

A WAYWARD TONGUE.
The chairman of the committee was addressing a meeting at a teachers' institute.
"My friends, the school-work is the bul-house of civilization, I mean—"
He began to feel frightened.
"The bul-house is the school-work of civilization."
The snails could be felt.
"The work-house is the bul-school."
He was evidently twisted.
"The school-bul is the house-work."
An audible snigger spread over the audience.
"The bul-school—"
He was getting wild. So were his hearers. He mopped his perspiration, gritted his teeth, and made a fresh start.
"The schoolhouse, my friends—"
A sigh of relief went up. Hamlet was himself again!
He gazed serenely around. The light of triumphant self-confidence was enthroned upon his brow.
"In the schoolhouse—"
And that is when he lost consciousness—Exchange.

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1:00 to 5:00 P. M.
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Again assuring you of our earnest efforts to deserve your continued confidence and with all good wishes, we are

BREVITIES
See "Blundering Billy" at Weston opera house December 30. (Adv.)
C. E. Nelson was in town from Pendleton Tuesday on a business visit.
Earl Wood is here from Redmond, Oregon, for a holiday visit under the parental roof.
James Kirkpatrick has returned from a sojourn of six weeks in southern California.
Otis Reynolds was in town for a few days this week from Connell, Wash., visiting relatives and friends.
If you want a masquerade suit, call on Mrs. Anderson tomorrow at the residence of Mrs. Kees. (Adv.)
Jake Narhaus has gone to Hudson Bay with his band of cattle, numbering 100 head, for winter feeding.
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bennett and little daughter of Portland, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Bennett's mother, Mrs. J. C. Davis.
Mrs. L. H. Dowd has gone to McMinnville, Oregon, for a Christmas visit with her children, who are attending McMinnville college.
Andy T. Barnett, local typewriter agent, has disposed of a Remington machine to Trylan Tucker, the country merchant of Reed and Hawley mountains.
The Echo Commercial club has a smooth proposition on. It wants to fill all the roads in the Echo neighborhood, and has asked the farmers to co-operate.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Butterworth of Valdez, Alaska, are here for a holiday visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. O. DeMoss. Mr. Butterworth is a mining engineer of Valdez.
A. F. Alexander, the affable representative of Up-in-the-Times Magazine, was with us again during the week, and landed his usual quota of subscribers for this popular publication.
Mr. and Mrs. Jim J. Culley have rented a furnished house in Walla Walla and will reside there during the winter. Their little daughter, Maxine, will attend one of the Walla Walla schools.
Miss Odessa Kirkpatrick, chief operator at the Weston telephone exchange, is spending the Christmas holidays on a vacation visit with her sister, Mrs. W. R. Affleck, who resides at Orofino, Idaho.
S. A. Barnes, agent of the Pacific Coast Elevator company, bought 14,000 bushels of wheat during the week on a basis of \$4 and 15 cents per bushel. One grocer disposed of 12,000 bushels, and the remainder was in small lots.

Chief Wilson is conducting a rather popular boarding house on Franklin street near the classic banks of Pine creek, which goes murmuring by and observes its course in a poetic manner except in midsummer, when the town wants water. Nearly every night the Wilson caravanserai has one or more occupants. There are no electric lights, no telephones, no hot and cold water, no view from the windows, and the single window is barred with iron, but these disadvantages do not seem to deter the guests. Poor, homeless wanderers they are, with no place else to lay their heads. So they importune the chief for a night's lodging in jail.

Raymond D. Laman, a Walla Walla bartender, was shot and killed Tuesday evening at the rear door of the saloon where he was employed, by his wife, Ethel Dodd Laman, a bride of three months. The woman then shot herself, inflicting two wounds, which proved fatal. Laman was shot in the head, and died instantly. Mrs. Laman was crazed with jealousy because of the belief that her husband was untrue to her. It is said that he had threatened to leave her. Laman had a divorcee wife and a 14-year-old daughter, who resides in Walla Walla.

The lecture on "The Fine Art of Living" by Judge Holland A. Russell Saturday evening was one of the best things heard in Weston in years. The speaker went away from the podium better than he came, and women for having heard it. The lecture is a literary masterpiece in structure, full of beautiful word pictures couched in exquisite English. Judge Russell is a man of strong personality with a deep musical voice that is a pleasure to hear. His evident seriousness of purpose renders his discourse doubly effective for good.

Bud Towery, the young son of G. E. Towery, formerly of Weston, figured in a recent hunting accident near La Grande. Her smaller companion, Monroe Lester, dropped his gun while ascending a cliff and the weapon was discharged, the lead entering the Lester boy's right arm and inflicting such ugly injuries that amputation may be necessary. After a strenuous run, Bud succeeded in securing much needed assistance for his unfortunate companion, who was thereupon carried home and rushed to a hospital.

East Oregonian: A peculiar phenomenon is reported by J. E. Smith, a well known driller who has just completed drilling a 729-foot well on the Fanshler place, eight and a half miles southwest of Pendleton. He states that at times a heavy current of air rushes up from subterranean depths and that there is enough force to it to blow a sack into the air. This phenomenon only occurs at intervals. A other times the flow of water is strong.

Every piano student should understand harmony in order to properly analyze and interpret musical compositions, as well as to construct harmonious accompaniments for songs and with solo instruments. You can acquire this knowledge this winter at a very low cost, as I will teach harmony in classes of six or more at 25c per lesson. Private one hour lessons, 75c each. A. W. Lundell, Mus. Bach.

Masquerade Suits—Mrs. C. C. Anderson of Walla Walla will be at the boarding house of Mrs. A. A. Kees all day tomorrow (Saturday) with a large assortment of suits and masks for the masquerade ball Christmas night. There will be costumes to suit every one, at a very reasonable rental, and Mrs. Anderson will be pleased to receive a call from any and all who are interested. (Adv.)

A Christmas tree and exercises will be given this evening at the United Brethren church under auspices of the Sunday school, and the public is cordially invited to attend. The exercises will include a pleasing live cantata, entitled "Santa Claus Junior," with appropriate song and dialogue by the several classes. The leading role will be interpreted by Lewis Van Winkle, Jr.

Mrs. L. L. O'Harris entertained the Ladies' Guild and other lady friends at a benefit social for the society at her home on Franklin street last Friday afternoon. A very enjoyable time was had with drive wheel and other amusements. A delicious luncheon was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. C. H. Smith and Miss Jean Sapp.

Albert James was delighted to receive a visit Friday and Saturday from his grandmother, Mrs. C. Kneebone of Milwaukee, Wis., and his mother, Mrs. Ed. White of Thornton, Calif., who were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. James at their home on Water street. It was his first meeting with his grandmother for thirteen years.

That distinguished ornament of the Pendleton bar who is referred to by the "Blundering Billy" as "Booming Bill" Peterson, was in our midst Wednesday for a few immortal hours. He is also the democratic county chairman, but we wish to say that his visit to the Leader office was entirely without political significance.

County Judge Marsh, Commissioner Cockburn, County Surveyor Bradley and a number of Pendleton men were out Tuesday viewing the proposed new road between Pendleton and Pilot Rock Junction, which it is said will soon be constructed.

Several cases of trichinosis have appeared in Pendleton and on the Umatilla reservation, and the public is warned to eat no pork that isn't thoroughly cooked. A few deaths from the disease have occurred in Portland.

The name of Vincent has been changed to Umapine, Oregon, and this ambitious little burg near the State Line has been given a postoffice. It already has a newspaper. Umapine was a Umatilla Indian chief.

Louis Christenson has gone to Stum-baugh, Nebraska, on a visit to his brother and sister, nieces and nephews, and will remain until spring. He was accompanied by Martin Sundgard.

You will find several good laughs in "Blundering Billy" next Thursday evening, December 30, at Weston opera house. Prices, 25c and 35c. No seats reserved. (Adv.)

Dr. Alfred F. Sempert left Wednesday for a Christmas visit with his parents, who reside in Portland. He will return to his dental offices in Weston January 2.

Mrs. E. Reynolds and son Robert left Tuesday for an extended visit with Mrs. E. C. Knox, daughter of Dr. Reynolds, who resides in Wichita, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hargrett and Mrs. Ernest Zerba were visiting in Weston yesterday from Athens.

Bill Oliver is here from McKay, Oregon, for Yuletide festivities.

Those owing no arw requested to call and settle before January 1, 1916. E. E. Zahm. (Adv.)

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. NorDean have gone to Spokane for a holiday visit with their daughters.

Sylvan Kennard and Cyril Probstel came down from business college at Spokane yesterday for the holidays.

Lost, strayed or stolen—one little black dog. A Finder please leave at Watts & Rogers Hardware. (Signed) Dueter Hookick.

Motor car service to all points, day or night. Also livery and feed stable opposite the Idealien blacksmith shop. Lefe McBride.

Two Weston students at Oregon Agricultural College, Miss Edna Bauster and Herman O'Harris, have returned home for the Christmas vacation.

Repair work neatly done at the Weston shoe and harness shop, Wheeler hotel building. New management, new equipment. Phone 93. H. Eaton.

East Oregonian: A marriage license was issued Wednesday to Alex H. McIntyre and Cora M. McIntyre of Adams. They were only recently divorced.

The Hudson Auto coming out in January is to be 76 h. p. and I want one. You can buy my car for \$450 off or better and she has run less than 2500 miles—with hardly a man. F. D. Watts. (Adv.)

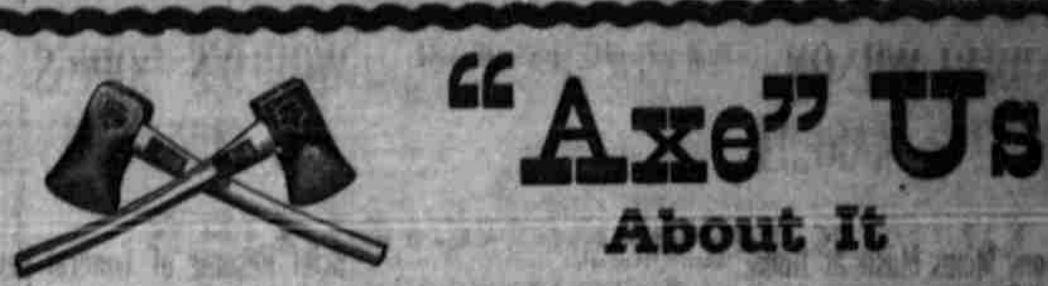
Mr. and Mrs. V. S. McDonald came over from Walla Walla to see "The New Minister," and were guests of Mrs. R. Morrison during their stay. Among those in attendance from Athens were Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dudley.

Joe Clodius is now sojourning in San Diego after a jaunt across the line into Mexico, and writes that he is meeting a number of Umatilla county people. He lately had the pleasure of attending the Panjaces theater in company with Jim Maloney of Pendleton.

It seems to us, without bias or prejudice, that Joe Wurgar and Henry Waddingham are showing excellent judgment in the selection of Christmas presents. Mr. Wurgar is sending the LEADER to his son Alvah at Odessa, Wash., and Mr. Waddingham is sending it to his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Stagg, at Enterprise, Oregon.

Weston Wins From Columbia. Weston HI outplayed and overwhelmed Columbia college of Milton in their basket ball mixup in the local court last Friday evening. In contrast with their less experienced opponents the locals showed exceedingly good form, and their forwards had no difficulty in baffling and eluding the smaller Columbia guards. The young visitors were "game" however, and after doing their best took their beating like the young sports they are. The final score was 41 to 15 in Weston's favor. The line-up and individual points scored were as follows: Weston—Wood 21 and Kirkpatrick 14, forwards; Duncan 4, center; King 2 and MacKenzie, guards.

Columbia—Pritchett 3 and Stone 4, forwards; Cam 6, center; Harper and Goodman, guards.
The game was followed by a lively set-to between the second teams of the Weston and Athapa schools, and the suburban juveniles were victorious. Although Weston took the first half, 13 to 10, they couldn't hold the winning pace, and lost by a final score of 34 to 29. Nimble and ubiquitous, Claud Kling of the visiting team had much to do with their victory. Slim-legged Gus Durgy starred for Weston, scoring 16 of their points. The remaining four were contributed by the Wests. Weston center, The teams are now even, Weston having won at Athens.



"Axe" Us
About it

We Wish You "Peace on Earth" and Good Will

Wishing you peace, we will not bother you with any special business this week.

Take from us a Good Hand Shake and meet Our New Minister who arrived Tuesday night to teach us the Golden Rule and perhaps assist on our baseball team.

Here's to a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

WATTS & ROGERS

"BLUNDERING BILLY" THE NEXT LOCAL ATTRACTION
"Blundering Billy," a three-act comedy by Anthony E. Willis, will be presented at Weston opera house next Thursday evening, December 30, under auspices of the Ladies' Guild.
This amusing little play abounds in laughable situations, to which the blunders of Billy—beloved, nevertheless, of the heroine—largely contribute. There is the usual breezy adventurer and the usual seductive wiles he sutured—whose seductive wiles he sutured, however, in escaping before the final curtain. What little villainy is essential to the production is supplied by an impecunious army officer, the Jack Tar, a Japanese girl, and a "neathen Chinese" contribute to the fun.
All in all, it is expected that the production will add in large measure to Weston's winter amusement, and the guild ladies hope that it will also fatten their treasury. Popular prices will prevail. The cast follows:
Erra Tuttle, a rich mine owner...
Clark Wood
Billy Butler, always in trouble...
Frank Graham
Luet, Griswold, from the Presidio...
Claude Price
Sing Toy, a servant, Ralph G. Saling
Hank Dibble, an old salt... ONE
T. L. McBride
Dorothy Tuttle, Erra's daughter...
Lois Porter
Clarissa Burnham, a guest at "The Strathmore"...
Lela G. Saling
Woyo San, a Japanese girl...
Mabel Graham

Notice of Stockholders' Meeting.
The annual meeting of stockholders of The Farmers Bank of Weston will be held at its office in the City of Weston, County of Umatilla, State of Oregon, on Tuesday, the 11th day of January, 1916, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
Weston, Or., December 17, 1915.
E. M. SMITH, Cashier.

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12 pound pkg. stock food..... 1.00	7 pound pkg. stock food..... 1.00
7 1/2 pound pkg. stock food..... .65	3 1/2 pound pkg. stock food..... .60
2 pound pkg. stock food..... .25	1 1/2 pound pkg. stock food..... .35
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