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31 Years Ago

October 9, 1896

September 29, Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Young, a farewell surprise party was given in honor of Miss Genevieve Booth, and it was a complete success. The evening was passed very pleasantly with games, vocal and instrumental music. At 11 o'clock a delicious lunch was served, consisting of cake, lemonade, candies and nuts, which was relished by all. Those present were: Misses Anna Kirk, Blanche Caton, Areta Barrett, Flora Kemp, Genevieve Booth, Mae Fischer, Effie Bostwick, Leola Young, Anna Gholson, Mrs. Osburn; Messrs. Charles Fischer, Thomas Stone, Fred Fischer, Austin Foss, Robert Davis, Ord Bostwick and H. H. Curtis.

Jack Craig, a printer, was arrested Wednesday by Marshal Gillis for selling liquor to a minor, Walter Stone. Craig was placed under bonds for his appearance yesterday in Judge Smith's court. While endeavoring to secure bondsmen Craig made a "get away," as the boys say, and the last the officers saw of him he was heading it through Kirk's pasture, with

the gentle zephyr playing a tattoo on the tail of his coat.

J. B. Huntington was in Pendleton Saturday.

Everybody is going to Pendleton today to hear Sylvester Pennoyer.

J. W. Maloney and wife will go down to Portland Sunday night.

Miss Anna Harden has been in Pendleton visiting her sister, Mrs. Alex McKay.

J. H. Hiteman and E. L. Barnett were in Pendleton Saturday and listened to Mitchell's speech.

Ten double-decked cars of sheep, loaded at Elgin passed through Athena Monday, en route to Chicago.

Ed Rush and the Hudson boys, of Helix, assisted the Athena Band in discoursing music for the republicans Monday.

Wood is not so scarce in Athena at present. It is drifting steadily down from the mountains and brings \$3.50 per cord.

Miss Lillian Proebstel, a young lady prominent in social circles, in Weston, visited in the city this week, the guest of Mrs. M. M. Johns.

Al Turner, a good republican of Helix, was in town Monday to hear Senator Mitchell. He oiled the Press lamp before leaving town.

Mr. Dan Kirk, the reservation farmer, will move to Athena so that

he may school his children, should he be able to find suitable residence.

Mr. William Powers and Miss Hetty Reynolds were married in Weston Sunday last. The young couple have a large circle of friends in Umatilla county who unite with the Press in wishing them a long and prosperous life.

Sheriff Houser was up from Pendleton Monday. "Zoe" is somewhat of a politician himself but the boys cornered him in the postoffice and gave him some hard silver nuts to crack. Among them was this one: "Why was silver demonized in '73." The enamel on Zoe's teeth wasn't equal to the occasion.

Mitchell La Chapell, who is employed at the Bergevin ranch on the reservation, came to town Monday night and tied his horse to a hitching rack on Third street. He stepped into a store and purchased some tobacco, and immediately went to where his horse was tied, to find that some one, during his absence of perhaps five minutes, had stolen his saddle. No clue as to who the thief is has yet presented itself to the officers.

The Happiest People

I have learned that the happiest people in the world are those who are happily mated and have large families. Although they do not say, as a rule, that they are happy, I often see the envy in other people's eyes. They work hard, apparently not knowing how disagreeable are the tasks thrust on them, and without caring how much their labors make them tired. When the evening comes, they carry home the profits of their toil and lay them on the laps of the women who love them. Perhaps, somewhere in the next room, a baby is crying. I might find it disturbing. They think it the most beautiful music in the world.—Hannen Swaffer, British dramatic critic, in London Express.

Dissolving Country

It has been estimated that if the work of erosion performed by water on the total surface of our country were concentrated on the Isthmus of Panama, it would suffice to cut a canal from ocean to ocean 85 feet deep in about 75 days.

The average annual erosion produced by water in the United States corresponds to the removal of a layer about 3 1/4 feet thick in 3,399 years. It is figured that our rivers transport every year 270,000,000 tons of solid matter and 513,000,000 tons of matter in a state of suspension.

Mademoiselle Accepts Meal; Customs Differ

American customs are by no means without mystery to Therese Chambelland, new honor student from France at the University of Oregon. Among problems which she cannot understand is the American woman's dependent on man, as financial matters go, and yet her independence of aim in other things.

This sad inconsistency has brought grief to the little brunette French girl, and very nearly deprived her of an appetizing meal. She told her story to her friends upon her arrival the other day.

In France, according to Miss Chambelland, the woman pays her own way to all dances, feeds and social functions. And if she does not, happy is the man—for it is the unspoken promise of the girl that she will allow him the luxury of a kiss before the evening is over. Miss Chambelland came to America with this custom fixed firmly in her mind.

But she encountered a new experience here. On a Pullman somewhere between New York and Portland, an obliging gentleman of a few hours acquaintance asked the French girl politely: "Mademoiselle, won't you have dinner with me?" "I will not." This, or its equivalent, smote the ears of the astonished Yankee. But he lost heart not at all, and finally mademoiselle threw caution to the winds and accompanied him to dinner. The meal progressed, as did the evening.

Listeners pricked up their ears at this approach to a climax, but Miss Chambelland gave only a disappointing little gesture.

"But you know," she said confidentially, "he didn't try to kiss me at all."

This is one of the new French student's discoveries about America.

Poison Gets Cougar

Eugene—For the second time in Lane county, a cougar has been poisoned by bait. The skeleton of an animal 7 feet 4 inches long, found on Fall creek last week, was brought into Eugene Friday by C. Hight, government hunter. The cougar's carcass was found on the farm of Emery Callison, who had been missing goats for some time. Bait was set out by Hight, and numerous bobcats and coyotes killed before the cougar took it. Cougars seldom can be poisoned, Hight said, as they are too wary to approach the bait.

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