

Locals

C. F. Heiber was in Portland Monday on business.

A. Corey was a Portland business visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Walker of Hillsboro visited Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McGraw over the week end.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Lolley, October 2, a girl. Her name is Marjorie Louise.

Pasteurized milk is clean and pure. Know what kind of milk you are drinking. Nehalem creamery.—adv.

The Parent-Teacher association plans to have a bargain bazaar in Vernonia Tuesday, October 18.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ratke, September 27, a girl. She has been named Bonnie Joy.

Use plenty of milk in cooking, the food value cannot be excelled. Nehalem creamery.—adv.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Spencer, September 29, a son. His name is Solon David.

E. A. Ritchey, manager of the Skaggs-Safeway store, left Tuesday morning for a two-weeks visit with friends in Boise, Idaho.

The Auxiliary dance held in the Legion hall Saturday night was reported to have been well attended.

Dr. and Mrs. M. D. Cole and small daughter Shirley motored to Scappoose Sunday to visit relatives.

The ladies of the Christian church will have a cooked food and rummage sale at Gordon's furniture store Saturday.

While putting a gun in the holster, Paul Bowman of Keasey accidentally shot off a toe on his right foot Sunday.

H. E. Clark, formerly part owner of the Vernonia Billards, has removed to Lebanon, where he will make his home.

Mrs. A. Corey returned Saturday from Portland, where she has been receiving medical treatment.

Mrs. Joe Elias of Portland visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Corey, over the week end. Martha Corey returned with her for a visit.

For 5 years Dr. Luzader, eyesight specialist, has been making monthly visits to Vernonia. His next will be Nov. 7 and 8, office at Kullander's. Have your eyes examined.—adv.

J. H. Bush, who returned home last week from a visit with relatives in Wisconsin, reports that that section of the United States is showing much enthusiasm for airplanes. Many towns now have one or more airports.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the people of Vernonia for their many kindnesses in our sorrow. Especially those who helped minister to my husband, our son and our brother.

Mrs. P. E. Epperly, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Epperly, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Epperly, Guy W. Epperly, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. King, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Epperly.

U. S. EMBASSIES ARE KEPT BUSY

Gossipy Folks From Home and Cranks Take Up Lots of Time

London.—"I'm awfully sorry the ambassador is away."

"I can't tell you how sorry I am that the embassy couldn't arrange an audience for you with the king."

"We are sorry, but the office of works will not permit you to climb the clock over the house of parliament."

These and fifty or more stock phrases are kept constantly on tap during the summer rush of the American tourist season in Europe, for during the rush season thousands of Americans crowd the American embassy here demanding everything from an immediate audience with King George or the prince of Wales to the securing of authority to climb the exterior of the clock tower of Westminster palace or Westminster abbey.

Practically everyone who visits Europe from the United States desires to visit one of the embassies or legations of his own country. To the American embassy in London, by virtue of its central position and rank in Europe, come most people. It has been estimated that telephone calls to the embassy here by people who have no actual business to transact, but "only want to hear an American voice again," average more than fifty a day—each taking a precious five or ten minutes' time of a busy secretary or embassy attache.

Worries of U. S. Officials

If telephone callers were the least trouble, the life of an American embassy or legation abroad would be a continuous path of roses, but it is not, for the callers who present themselves with passports, letters from friendly congressmen, introductions from friends in the Department of State at Washington and a thousand others who feel that their "names must be well known over there," are the chief worries of the American government's foreign representatives.

The callers at the American embassy during twenty minutes here recently, included an associate justice of the Supreme court, who occupied 45 minutes of the ambassador's time, talking small town politics, while another foreign ambassador cooled his heels in an anteroom, waiting for the ambassador long after his appointment time; a holder of a minor office in the Department of Education of the state of New York, who wanted the embassy to arrange a tour around England for a middle western college glee club which he assured the embassy was the "best in the states," and seventeen people clamoring for the two tickets to the gallery of the house of commons which the embassy is daily allotted.

Up to the Secretaries

Those whose cards or credentials do not establish them as sufficiently prominent to warrant a session for even small-town talk with a busy ambassador are shunted off on some unsuspecting secretary or counselor, whose duty it is to sit from one-half to three-quarters of an hour hearing how famous the visitor from home is, and all about the trip which has either already been taken around Europe or is to be taken.

In an anteroom of the American embassy here is a man who is far more busy than any diplomat in the embassy. His name is Thomas Smith, formerly the courier of the diplomatic pouch between Berlin and London before the United States entered the war. Having been under fire many times while going through the lines between the two great opposing capitals during the war, Smith has long since become accustomed to being under fire of cranks who write long letters to their home town congressmen or even to the State department protesting the "slights and discourteous treatment received at the American embassy in London."

Smith's Job Difficult

Smith's position is not an easy one, for upon his hands fall all of the visitors at the embassy. Some—a rare few—have legitimate business to transact; the others have a thousand petty wants and complaints which must be cared for by a small embassy staff. Each, however, must be pro-

ly cared for and sent away with the impression that he was the most important person who called that day.

The casual tourist who wishes merely to return home and tell the folks how he called upon the ambassador somewhere in Europe is not the only pest who takes the embassy attaches from work on long and tedious reports, for the crank, who enters the embassy with his hat pulled down over his eyes and a wise look on his face may take hours before he is gotten rid of.

This latter person usually demands to see the ambassador immediately on a "subject of great national importance." Frequently he confides to the doorman that he is "next to some important and astounding information."

As is the case with all others he sees some secretary or attache in the embassy. His tale is a long and tedious one. His story is usually so absurd that it is seldom investigated, while investigations of the informant have frequently shown him to be a maniac, and in a number of cases these persons have proven to be escaped convicts who have become demented with the constant fear of the police following them.

Where They Get Information. In some cases their "information" is picked up in saloons and flavored with sufficient imagination to make the story one which they feel the American government would surely be interested in.

One of the worst fears of a foreign embassy or legation is for the petty politician—the attorney general from Podunk, or the state legislator from some remote spot. Although his position may be small, or even insignificant to a foreign dignitary, he inevitably wants to be presented at the palace or expects at least to lunch with the ambassador.

It has frequently been found that this type of man actually prefers to be slighted so that he may leave the embassy or legation with great gusto, declaring that he will "write about it to the President and secretary of state."

He frequently does and through the aid of some congressman, who little realizes the problems of those stationed abroad, causes some unsuspecting secretary much trouble and frequently a shift to another post.

English Lobsters Come in Many Gaudy Colors

London.—A fastidiousness in fashion is not confined to human beings. Even fish, it would seem, endeavor to do their bit in brightening things up generally.

The lobsters, in particular, seem to have been impressed by the brilliant-colored frocks which, under their appearance on the sea fronts whenever the sun condenses to shine for a few minutes.

During the past few days lobster pots at Brighton, popular British south coast resort, have yielded a remarkable collection of lobsters, which have abandoned the conventional dress of their tribe—a dull slaty black. Their taste for brighter garb has certainly saved their lives, and they are now living in attractive glass tanks at the aquarium instead of providing one of the necessary ingredients for a nightmare-producing supper.

Here is a record of the local lobsters' thirst for color as revealed by the lobster pots:

Three lilac lobsters; one sky blue lobster; one deep cobalt lobster, and one orange red lobster.

It is hardly necessary to add that all these lobsters are "ladies." The mere "men" who have been caught have been found to be carrying on with the time-honored dull slaty black. They have been eaten.

What country made the world safe for democracy?

For what long-eared animal is the state of Missouri famous? This is not a political question.

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