

THE RAIL SPLITTER

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THE THIRD GRADE PLAY

The third grade of Lincoln school went out to the Normal Wednesday to give a play. We showed the Normal student how to put on correct bandages. The doctor was James Baughman and the nurse was Betty Horne. There were many patients who pretended to be seriously hurt. The doctor gave his patients candy so they wouldn't cry after he had bandaged them. After the play one of the Normal students took us through their library. We enjoyed our visit very much.

We gave an Indian play out at the Normal. We made up our play and made most of our costumes. We asked our mothers and fathers to come and some of our neighbors. I'm the chief and Carl Loveland is the story teller. We were all very good. JACK FORSYTHE, 1 B Lincoln

GROUP PARAGRAPH 4 B

The name of this picture is fairy tales. It was painted by James Shannon. The artist tells us a story of a mother reading a fairy tale to her two little girls. They look very much interested. The original of this picture is in the metropolitan museum, New York.

The name of this picture is "Two Sisters." It was painted by Korolla. The artist is trying to show us how beautiful the beach is in summer. The original painting is in the Art Institute in Chicago.

THE MADONNA OF THE CHAIR The Madonna loves her child-painted by Raphael, an artist who lived in Italy. The original painting is in the Pitti Palace, Florence, Italy. This picture was painted about four hundred years ago.

The Hadonna loves her children. Each of the second graders has a record sheet to keep the names of all the books they have read. Dale Yoder and Mary Wilson are leading in 2 A. Paul Icenhower and Jean Weber are leading in the 2 B. DOROTHY MOORE

We played with bean bags on Monday and Wednesday. We sat in our seats and passed the bean bags around over our heads until it gets to the one in front again. The one in front stands up and says "Here." ALVA MANSFIELD, 6 B

THE CITY GOVERNMENT Mrs. Cason's room has a government in which we have a mayor, a city clerk and four councilmen.

The mayor appoints two councilmen and the clerk appoints two. Monday we chose a new Mayor and Clerk. The Mayor is Irvin Ross. The City Clerk is Darrell Sol-laff. The councilmen are Clarice Crowson, Lucille Cramer, Harvey Gearheart and Wayne Harris. We also have an editor for our newspaper. The editor is Glen Myers. We have four reporters. A city government is a very nice thing to have. MARGARET HURST, G A

HISTORY TEST The Sixth B in Mrs. Cason's room is going to have a history test about the last three chapters. One chapter is about "Overland Search for the Western Sea", the other is "Lewis and Clark Expedition" and last is "Astor's Enterprise in Oregon." But I don't think they will be hard. Anyway I hope it won't. HAZEL MOORE, 6 B

THE SWEET PEAS It was a surprise for our teacher when Margaret Hurst brought a few sweet peas. For we did not think there were any of them growing now. ODESSE COOPER, 6 B

CAMP FIRE The Camp Fire girls are going to meet tonight in Miss Money's room. We have a very good time when we meet. Most all of the girls have paid their dues. CATHRYN DOYLE, 5 A

Friday the 5 A and 6 B are going to an Indian play. We are going in the hallway downstairs.

The first and third grades are both giving plays. WAYNE HARRIS.

Wednesday, Nov. 24, Mrs. Cason left school to go to Klamath Falls to visit. So Miss Voltner taught us. I think she is a good teacher. She is one of our reading teachers.

That day we wrote a note to Mr. Hammond. We also went to see a play in Miss Steven's room. It was very good. Miss Voltner read to us the rest of the time. Some got out early for it was early Friday. The ones that had been absent or tardy went in Miss Bork's room. MARY BELLE BESWICK.

It has been raining very hard here lately. When we have our recesses Mrs. Cason lets us do just as we please. The children that want to go out may and the children that want to stay in may do so. The ones that stay in can read story books or play games with the bean bags. I always stay in because we always have such good times. THELMA YODER.

Miss Voltner is going away at Christmas time. She is going to teach school near Portland where she is expecting nine pupils in her school. JOHN MILLER, 5 A

TELLING STORIES The Fifth and Sixth Grade of the Lincoln school told stories for our language lessons last Wednesday. They were about a bad fright we had. TEDDY GIBSON, 6 B.

Mrs. Cason got a box and Alva put Red Cross marks on the box then we put it on the desk. The boys and girls put in all the money they could. We opened the box and we had a dollar. Then we put it in an envelope with a note and Clarice gave it to Mr. Hammond. CLIFFORD GOODLETT

The students from the Normal school are coming over to the Lincoln school to teach physical training. There is a student for each room in the school. The

The Christmas Spirit; It Can Never Be Cheap

SHE worked in what was considered a second-rate store in a big city. To her, though, the store was a beautiful one. And when it was decorated at Christmas time with its holly and gay Christmas touches, she thought it the most beautiful place on earth. She loved the jewelry that was sold there. Sometimes she would hold a bit of cardboard from which hung a cheap earring to her ear and would think that when she got her pay the following week she might buy a pair. They were certainly becoming and would be more so when on the ear.

How crowded the store became around Christmas time. The people would look and admire and buy. She would be so sorry. It was splendid to be busy, and even to be tired with the Christmas rush. There was something so stimulating about the Christmas rush. There were several floor walkers in the store—an extra one was added for the Christmas season. True, their presence was not so magnificent as the floor walkers in the great, expensive stores, but they were grand to her. And she loved to say, with a beautiful manner:

"Just a moment, madame; I will call the floor walker." And then, this Christmas, greater happiness than ever came to her. A most wonderful floor walker came as an "extra," but they said he would be taken on for good—he was such a capable man. And she took him on for good. For hadn't they fallen in love with each other at once? Oh, to some the store might seem cheap, the people in it might seem funny imitations of the people who belonged to the very expensive stores. But there was glorious Christmas happiness in that store. For it radiated the Christmas spirit. And the Christmas spirit can never be cheap!—Mary Graham Bonner. (© 1920, Western Newspaper Union.)

Just Before Christmas

The hour was very late. Little Willie—Mamma, where do you suppose Santa Claus is right at this moment? Mother—I wish I knew.

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children are all glad to have them come. MAXINE MILLER

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Six Puppies, Nellie's Present for Her Mistress

THERE was to be no Christmas party for little Suzanne Hansen. The family was in dire financial difficulties and it was mutually agreed among them all that for this one Christmas there would be no exchange of gifts. Suzanne was disappointed that there would be no surprises, but she comforted herself with the thought that she would at least have Nellie, her faithful dog, to play with Christmas Day. Nellie had been given to her the Christmas before by her uncle and she had been Suzanne's constant companion up until about a month ago when the dog was sent away—"to the hospital," her mother had explained. Suzanne had been most unspeakably lonely all that month with no pal, and had been counting the days till Christmas when she was promised the dog would be hers again.

Christmas morning when the doorknob rang, Suzanne flew down the stairs to answer. There was an excited cry of joy. "Oh, mummy, come down and see what's here." There in a basket brought by the boy from the dog hospital was Nellie with six little puppies just like her. Suzanne was in love with the pup.

"They're just a Christmas gift for you from Nellie," said the boy and closed the door behind him.—Marion E. Reagan. (© 1920, Western Newspaper Union.)

SIXTY-NINTH SESSION OF HOUSE IS CALLED TODAY

(Continued from Page One) last month thundered felicitations to each other while those who suffered defeat found some solace in the touching expressions of regret showered on them by

sympathetic colleagues. Members gathered for the session more than an hour before Longworth called the House to order. A steady stream of legislators began flowing into the chamber as early as 10:30. A half hour before meeting time the chamber was a seething mass of humanity. Everybody seemed to be holding a reception. Members made the rounds of the chamber, cloakroom and adjoining lobby. Everybody was on the go.

Gallant Tales

The galleries were taxed to capacity long before Longworth took up his arduous task of obtaining order for the session to begin. Many members' wives entertained in their private gallery and their brilliant raiment added an unusual touch of color to the occasion. Mrs. "Princess Alice" Roosevelt Longworth, wife of the Speaker and daughter of the late Theodore Roosevelt, had a small party with her in the Speaker's reserved gallery.

Photographers worked from choice gallery seats, making many "shots" of the uproarious session and frequently snapped prominent onlookers.

The three lady members, Reps. Norton, Dem., N. J., Rogers, Repn., Mass., and Kahn, Repn., Cal., were kept busy acknowledging congratulations on their success in the recent elections. All three of the lady members were re-elected by big majorities. Their forces in the next Congress will be augmented by the presence of Mrs. John W. Langley, Repn., Ky., whose husband,

a former member, is now serving a term in Atlanta Penitentiary. Reps. Hill, Repn., N.J., and Upshaw, Dem., Ga., wet and dry leaders respectively, who were eliminated in their State primaries, came in for their share of attention. Party lines were discarded in expressing regret over the passing of those two legislators who so frequently enlivened an amusing oratorical battle over the prohibition question. Rep. Sosnowski, Repn., Mich., also a victim in the primaries, who was runner-up last session to Longworth as "best-dressed man in the House," received thoughtful expressions from many of his colleagues.

Greet Longworth Longworth's ascension to the Speaker's rostrum a stroke before noon was a signal for the first outbreak of handclapping, a popular sport in the House. He was given a deafening ovation and experienced considerable trouble in quelling the demonstration to permit the Chaplain to offer prayer.

The Chaplain's prayer concluded, the conversation began again with increasing intensity. The reading clerk proceeded with the journal but few heard his voice. Amid the boisterous conversation and outbreaks of laughter, Long-

worth brought his gavel down with a bang and announced the journal would stand approved. The money bills were presented, the presidential committee appointed, minor matters on the Speaker's desk were disposed of and the House voted solemnly for adjournment in memory of deceased colleagues.

Tomorrow, the House is slated to meet in joint session with the Senate to hear President Coolidge deliver his annual message.

LAST SESSION OF CONGRESS IS CALLED TODAY

(Continued from Page One) Two Democratic senators, Walsh and Hawes, were sworn to replace Republicans and left the Democrats just six votes short of a majority. The standing is 53 Republicans, 42 Democrats and 1 Farmer-Laborite. This situation would enable the Democrats to control upon any legislation in which they should receive six votes from the independent Republican group.

The short session will last for three months until March 4, but there will only be about ten weeks of actual work, due to the necessity of adjourning over the Christmas holidays.

The calendars are jammed with legislation to be taken up, but there is little prospect that much business can be transacted. The government appropriation bills must be passed and these require considerable time, although they attract but little attention from most of the legislators.

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