his best by getting drunk and trying in that condition to drive his car. Justices of the peace apparently are determined not to put teeth in the traffic laws. What can they be thinking of?

Were a man to get drunk and start firing a pistol on a crowded thoroughfare the matter would not be considered as a lark. He would be locked up. The drunken driver is just as much a menace and should be so treated for the public safety.

The Umatilla Commercial Club will hold another meeting soon to discuss chances of developing the Umatilla rapids power site for irrigation purposes and other uses. Later on they want the aid of Pendleton and all other northwest people who can be induced to lend a hand. No doubt such aid will be freely given. The development of the Umatilla rapids would not only be the making of Pendleton but would revolutionize this entire section.

Chairman White says the democrats will be glad to have the republicans steal their progressive principles and put them into use. Also they will be willing to let the G. O. P. try the experiment of cutting living costs by increasing prices while they strengthen the national defense by scuttling the navy and depleting the army.

In Washington a woman has been arrested for picking her husband's pockets; the cause of men's rights may meet many discouragements but it will eventually triumph.

Some people do not enthuse over good statuary or good music but that is no reflection on art.

For the next 40 days the Salem date line will be in the lime-light.

That is right, roast the British for the oil shortage—it is always easy to blame some one else for your troubles.

RAINS IN SISKIYOU

MOUNTAINS HEAVIEST

DURING MANY YEARS

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 8.—Superior

E. H. MacDaniels of the Siskiyou

NATIONAL FOREST, stated Wednesday

that there had been an unprecedented

amount of rainfall in the mountains

this winter. Sage creek ranger station

near Walden reported that 24 inches

of rain had fallen there since September

1. Agency station reported 42 inches.

Frank Hays, who owns a small

placer mine on Oscar creek about nine

miles from this city, reported that in

the 20 years that he has operated the

mine he has never had as many days

of piping as he has had this winter.

JUST BACK FROM WORLD WAR!



BERLIN—Just back from the World War! Here is a bunch of German soldiers just back from the war. They have been held-prisoner in Siberia for several years. A trainload of the German prisoners recently arrived in Berlin. And it is estimated Germany still has 300,000 of her soldiers held in Siberia!

WHAT PENDLETON GRADE SCHOOLS ARE DOING

Washington School.
Lee Endicott, a pupil in the school, returned on Tuesday after a visit in Portland.

Maurine Akers has been absent from school for several days because of illness.

Jack Amann spent the holidays in Spokane, returning in time to resume his school work on Monday.

Charles Norris was in Portland for the holidays. He returned here Monday.

Gretchen Rinehart visited relatives in Walla Walla during the holidays.

Enid Leach and Joe Skinner have dropped from the seventh grade. Walter Adams has entered.

Ruth Hutchins has withdrawn from the eighth grade. She will attend school in the country.

Tyree Ulrich, who has been confined to her home for some time because of illness returned to the eighth grade on Monday.

William Gilson, of Idaho, and Harry Crawford, formerly of Hawthorne school, are now eighth grade pupils.

Washington school teachers might well start a course for educating mice for the little animals have entered school. They are found in the first, second, fourth and seventh grade rooms and are advancing so rapidly that steps will be taken to check their progress.

The third grade has had a very good attendance this week. Their good attendance was increased to 26 by the entrance of Quintas Dickenson, from Oklahoma.

Lincoln School.
A new pupil has been admitted to the sixth grade and the seventh grade since the Christmas vacation.

The first grade is making an Alaskan sand table. They have a collection of Alaskan curios, among which are a salmon fish hook, a totam, a bear paw purse and walrus skin bag, and snow shoes.

Wednesday the seventh and eighth grade girls had a basket ball game, the eighth grade winning by a four to two score.

The third grade has learned several new folk dances. They are developing original ideas in map weaving also.

Thayer Hyntton, of the second grade, has a broken arm and is confined to his home.

Alzora Nelson returned to the eighth grade from her Christmas vacation Wednesday morning.

Hawthorne School.
The first grade won the banner for the highest per cent of attendance for the month of December.

Marvin Kupers, a pupil of the second grade, has returned after a week's absence due to tonsillitis.

Loren Smith, Oral Bowman and Carlton Lack, who for several weeks were absent on account of illness, returned to school Monday. This made a full attendance of all third graders.

Third grade art work has been confined to problems in measuring. This was in preparation for work of lettering next week.

The story of James Watt was used for special study in the third grade. Correlation of the work was made in music, reading and geography.

The fourth grade children are wearing the smile that won't come off as their teacher, Mrs. Hamsig, has returned after a two months' illness with typhoid fever.

CHAMPION GROUCH



Keepers of the Lincoln Park zoo at Chicago say Nellie, the guma, is the grouchiest creature in the animal world. Practically all animals smile, they explain, peculiar animal smiles that you recognize only after long experience with them. But Nellie's an exception. She has never been known to smile—any kind of a smile.

LADIES AID NAMES ITS OFFICERS FOR YEAR 1921

(East Oregonian Special)
STANFIELD, Jan. 8.—The Ladies Aid met Thursday afternoon in the church parlors. It being the annual meeting the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. F. A. Baker, first vice president, Mrs. W. T. Reeves; second vice president, Mrs. M. C. Baragar; secretary, Mrs. H. R. Wessel; treasurer, Mrs. Elmer Reeves; chairman of the fancy work department, Mrs. C. J. Brockman, chairman of the plain work department, Mrs. Thomas Richards. The retiring officers served lunch.

Mrs. Eva Dunning left Thursday for Dobby, Washington, to resume her duties in the high school.

Mrs. C. A. Hazen, Mrs. C. M. Duppis and Mrs. James F. Zaue attended the Catholic ladies aid in Echo Wednesday.

Mrs. P. S. Nolton and daughters returned to their home in Haines after spending the holidays with relatives here.

Mrs. C. M. McCall has returned from a short stay in Portland.

Mayor Kyle is attending the graduation congress in Portland this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cooper are visiting friends and relatives in Fort Orchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hale, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Severance and Mrs. Ross motored to Pendleton the first of the week.

F. F. Yates has commenced the construction of a modern bungalow on his ranch adjoining town.

Mrs. James E. Lane entertained a few of her friends Tuesday afternoon at an informal 500 party in honor of Mrs. H. C. Kerr of St. Paul, Minnesota. Those present were Mrs. E. S. Severance, Mrs. H. W. Kyle, Mrs. Charles Hoggar, Mrs. C. W. Connor, Mrs. Jane Gorman, Mrs. H. C. Kerr, Mrs. F. B. Stuart and the hostess. Most elaborate refreshments were served.

Workmen in the Erie railroad shops of Susquehanna have organized a movement to "take a week off" December 24 to January 2. This is voluntary on their part and is to help the company in its readjustment policy.

CENTRAL SOCIALISTS COMBAT INTERNATIONALE

PARIS, Jan. 8.—(A. P.)—The central faction of socialists are to combat Lenin and the Third International of Moscow. Leaders propose to form a Fourth Internationale and declare the Russian organization is splitting the forces of socialism and of the workers.

DEMAND SEVERE LAWS TO CURB N. Y. HIGHWAYMEN

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—(A. P.)—New York legislators are to demand more severe laws to punish highwaymen and burglars. Burglary is now punishable by death in three states and robbery in four. Penalties in various states were compared.

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ROADBED WONT BEHAVE; RAILROAD ABANDONS IT
GREAT FALLS, Mont., Jan. 8.—(A. P.)—The Great Northern railroad in Montana has 2,900 feet of roadbed that will not stay quiet. Weight of the earth at the side of the cut forces the bottom into unexpected upheavals. When a steam shovel was used to bring the bottom of the cut to its old level, recently the earth reared behind the shovel as it advanced.

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