

BENEFIT DANCE

Given by a Committee of the Patrons
of the Rose School at the

ARMORY

Friday, December 8th.

Umpqua Five Orchestra

Everybody come out for a good time. Gentlemen \$1—Spectators 10c

Woman Mistakes Gas for Kerosene

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been visiting with the Johnsons.

Bodies Unrecognizable

The charred bodies of four of the children who met death outright in a slab side by side at the morgue the Branstetter chapel entirely unrecognizable and burned to a crisp, the evidence of the results of the fire, one of them, LeRoy Johnson, aged 2, died at the hospital three days later.

Johnson, at the hospital last night, told the story of the holocaust as he could remember it. He said it all happened so quickly that he and the three other grown people in the house had no time to save the children although desperate efforts were made to reach them.

Johnson remained in the flames a longer time than any of the others and as a result her life was by a thread.

Johnson said that there were cans, one containing gasoline and other kerosene. The family had just used kerosene with which they had lit the fire and Mrs. Johnson, trying to stimulate a fire in a heater in the front room, evidently got up the gasoline can by mistake.

As soon as the fluid touched the smoldering flames in the stove there was a terrific explosion, said Johnson, and in a twinkling of an eye the whole room was aflame.

Church, one of the children, had been put to bed in another room and the body of one of the children was found on the stairs while the others were on the stairs to the bedrooms.

Neighbors hearing screams and the blaze at the Johnsons, gave the alarm and the fire was on the scene in a short time. J. A. Calloway, who lives on near creek, southwest of the city, driving past the place on his way to the time of the fire and he helped to call to give assistance. He told to call physicians and in a few minutes three were there to take care of the injured. Mr. Calloway is one of them in his car to the hospital and others were taken in an ambulance. He said that when he first saw the fire the entire house was in flames.

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SPECIAL!

WE WILL SELL

A good quality of potatoes, \$1.15 per hundred by the sack, and 1 1/2c per lb. in less than sack lots.

Friday and Saturday, December 8 and 9, only.

Phone 324 The North Side Grocery.

White Resigns Position Here

Harry White manager of the local plant of the Oregon Growers Cooperative Association, has tendered his resignation which will become effective the first of the year. Mr. White resigns to take up other work, the nature of which he has not yet announced. Mr. White, W. C. Pickens and Will Harrison are now on a trip into Northern California where they are looking after business matters. An appointment to fill the vacancy has not yet been made but will be announced soon by M. J. Newhouse, manager of the association.

Green P. T. A. Meets Friday

The Parent Teacher association of the Green school will meet Friday evening, December 8, at 8 o'clock. Besides the regular program a question of importance to everyone in the district will be discussed—that of serving a hot dish in connection with the noon lunch for the pupils. Everyone in the district is interested in the welfare of the school, whether they have pupils in attendance or not, as the results of the school affect the community more than any other one factor. Shall it be for the best, turning out useful citizens that will be able to take their places as to make this a better country in which to live, or will we be satisfied with just ordinary results? In addition to the above, Mr. J. E. Flurry of the American Legion will be present and speak on the topic of "National Educational Week." The school is observing this week and the topics outlined in their daily programs.

Undergoes Operation—
A. O. Evans of Canyonville underwent a serious operation at the Mercy hospital this morning.

POPE PIUS STROLLS IN VATICAN GARDENS



This new and exclusive photograph of Pope Pius XI shows the head of the Roman Catholic Church strolling in the gardens of the Vatican, in Rome.

PENSION SYSTEM COSTS HUGE SUM

Over Quarter of Million Dollars Spent During the Past Fiscal Year.

NUMBER ON DECREASE

System is Made More Liberal in Reference to Claims of Spanish American War Veterans for Pensions

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The American Pension system cost the public \$255,291,642 during the fiscal year ended last June 30, according to the annual report of the commissioner of Pensions sent today to President Harding. Of this amount \$253,807,583 was paid out for pensions, the cost of maintenance of the system being \$1,394,079.

That the number of pensions in this country is rapidly diminishing is shown in the statement that \$1,908,259 less was paid in pensions during the past fiscal year than during the previous year; that 25,082 Civil War veterans died, as against 24,775 for the previous year, and that 21,259 widows died as against 19,451 the year previous. The number of pensioners on the rolls June 30, 1922, was 547,066 compared with 566,052 on June 30 the previous year. Of these, 193,881 were Civil War veterans; 272,194 Civil War Widows; 45,955 veterans of the Spanish War; and 9,198 widows of Spanish war veterans. There were 73 soldiers drawing pensions for service in the war with Mexico, and 49 widows of soldiers of the War of 1812.

Several important modifications of the practice of the Pension Bureau were brought about during the year by departmental decisions. One decision held that a person who enlisted in the Regular Army subsequent to April 22, 1898, and was discharged on or before April 11, 1899, or who enlisted in the Navy or Marine Corps after May 4, 1898, and was discharged prior to April 11, 1899, could be considered a "volunteer." This holding favorably affected hundreds of claims filed by widows and minors of soldiers of the Spanish War.

Instructions approved in August, last year, provided a more liberal system of rating claims of Spanish War soldiers under the act of June 1920.

The practice originally laid down under act of May, 1920, made the \$72 rate for helpless Civil War veterans commence from the date of medical examination of pensioners by a surgeon of a board of surgeons of the Pension Bureau. More than 72,000 claims for the \$72 rate have been allowed and 24,537 were drawn the rate per month on June 30, 1922.

In the past fiscal year, 130,734 pension claims were disposed of and 2,269,767 checks prepared and sent out. At the close of the year 82,615 claims under various pension laws were pending.

Under the act of May 1920 providing for the retirement of civil service employees, there were 7,576 appointments on the roll, of whom 6,667 were retired for age, broadening and liberalizing acts has been in operation for two years, the Commissioner declared, and experience indicates it needs but few changes.

It was suggested that employees eligible for retirement at the age of 70 should have the option of retiring at 65; that retirement beyond 65 should be by agreement between employee and head of his department; and that no employee should be retained beyond the age of 70. Similar provisions were suggested for those eligible for retirement at 62 and 65 years of age. The present system of annuities should be enlarged to provide a somewhat larger annuity for all classes, the Commissioner said, and particularly for those receiving less than \$30 per month.

"Gold Diggers" to Be Presented Tonight

"The Gold Diggers," a David Belasco production, written by Avery Hopwood, will be presented at the Antlers theater tonight. This production, which had a two-year run in New York City and a run of over a year in Chicago, is on its first tour to the Pacific coast and is meeting with great favor wherever it has been. Critics in the cities of the northwest where the play has appeared have been lavish in their praise and the play is declared to be one of the best of the season.

It is ingenious in plot and humorous in dialogue and incident. The author has very cleverly managed to combine the brightness and charm of musical comedy with the suspended interest of real drama by revealing the colorful side of life among the chorus and show girls of New York.

The term "gold diggers," which is of recent coinage, is applied to young women of beauty and fascination whose aim in life is to get money and to spend it with the greatest possible alacrity. In raising the pocketbooks of their admirers they are more crafty than dishonest, and they possess Robin Hood's virtue of bestowing largely upon the poor that which they have taken from the wealthy. There is a great deal of human nature and sincere sentiment in the play, but for the most part the lines and situations are frankly comic and laughable.

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LOCAL NEWS

Lamps, from library to boudoir lamps, \$4 up. Hudson Electric Store.

Glide resident in—
Vaughn Bogard, of Glide, was a business visitor in the city today.

To the coffee lover an electric percolator, Hudson Electric Store.

In from Days Creek—
Marion Perdue, and George Dietche, of Days Creek vicinity, were in town today, looking after business matters.

If in doubt, give the woman an electric iron. Hudson Electric Store.

In Shopping—
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ream, of Glide, were in town today, visiting with friends, and attending to holiday shopping matters.

Enters Hospital—
Mrs. William Orr entered the Mercy hospital yesterday, where she will receive treatment preparatory to an operation.

Thor washing machine sold on easy payments. Hudson Electric Store.

Fisherman Fined—
Wm. Schouder of Azalia was fined \$25 and costs today by Justice of the Peace George Jones, after pleading guilty to a charge of fishing in the closed portion of Cow Creek. The arrest was made by Ed Walker and Charles Loar, deputy game wardens.

Interesting program tonight—
Mrs. Falbe will show the slides furnished by the University of Oregon on "Americanization" at the meeting of the Fullerton Parent-Teachers association tonight. Rev. Quick, who was scheduled to make an address will be unable to be present. The meeting will start at 7:30 o'clock at the Fullerton school.

At the Grand—
Among the guests registered at the Grand hotel last evening were: H. A. Cochran, Tiller; J. I. Nyland, U. S. N.; Portland; A. W. Ream and wife; Glide; Marion Perdue, Days Creek; George Dietche, Days Creek; James G. Cole, Hoaglin; J. H. Bennett and wife, Portland; Miss A. Kaufman, Seattle; F. E. Neely, Tiller; Mr. and Mrs. G. De Bernard and daughter, Glide; Vaughn Bogard, Glide.

MARRIED THIS AFTERNOON

Earl Henbest and Nellie Johnson, both well known young people of this city, were married at the office of Justice of the Peace George Jones at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Only the immediate friends of the contracting parties were present. Mr. and Mrs. Henbest will leave Monday for Sacramento where they will make their future home.

POULTRY DEMONSTRATION MEETING TO BE HELD

Poultry Specialist H. E. Cosby of the agricultural college will talk upon winter management of the commercial flock.

What makes the hen lay and what foods does it take to make eggs? These questions, together with a large number of others, will be answered by the best poultrymen in the state of Oregon.

The demonstration meeting will be held on the poultry farm of Nelson brothers, one and one-half miles northeast of Roseburg, on Friday afternoon, December 8, at 2 o'clock. Probably not more than one person in a thousand could not learn something new by attending this meeting. If it is results in poultry that is wanted, be present.

COUNTY COURT IN SESSION

The county court continued in session today, devoting most of its attention to the accumulation of bills and various road matters. Several delegations appeared asking for improvements on roads and the court promised such relief as is possible. Committees representing the Taxpayers league and working on an investigation of the budget, appeared and asked information regarding several funds.

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DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Weather Bureau, local office, Roseburg, Oregon, 24 hours ending 5 A. M.
Precipitation in in. and Hundredths
Highest temperature yesterday ... 45
Lowest temperature last night ... 31
Precipitation, last 24 hours ... 18
Total precip. since first of month 1.68
Normal precip. for this month ... 5.92
Total precip. from Sept. 1, 1922 to date ... 9.33
Average precip. from Sept. 1, 1877 to 1922 ... 9.28
Total deficiency from Sept. 1, 1922 to date59
Average precipitation for 44 wet seasons (Sept. to May, Inc.) ... 31.39
Tonight and Friday, fair.
WILLIAM BELL, Observer.

USED FORD BARGAINS

Ford Bug, \$75. Ford Touring, \$50.
2 1920 Sedans, good shape.
2 1920 Tourings, best of shape.
1 1921 Touring, good condition.
1 1917 Touring, cheap.
2 Ford Trucks, cheap.

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