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There has been a sharp contest in Portland lately over the question of cutting some of the "extras" out of the school course, as a matter of necessary economy. The school board, last week, decided to cut swimming pools, orchestra and band work, adult education, short commercial courses, graduating exercises, drawing, sewing, cooking, gardening, manual training and music from the budget after the close of the present term. These items, or some of them, may be restored if a bond issue of \$3,000,000 and a tax levy of \$1,000,000 is authorized at the school election in June.

The "Siamese twins", Rosa and Josefa Blazek, died in Chicago last week. They left a son, 12 years old, of whom Rosa was the reputed mother. They also left a fortune of \$100,000. The question has been raised whether the boy is heir of the whole estate or of only half of

it. Scientists are divided in opinion as to whether the two sisters, as they were usually regarded, were two separate or separable personalities or only one. The lawyers naturally feel that it would not be modest in them to render a judgement until the doctors have decided whether they will agree or disagree. They are talking of taking this question into the courts; but how can a judge decide if the doctors disagree? The testimony of the father, if he is living, might be interesting. For instance, did he consider that he was marrying two women or only one, or an undivided and indivisible half interest in the pair? Was it Rosa's mouth or the mouths of both that pronounced the marriage vows? Did Josefa assent to the marriage as a party, or only as a sister or a bridesmaid? And so forth.

The Irish revolutionists are saying that the Irish have not had their freedom for 700 years. So, we presume, they are not to be blamed that they do not know what to do with it when they get it. We hope it will not take them 700 years to learn.

A LACK OF HOMES

A great shortage of houses exists all over the country, especially in the towns, nearly all of them, large and small. Perhaps the congestion and the complaint of extortion in rent is greater in New York city than anywhere else. The Lockwood Housing committee, created, we presume, by the legislature, and some of the legislation which it recommended and some passed previously, seem to be improving conditions there somewhat. The Literary Digest makes large extracts from a lengthy report recently made by this committee from which we take up these two points:

First, as to the conditions: "In the city of New York alone there is now a shortage of approximately 80,000 low-priced homes, to house 400,000 human beings, as compared with the normal conditions of pre-war times. This has of course, meant abnormally high rents, while high rents in turn involved doubling up and indecent unsanitary overcrowding."

Second, as to the practices responsible for these conditions; and the short paragraph following sheds a flood of light on similar practices elsewhere than in New York City, and by other people as well as landlords.

"Your committee found profiteering, restriction of competition, price-fixing, trade strangulation and similar abuses in almost every phase of the building and allied industries. The manufacturer, jobber, middleman, contractor, labor leader and the laborers themselves, were found to be locked in com-

binations, having the cumulative effect of making the construction of a building well nigh an economic impossibility."

Among the relief measures brought about by this movement, as cited by the New York Tribune, we note only this one: "Permitting the insurance companies to invest up to 10 per cent of their assets in apartments where the monthly rental shall not exceed \$9 a room."

This is explained by the New York Tribune would as "intended primarily to enable the Metropolitan Life Insurance company to invest \$100,000,000 in model tenements, the rental for which will not exceed ten dollars a room."

When the jury in the third trial of Fatty Arbuckle came into the courtroom yesterday, after an absence of six minutes, mostly consumed in certain tedious formalities, after rendering their verdict of acquittal, they threw in an extra, without extra charge, we presume, in the form of a statement of opinion, to the effect that the people of the country owe Mr. Arbuckle an apology for the evil they have been thinking about him. If the apology is to be proportioned to the evil thinking, we ought immediately to call a meeting of citizens of Springfield, and appoint a committee, consisting of one high school valedictorian, one labor agitator and one all-round calamity howler, furnish them with an unabridged dictionary, a typewriter and a ream of typewriter paper, and instruct them to make it as long and as strong as the language at their command will admit of.

Drury M. Morse, of Junction City, and Miss Ruth Lansbury were married yesterday, at 10 a. m., at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lansbury, on G street, between 7th and 8th; Rev. Thos. L. Yarnes officiating.

A Seattle criminal wanted for six months by the police has finally been apprehended. He was found on the police force that was hunting him, having served in uniform for six months.

THURSTON NOTES

Miss Nellie Mathews spent Wednesday visiting her aunt Mrs. Margaret Campbell.

Grandma Mathews, from Eugene, visited several days the past week with her son, Ross Mathews and family, returning home Friday.

Frank Campbell who had his hand broken in a wreck some time ago went to Springfield Thursday to see a doctor as it is causing him quite a lot of pain again.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Blanchard who were former residents of Thurston received announcements Wednesday of a seven-pound baby girl who had arrived at their home. The new arrival is named Elizabeth.

Miss Marion Spencer, of Springfield, called on friends in Thurston Friday evening and attended the play at the hall.

Mr. Jones' father and mother from Dallas arrived Saturday for an extended visit with relatives.

Mr. Jones has rented Heersma's place, and also some land of Walter Edmiston.

Miss Marjorie Grant is back in school again after being absent for some time with the flu.

Miss Heersma has her front yard

In Society

The Needlecraft club met at the home of Mrs. W. H. Pollard on Thursday afternoon, April 6. Needlework and conversation was in order for the afternoon, followed by delicious refreshments served to the following members: Mesdames Bob, Drury, Martin Mills, H. E. Walker, H. M. Stewart, C. E. Fisher, F. B. Hamlin, A. P. McKinney, D. W. Crites, Wm. N. Long, T. D. Yarnes, O. H. Jarrett, Wm. Kilken, Carl Olson and S. R. Dippel. The club will meet on April 20 at the home of Mrs. H. M. Stewart.

The ladies of the Kensington club spent a very enjoyable afternoon Friday, April 7, at the home of Mrs. Alfred Morgan. The vocal selections by Mrs. Donald Young, of Eugene, and Mrs. Morgan were especially enjoyed. Much amusement was afforded the members in trying to see who could make the best rabbit or chicken of clay.

Members present were: Mesdames, O. B. Kessey, Anna Knox, Harry Whitney, Henry Korf, Eliza Sutton, John Edwards, Levi Neet, Paul Basford, J. H. Lorah, Ralph Dippel, Fred Bressler, Fred Walker, C. A. Swarts, Edna Swarts, Lawrence May, Alfred Morgan and Fred Roth. Guests present were Mrs. Donald Young and Mrs. L. E. Basford.

The club will meet next week with Mrs. John Edwards.

sown for a lawn and is now having cement walks built about the place

Mr. C. E. King is now selling milk to Mr. Schaffer who is running a cheese factory on their farm one mile east of Thurston. They are manufacturing the Swiss brick cheese.

Thurston is coming to the front in the poultry business. Those who are hatching chicks with incubators on a large scale are Mrs. Charles, whose incubators have a capacity of a little better than 800 eggs, got between 600 and 700 chicks the first hatch and a few over 700 the second. Mrs. Taylor Needham has 1300 chicks that she got from 1500 eggs. Mrs. O. A. McMahon also has 1300. They both have their incubators running again.

Mrs. Charles Grant is also running several incubators.

The Leaburg High school staged the play "The Arizona Cow Boy" at the Thurston hall Friday evening. It was well rendered as every character rendered his or her part well. The Springfield High school orchestra, furnished the music. There was a large attendance. There were several from Springfield and Eugene present. Ice cream and cake was served after the play and later there was dancing.

Mrs. Farrell, from Landax spent several days visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Ruth, returning home Monday. She took with her her little grand son Francis Gray who has been visiting his grand parents Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gray for the past three weeks.

There will be Bible school next Sunday morning at 10 a. m. Easter exercises at 11 a. m., and a basket dinner at noon and preaching at 2 p. m. by Rev. Benton, the regular minister.

Mrs. Clifford Weaver returned to Pleasant Hill after some time spent in visiting relatives here.

Miss Nellie Mathews visited Friday with her uncle, Ira Gray and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ross from Eugene visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller from Landax are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Needham.

Mrs. Teeters and Mrs. Miller called on Mrs. Brown Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Rosa Baughman spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Edmiston.

Miss Marie Hastings who is the bookkeeper for the Babb hardware store in Eugene, spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hastings.

Mr. Virgil McPherson who is studying dentistry in Portland spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Needham.

Miss Laura Mitchell, who is office attendant for Dr. Lee in Eugene spent the week end at her home here.

Mr. John Williams entertained the Junior Sunday school class at his home Sunday afternoon. Everyone enjoyed the elaborate dinner that was served. Later they took a hiking trip.

Mrs. Ada Goff, from the fish hatchery visited Thursday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. William Rennie.

Miss Elva Gray was able to return to school last Monday after having a

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stage of tonsillitis.

Mr. Earnest West who underwent a major operation at Mercy hospital some time ago was able to leave the hospital Thursday.

Mr. John Danks visited Sunday night with his son Lawrence in Springfield. Monday he left for an extended visit in the east. He expects to visit Wyoming, South Dakota and Pennsylvania before his return.

Mr. Lincoln Yarnell spent Sunday at the home of Wayne Yarnell in Leaburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Shough are spending this week at Blue River.

Mr. Joos from Mabel had an accident Sunday which might have been quite serious. After visiting his daughter Alta, who makes her home with Mrs. Margaret Campbell, when starting home he was backing his car out of the lane he went off the grade over the embankment. After some time was spent in trying to get the car out a team was secured and with the help of it and the power of the engine the car was gotten back on the grade and Mr. Joos went on his way none the worse for his experience.

Mr. Sam Caruther started on a trip Friday morning to deliver a cow to his son Marion, who has bought a farm in Benton county. He returned home Monday.

Miss Elizabeth McMahon from Eugene spent Sunday with her Parents Mr. and Mrs. O. A. McMahon.

The Williams' Brothers' sawmill was shut down Tuesday as one of the belts was broken. John Williams made a trip to Eugene to purchase a new one.

There were about a dozen of the young people of Thurston made up a hiking party for a trip to Hendricks bridge Sunday, returning in the evening.

Mr. Frank Robatille, of Santa

Clare, was a visitor at the A. W. Weaver home Tuesday.

Mr. Wm. Rennie has finished spraying his orchard and several others will finish in a short time if the weather stays favorable.

Cecil Harbert is out of school on account of trouble with his eyes.

Tuesday evening the little folks and young people met at the home of John Edmiston to practice for Easter Sunday. Some of the parents were present too. After practicing, a taffy pull was enjoyed by all. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Russell, Misses Margaret, Maude and Hazel Rennie, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Platt and family, Mrs. Margaret Campbell and son Frank, Misses Margaret, Meryl, Myrtle and Ruth King, Grace Jones, Alta Joos, Leone Edmiston, William and Melvin Platt, Leonard King, Ted George, Ostlin Mathews, John Williams and Howard Baughman.

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It's spring again, again,
After the weary months of winter,
After the snows that have been,
After the dark and the gloom,
It's spring again, again.

There's joy in the world again, again,
There's a song in the pines
And a tint of green on moor and fen
Where the bluebirds ripple and rhyme;
There's joy in the world again, again.

The twilight's forgotten again, again,
And the jonquils come back to stay
Gladdening the hearts of men
With its music—yellow and gray;
And twilight's forgotten again, again.

Everyone's putting their troubles away, away,
For the south wind sings in the trees,
And the river ripples so musically
Where the yellow violets grow,
Everyone's putting their troubles away, away.

And there's life in the hills again, again,
And the dusk is shot with flame;
Flame of the days that have been,
Flame of the nights that are gone,
Flame of the spring in the hills again, again.

And childish voices linger in air, in air,
And sweetly hie and hie
As we stow away our care;
Forgetting the ache and the pain
As childish voices linger in air, in air.

And sweet memories come back, come back,
Of old plays played long ago
When the world knew naught of lack,
Naught of pain and naught of woe
In the days come back, come back.

And we dream some more, some more,
Of old loves loved long ago
In that golden time of yore
When we kissed goodbye at parting;
So we dream some more, some more.

So it's spring again, again,
After the weary months of winter,
After the snows that have been,
After the dark and the gloom,
It's spring again, again!

—Julia Godman, age 14.

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