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New Sport



Miss Lois Huggins doesn't need a surf to go surfing. She hitches her toboggan to the tail of an airplane at Bolling Field, Washington, D. C., and glides across the snow. The plane is on skids, too.

APRON AND NECKTIE SOCIAL IS ENJOYED

(East Oregonian Special.)

PILOT ROCK, Feb. 17.—An apron and necktie social was given at the community church Saturday evening by the young people of the Christian Endeavor Society. There was a good attendance, fifty or more being present. The hours were spent with games and refreshments and a very enjoyable time is reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Siegert spent the week-end with relatives in Walla Walla.

On Friday afternoon of last week seven members of the Pilot Rock Girls Reserve went to Milton to attend the conference held in that city on Saturday. The girls were accompanied by Miss Inez Easton and Miss Katherine Sichel, high school teachers. They attended a basketball game early in the evening between Milton and Athena and later went to a "kid party" given in the library basement by the Milton Girl Reserves. Saturday was taken up with the conference which was held in the Christian church. The Misses Ella Stanton, Zilla Johnston and Thelma Pollock had to return home in the evening for the basketball game here but the other girls, Gladys Hutchinson, Velma Royer, Eleanor Hascall and Verletta Done, accompanied by the teachers, went to Walla Walla to see David Warfield in "The return of Peter Grimm" at the Keylor Grand theatre. They arrived home Sunday evening.

The basketball game played here Thursday evening between the town team of Stanfield and District No. 77 resulted in a score of 19 to 45 in favor of the local team.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Carnes and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hutchinson were Pendleton visitors Friday.

Allan O'Mara of Athena, visited friends here over the week-end.

Mrs. Letha Shultz of Fall Creek, Oregon, is here visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Frank Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. James Whitaker and family and the Misses Laura and Hazel Ragain visited over the week-end in Hermiston at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Leathers.

Daphne Hascall was absent from high school the first of the week on account of illness.

Mrs. Grant Chittenden, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton, was able to return to her home here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Sturtevant have moved to the Ralph Wegner property recently vacated by the Mason-Gright family.

Roy Simmons and family will occupy the house vacated by the Sturtevants.

Ray Hinkle and family have moved to their Butter creek ranch and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Driskell have moved into the Hinkle home.

The home economics committee of the Women's Community Club and of which Mrs. Herbert Boylen is chairman, was entertained at the home of Mrs. C. A. Cooper Wednesday afternoon. The club membership has been placed on the various committees for the following year and new chairmen appointed. Mrs. G. Kurrie is the new chairman for this community, those who worked with Mrs. Boylen last year and who enjoyed Mrs. Cooper's hospitality were Mrs. Carl Jensen, Mrs. H. H. Hinderman, Mrs. Frank Michell Sr., Mrs. Leota Warner, Mrs. Herbert Boylen, Mrs. J. Cummins and Mrs. Thos. Jaques.

Mrs. Will Catlett and infant son returned to their home at Pine Grove last week.

Dr. H. A. Schneider left for La Grande the first of the week to attend a dentist's conference.

M. D. Orange returned home Tuesday from Portland where he went to visit his young son Rodney.

The ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Len Knotts on East Birch creek was destroyed by fire about midnight Sunday night. The Knotts family live in Pilot Rock but their son, Claxton Knotts and Lyle Johnston were living on the ranch. Only a few pieces of furniture were saved. It is thought the fire may have resulted from a defective flue.

Pilot Rock won a double victory at Hermiston Friday night in basketball games between the boys and girls' teams of the two schools. The girls' score was 16-12 and the boys' 23-34.

A community dance was enjoyed Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hascall south of town. The affair was given as a surprise on the young people of the family. About 50 guests were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate Macomber of Boardman spent the week-end here at the home of Mrs. Macomber's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McReynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Royer, Ruth and Donald Royer, Verona Fullenwider and Alta Smith spent Monday in Pendleton.

Maxine Casteel, who was absent from school all of last week on account of illness, is able to be out again.

Lawrence Hughes is having a new cow shed erected on his property on Bluff street.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Shophshire was brought to town the

SOVIETS ARE TO MAKE BID AT GENOA MEETING FOR WORLD TRADE AID

Krassin Declares Restoration of World's Economic Life Futile Without Russia.

BY DAVID M. CHURCH (International News Service Staff Correspondent.)

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Soviet Russia is entering the Genoa conference with the firm conviction that there can be no economic rehabilitation of Europe except through the rehabilitation of Russia, but at the same time she will resist any effort at "economic and political enslavement," according to M. Leonid Krassin, head of the Russian Trade Delegation in London.

"The problem of the economic regeneration of Russia is not one merely of humanitarian activity, and is not confined in its scope to the salvation of Russia alone," M. Krassin declared. "Without it there is no hope for the regeneration of the economic life of Europe and even of the whole world.

"Heavy industry in Russia can be restored only by some form of general measure which shall embrace simultaneously all the enterprises of the given area. It is difficult to outline the mechanism of such an apparatus of reconstruction, but the most effective would appear to be the formation of several large trusts, with the participation both of the Soviet State and of foreign capital, the Soviet State granting land and existing equipment, and foreign capital giving in return a definite proportion of the output as compensation for the rights it has acquired."

Soviet Leaders Are Wary

Soviet leaders are wary in entering into negotiations with allied statesmen, Krassin indicated.

"One may anticipate that the financiers and industrialists of Western Europe and the politicians, no less, will undergo a great temptation to utilize their participation in the economic reconstruction of Russia to bring about the economic and political enslavement of our country," M. Krassin said. "If this situation arises an agreement is impossible, and a stubborn and protracted struggle lies before us. For Russia this will mean delay in her economic development and the death of millions. For Europe this will mean a long-drawn-out crisis, ever increasing in extent and gravity: millions of unemployed, and the growth of the suffering and indignation of the working masses."

ARMY OF OCCUPATION TO BE REDUCED AT ONCE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(A. P.)—The war department announced an immediate reduction of 3,200 in the American forces in Germany, leaving 2,356.

Just Folks by Edgar A. Guest

KITTENS.

Oh, something wonderful occurred at our house just the other day
And there's a constant troop of boys and girls to see this new display.
Though Mother's not so very pleased, to things like this she has to bow,
The children dance around with glee because our cat has kittens now.

Old folks, I know, are seldom pleased when such a glad event occurs,
To them it is no source of joy to hear the way the mother purrs
They'd much prefer a single cat—but little children think it fine
To find one cat they had before, has grown to seven or eight or nine.

When I went down to fix the fire she mew'd to me to come and see
The lovely babies she possessed, and proudly showed them all to me.
Now kittens are an added care, especially if some must drown,
But somehow I felt differently when I had called the youngsters down.

Their eyes were wide with glad surprise, they danced around the cellar floor,
Here was a glorious bit of joy they'd not experienced before.
What matters all the extra care? The kids are happy anyhow,
Here's something new for them to boast—our old gray cat has kittens now!

BACK TO THE SPOILS SYSTEM

It is evident that Mr. Thompson is to be the new postmaster of Pendleton. The appointment is a political one and Mr. Thompson is not to be blamed. He did not make the appointment and if political services are to be rewarded he is doubtless entitled to the honor.

But there is considerable that may be said about the policy of the national administration in thus turning back the clock on the merit system. For many years the nation has struggled to get away from the spoils idea in connection with appointments. Roosevelt was a conspicuous leader in civil service advancement. President Taft helped the cause along and President Wilson finished the job by placing all postal appointments under the civil service. Under the operations of that rule the vacancy caused here by the death of T. J. Tweedy was filled after a bona fide civil service examination in which L. B. Cronin, then assistant and now postmaster, won the highest rating. Mr. Cronin is a republican but he was appointed to office by a democratic president because he had earned the job. The same thing was done in Portland when Mr. Jones was appointed. Apparently the same policy was applied all over the country, politics having no part in the game at all.

But the Harding administration has turned its back on the merit system. In the local examination the real civil service tests were not applied, if this paper understands the matter properly. The candidates were rated on a different basis. Even at that neither of the two high men secured the office. Perry Idleman was given the highest score, because of five points being credited him for his world war service. Mr. Cronin was next in rank and his experience and ability are well known. Yet neither man won out and apparently the whole matter was left in the hands of Congressman Sinnott who decided it on a political basis.

If it is the policy of this administration to do things in this manner, and reports show similar work is being done all over the country, then the Harding regime will deserve to go down in history as a regime under which the spoils system was exalted over the merit plan.

But what adds insult to injury, as far as men in the service are concerned, is that Will Hays as postmaster general, indulged in a great amount of talk about the wonderful value of the merit system and how it would be applied in the postal department. In an article in the American Review of Reviews for December, 1921, Mr. Hays discussed the postal service and the following is an extract from the story published under his own signature:

Firm in the conviction of proved demonstration that nothing will contribute so much to the betterment of the service as the improvement of the morale and the cooperation of the men and women doing the service I am just as firmly convinced that the one duty above all others which we owe the employees is honestly to apply the merit system. You cannot expect men and women to give service if they are to be shuttled out of politics. I have said, and I reiterate, that the postal establishment most certainly is not an institution for politics nor for profit, but an institution for service.

It would be my very greatest satisfaction if in this period of activity I might contribute a little to the end that the postal service, as indeed the entire civil service, might be made more and more a desirable career into which the young can enter with a certainty that their services will be performed under reasonable conditions for a reasonable wage and for an appreciative people. The men and women who constitute the great army of postal co-workers are doing a distinct government and public service, and they are entitled to an appreciation commensurate with the efficacy and importance of that service. The very first element of a proper appreciation is to make certain that honest and efficient service shall be honestly recognized, and that the merit system shall control without any subterfuge.

What hypocrisy for Mr. Hays to say such things? Why talk about "morale" and "appreciation," the "merit system" and about not making postal positions the "shuttlecock of politics" at the very time when the stage was set for restoration of the spoils system.

The situation is one to make people blush with shame, no matter what their politics may be. It means that men who have striven faithfully to render service and to qualify for efficient work and often have devoted the best years of their lives to the service have been deceived and betrayed. The national administration has broken faith with its civil service employees.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

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28 YEARS AGO

(From the Daily East Oregonian, February 17, 1894.)

Mrs. A. M. Raley and daughter, Miss Corrie Raley, now in Boston where Miss Raley is studying in the New England conservatory, will at the close of the conservatory year in a few weeks, go to Washington, D. C., to visit for several weeks.

Ex-Mayor and Mrs. R. Alexander expects to leave later in the month, probably about the 25th, to sojourn for a time in San Francisco. Judge W. D. Gilman is in the city on one of his infrequent visits. E. J. Wilbur registered at the Hotel Pendleton on Friday night having come down from Meacham. Snow continues to fall in the mountains and will for some weeks yet. Mrs. Wilbur thinks the fall of snow for the winter thus far has been between twelve and fifteen feet. More rain than usual has come.



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