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Entered at the postoffice at Weston, Oregon,  
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At least we would rather be right than a Balkan king.

Confound those prophetic yellow jackets—they well deserve to be wearing stripes forever!

We wouldn't mind a war with Japan if she would limit herself to taking the Philippines.

It's now up to Colonel Boyd to come over to Weston and see what he can do before the footlights.

It's singular enough that the entente allies aren't fond of Germany when she has such taking ways.

It is still an open question whether the unmelodious Carranza will be able to qualify as Mexico's national him.

A colored lady at Hood River has registered as a republican, and we'll bet if she lived around here Sim Barnes would call her "sister."

"What has become of the old-fashioned lad who wanted to run away out West and kill Indians?" asks an eastern exchange. He came—and sold 'em whiskey.

A Spokane bank president used to pick peaches in the Walla Walla valley at one dollar a day, but we've seen some over there that we wouldn't mind picking for nothing.

We trust that we will not be considered harsh in saying that the Chicago man who went to New York to attend a family reunion and there killed his wife and daughter with an axe, was a bit too demonstrative.

No one supposed that the ground about Weston would ever be covered with three feet of snow. Yet it came, and the people are aggrieved and astonished, while their wood piles and hay stacks dwindle rapidly. War may similarly come and find us unprepared, with a ridiculously inadequate number of ships and men. Uncle Sam doesn't want to fight anybody, but somebody may want to fight him, and he will then

have to fight or yield to his enemy's most exacting demands. Not solely to hear himself talk to President Wilson telling the American people just now that if they knew the purport of certain dispatches received at the White House they would understand the absolute necessity of preparedness.

Basket ball is said to be one of the most strenuous games known, demanding perfect physical condition. The antagonistic relations between basket ball and cigarettes should become readily apparent to the schoolboy. He should reconcile himself to giving up one or the other.

Rex Lampson of the Journal and Dean Collins of the Oregonian are fond of calling each other journalistic jangleurs, and knowing them as well as we do we reckon that if it isn't it ought to be a term of opprobrium.

We're not going to complain about President Wilson's appointment of Louis D. Brandeis to the United States Supreme court, as he may have been kept in ignorance of our own Bill Peterson's recommendation of Bill Taft.

A. H. Harris, who has been writing up "community needs" for Oregon towns, doesn't come to Weston, which hasn't any—unless it be more snow shovels and more snow shovellers.

Roosevelt is said to have been greeted by a Bull Moose committee as "the foremost statesman of the world," and we're bound to admit that he is to the fore most of the time.

What the esteemed Oregonian describes as President Wilson's spineless diplomacy some of the rest of us may regard as a wise and admirable discretion.

According to the Entente's point of view, Germany is putting up such a big bluff that she is pretty certain before long to fall over it.

Nikola Tesla has an idea for making war by wireless, and if it comes into general use we wouldn't mind being a soldier—at the sending end.

Pendleton young people have been climbing a ladder to dance in a barn loft, but were nevertheless uninspired by lofty aspirations.

Millionaires still have all the best of it, as they only can afford chills and fever with quinine wholesaling at \$2.25 an ounce.

We rather fancy that T. R. will think twice about tossing his hat into the ring again—if he thinks much of the hat.

For the United States to chastise Mexico would be much like kicking an insane creature for slashing his own throat.

While Bryan may be a sincere man, that is nevertheless far from saying that he is a sensible one.

Doubtless Villa and his bandits have begun to appreciate the advantages of watchful waiting.

Miss Ruth Talkington, the new playground director in the Pendleton schools, is a daughter of Talkington of the Lewiston, Idaho, Normal, formerly a prominent member of the Eastern Oregon Normal faculty.

I am needing money badly since the fire which destroyed my business, and must insist upon prompt settlement from those indebted to me. E. E. Zehn. (Adv.)

## WELLS ENTERTAINERS HARD TO BEAT



THE WELLS ENTERTAINERS.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wells, appearing this year as The Wells Entertainers, give one of the most delightful programs on the Lyceum platform. Both of them are finished artists. Mr. Wells has had seven years' experience with leading Lyceum companies. Mrs. Wells, better known as Mara W. Canover, has had a Lyceum experience covering five seasons. When these two artists were members of the Schuberts, several seasons since, it was frequently remarked how excellent a team of entertainers they would be appearing together as a company. Mr. Wells and Mrs. Canover evidently had some such idea themselves, and now they have united for life's journey they are realizing the possibilities. Their programs are varied and interesting, including baritone and soprano solos, story telling and readings, vocal duets, piano songs; dramatic, humorous and musical sketches. Their appearance here at High School auditorium on the local Lyceum course, Wednesday evening, Feb. 9, will be a big event.

## FORMER WESTON FARMER GETS BIG ALBERTA CROP

Tom Narkaus, Now Visiting Here, Had 63 Bushels of Wheat Per Acre.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Narkaus and their four children arrived here last Christmas from Granum, Alberta, Canada, for a two month's visit at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Narkaus, and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Johnson of Fairview Farm. Mr. Narkaus left here seven years ago for the Alberta country and has been engaged there since in very extensive farming operations, having leased several sections of land from Mr. Peter Narkaus of this county.

Some idea may be formed of the kind and extent of the farming which Mr. Narkaus conducts by the fact that about sixty head of work horses and a giant steam plow are required to successfully handle his holdings. He also has a number of binders, drills, steam thrashers and other implements, as in the Alberta country the farming season is cut short at both ends and the agriculturist who would succeed must equip himself to do his work quickly and well.

Mr. Narkaus says that his last year's crop was among the very best in the Alberta country. His wheat average! no less than 62 bushels to the acre and one quarter section yielded as high an average as 63 bushels—which pounds like a bumper Weston crop in a bumper season, 240 acres near here having once yielded 62 bushels to the acre.

The other cereal crops of Mr. Narkaus gave him yields in proportion to his wheat, and as the market prices were remunerative he felt that his family and himself could well afford a vacation among kindred and friends in their old home neighborhood among the Weston uplands. They expect to return to Alberta by the first of March.

### "The New Minister" at Athena.

Athena was invaded Monday evening by a jolly party of Weston people in five bobbed outfits, and "The New Minister" was successfully presented there in Athena's beautiful high school auditorium. This entertaining and musical production was received by a large audience with every evidence of appreciation, and the members of the company feel grateful for the warmth and cordiality of their reception. The Saturday Afternoon Club ladies, who were sponsors of the play, were particularly pleased over the kindness of the Athena board of school trustees in granting them the use of the high school auditorium. The performance was given with even more spirit and general elation than at Weston and the music by the Weston orchestra led by C. W. Keen was a particularly admirable and pleasing feature. The receipts at popular prices were \$45, and the net profits make a substantial and welcome addition to the club exchequer. The sleigh ride was made through a snow storm, both going and coming, but the whirling flakes merely added zest to the excursion. Miss Lois Porter came over from Willa Walls to sing the role of Daisy.

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Methods in the Days When Washington Was Chosen President.

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One exciting incident was caused by the fear on the part of Alexander Hamilton that John Adams, who was on the ticket for vice president with Washington, was plotting to tie the vote, and thus by throwing the election into the national house of representatives defeat the Father of His Country for president. So real was this fear in Hamilton that he dispatched messengers on horses to Virginia, Connecticut and New Jersey to stampede the legislatures of the latter two states to Washington.

So long did it take to gather news that Washington was actually inaugurated president before some of the remote counties in Virginia had sent in their returns. In this first election there was only one ticket and there was no campaigning. There were only about 3,000,000 inhabitants in the country at that time, and the whole cost of setting up the machinery of this presidential election is estimated at less than \$100,000.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

### The Spinster's Hint.

A maiden well advanced in years used to wait every morning for the postman, a bachelor of about her age, and ask him if there were not a letter for her. Several weeks passed thus, but the anxiously expected letter did not arrive. Finally one morning the postman said to her:

"Well, tomorrow you shall get your letter if I have to write it myself."

"That's right; do it," replied the old maid. "I shall be delighted to accept it."

"Well," said the postman, smiling, "what do you want me to write—a business letter or a love letter?"

"If you mean business, please write a love letter," was her blushing reply.—London Straps.

### Ownership of the Air.

Our ancestors must have foreseen the aeroplane or they would not have embodied in the law the principle that he who owns the land owns the column of air above "usque ad coelum," or up to the skies. This can be traced back as far as the reign of Edward I. and from this time every authority to the present extent of aerial law emphasizes the right of every citizen not only to be king of his own castle, but of the sky above it.—London Chronicle.

### Too Deep For Him.

A Britisher was announcing his views on things in general and summed up his own position by the statement, "Well, I've seen life." "But," said his American friend, "one of your own bright poets has said, 'Life's a joke.'" The Britisher is still exploring the remark.—New York Times.

### Trimming the Barber.

The Head Barber—Nurs. Mr. Allgall, I'll lend you a dollar. Glad to help you out. Mr. Allgall—Many thanks, old man. They're having a sale of safety razors around the corner, and I didn't want to miss it.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

### Consistent.

She—This wait between the acts seems to me to be dreadfully long. He—Yes. You see, twenty years are supposed to elapse, and the management is simply trying to make the effect as realistic as possible.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

### Every real and searching effort for self improvement is of itself a lesson of profound humility.

Hood River, Ore.—A sturgeon which has been a captive in a small pool for over 50 years, has been released by Mrs. Sue M. Adams Armstrong who owned him. The fish had grown from a small one to over six feet in length. Dashed, at first, by his freedom, he quickly recovered himself and disappeared in the deep channel of the Columbia river.

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In the Matter of the Estate of Lewis McMorris, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Administrator with Will Annexed of the above entitled estate, in the above entitled court, and has qualified as the law directs. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present same to me at the office of the County Clerk of the above entitled court, in the City of Pendleton, in Umatilla County, Oregon, with proper vouchers, within six months from date hereof.

Dated and first published this 26th day of January, A. D. 1916.  
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