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is given to a cone-shaped luminosity which appears at certain times of the year, either after sunset in the west or before sunrise in the east. It is most conspicuous at evening in the month of February, appearing as a pyramidal body of light, broad and bright at its horizon base but fading gradually as it tapers up toward the Pleiades. Astronomers believe it to be the glow from a cloud of meteors circulating around the sun.

Buttercups are reported to be blooming in some parts of the county, and the dainty grass flowers are in bud. Sunny mornings are sending their golden invitations through the windows, beckoning folk to wander forth and view the world.

Two sets of triplets within 15 months were born to Mr. and Mrs. Posey Livingstone of Albany, Ala. While this beats two pair, we would sit up and take greater notice of four of a kind.

The former crown prince wants to be taken and tried in the place of 900 war-guilty Germans, showing that the Hohenzollern trait of exaggerated self-appraisal is still in evidence.

A recent writer remarks that on the whole this is a whistling rather than a grieving world, and like little shouts among the hills is laughter echoed in the heart.

Statistics show that editors almost never kill themselves—which is only another mark of their wisdom in desiring to preserve to society its most valuable lives.

The courts are evidently not to be swerved from their single sentence—three years in jail—in reply to the loquacious conversation of Mr. Henry Albers.

Cardinals in Rome are getting but \$1175 a year—in marked contrast to the salaries of the kind that cavort and flourish on the St. Louis baseball diamond.

The Gronna bill is unjustly premature, but the time is coming, of course, when King Wheat must bow again to the law of supply and demand.

If those two million railroaders walk out a good many pilgrims may have to walk in—from wherever they may happen to be stranded.

The announcement that Von Hindenburg will likewise publish his memoirs looks on this side like adding another insult to injury.

A robin or two have made their appearance, but the real note of spring is that of the meadow lark.

February 11th marked the 73d birthday anniversary of Thomas A. Edison—the wizard of electricity.

Personally we feel like advising the reds in Mexico to go as far as they like.

Anthony Rodine, son of the late Charles Rodine, died Tuesday of this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Williams of Gibbon as the result of pneumonia, after effects of the influenza. The funeral was held yesterday, interment being at Pendleton.

The state highway commission, in session in Portland last week, awarded a contract for a bridge across Youngs bay at the price of \$308,620.60; refused to make any promises for paving until result of May election is known; decided not to push Mount Hood loop; a sacrifice of highways in Lake, Klamath and other counties; agreed to extend The Dalles-California highway 35 miles from Modoc Point to Sand creek; suspended contract on Redmond-Prineville road and will aid county on the Crooked river road toward Paulina; will neither pave nor consider road from Woodburn to Newberg until state map roads are disposed of and new roads are taken up; accepted proposals of Union county, pending result of May election, and ordered contracts called; ordered survey to finish Enterprise-Flora road in Walla Walla county. No action to be taken on Crater lake project until after May election.

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"OVER THE HILL"

Miss Bernice Sapp of Olympia, Wash., sister of Mrs. C. H. Smith, is visiting Dr. and Mrs. Smith at their home in this city.

Joe Grote, big Eureka Flat farmer, established a new wheat price record by paying \$3.50 a bushel for 5000 bushels of Early Hart for seed.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hansell have recovered from their second attack of influenza. They were ill last season when the epidemic swept the country.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McBride has been seriously ill from the effects of influenza. The other members of the family have recovered.

Those steelhead stories coming from lower river points and printed in the Pendleton papers have set the warble boring between Bob Proffitt's shoulder blades, and a few more tales—Bob's there now!

Orell McPherrin and Earl King have put on an additional car and a trailer on the Weston-Pendleton auto run, making two trips daily. This car and trailer will be used for passengers and express parcels.

Arthur Coppock is in Pendleton taking treatment for rheumatism, which has put one of his legs out of commission. Mrs. Coppock is with him, and for the present Clarence Hand is "high man" on the farm.

C. L. McFadden is enjoying a visit from his sister, a graduate nurse from Portland. Miss McFadden saw service overseas during the war. At present she is nursing the influenza patients in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Carl McConnell, all of whom are recovering.

Will Russell has returned from a trip to Spokane. He visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Nordman at Loon lake. He says that when Al wants trout he simply crawls over the fence, spins a spinner on the lake and snakes in a big 'un or two. And that suits Al.

The condition of Miss Carrie Sharp, who has been reported better, has turned for the worse, and word came yesterday that she is in a critical state. Dr. Sharp is in Seattle attending his daughter, and up to going to press this morning no later word had been received.

Floyd Corporan was in town last week from the Milt Swaggart farm near Baker. He had been in Milton, where he was called to attend the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Brown. Mrs. J. M. Swaggart, his aunt, will visit friends in this vicinity and Weston in the near future.

C. E. Prestbye of Whitefish, Montana, will come to Athena in the near future to become associated with Hauer I. Watts in the practice of law. Mr. Prestbye is city attorney of Whitefish, and was but recently married there. He will come to Athena so soon as his successor is appointed by the city council of Whitefish.

Miss Mary Alice Hudson, teacher in the third and fourth grades of the Athena school, is very dangerously ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson on Third street and will be compelled to resign her position, according to her physician. Her mother and other relatives have been up from Pendleton visiting her, and a nurse, Miss McConnell, is in attendance upon her. She will be removed to her home in Pendleton so soon as practicable.

The dog poisoner is still at work, with the result that two more canines have passed over the road that all good dogs must travel sooner or later. The household pets of Charles Kirk and Dr. Smith died as the result of poisoning this week. It is said that the putting out of poison has been practically confined to Main street or in the immediate vicinity of the business district, and with this fact established it may be that apprehension of the poisoner is likely to occur.

Athena friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Woodward may have the means of solving the h. c. l. problem in the matter of cotton, for several have received this week direct from New Orleans, La., with their compliments, a generous bale of that product. Accompanying the bale received by the Press were two very life-like pickaninnies, with their inevitable slice of "watermelon." Mr. and Mrs. Woodward are evidently enjoying their southern trip.

With the abatement of the flu, and better roads, shows will be resumed at the Standard Theatre, beginning tomorrow (Saturday) evening with Doug Fairbanks in "Say, Young Fellow!" Sunday night the favorite Charles Ray will be seen in "A Nine O'Clock Town." The "Miracle Man," which was cancelled on account of the health situation, has been booked for Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25. The next big picture will be "Broken Blossoms," which comes to the Standard on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, February 25 and 26.

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A VITAL NEED.
Based upon the h. c. l. in general, the taxpayers of Oregon are faced inevitably with the higher cost of higher education.

The people will vote May 21 on a measure submitted at the special session of the legislature that appropriates \$514,000 a year to University of Oregon and \$685,000 to the Oregon Agricultural College. The Oregon Normal School also comes in for increased maintenance under the same bill.

The issue is literally one of life or death for higher education in Oregon, according to the officials of these institutions.

They point out that both the university and the college are steadily losing their best men because of financial inability to hold them; that in 1918 Oregon possessed only \$411 worth of buildings per student at the university and \$529 at the college as compared to an average of \$995 for all state institutions in the country at large; that the enrollment of students in Oregon since 1918 has been one of the most rapid increases in the whole country, while no additional buildings have come to completion in that time; that Oregon institutions were poor to start with, even before conditions became so much worse; that Oregon has been furnishing good education to its young men and women, but that there is a point of economy below which this cannot be done.

One point especially emphasized is that what the state institutions are asking the taxpayer for is primarily the chance to go on as they have begun—that it is no longer possible to perform the old service or to educate even the same old number of young men and women at the old cost—and that all questions of future growth aside it would take the institutions five years under the new millage bill merely to catch up with fa-

ilities for the present enrollment, which by no means remains stationary, however, but has increased 50 percent in the past year. With the new bill passed it will be five years before the building equipment per student (for the present number of students only) will be up to the average of the state higher institutions in the United States.

In brief it is up to Old Man Oregon to go deeper into his pocket if he cares for the educational welfare of the pride of his heart—the glorious and ambitious youth of the state. He cannot be niggardly in this respect without lagging behind on the pathway of knowledge—the road to power. State pride must prevail against his bank account if Oregon is to maintain its proper place educationally in the galaxy of commonwealths.

"HERE'S TO PETE!"

The democratic party of Umatilla county and the state owes much to Will M. Peterson of Pendleton, whose candidacy for the office of delegate to the San Francisco convention is meeting with pronounced favor.

Mr. Peterson not only ranks high as an orator in this part of the state, but he is an able and tactful organizer. What little success the democratic party has been able to attain in this county, in which it is far outnumbered by its friends the enemy, it owes largely to the unselfish and devoted work of Will M. Peterson as county chairman—an always difficult and often thankless task. We think that no other democrat in the county has a better claim to the party's appreciation—and that a token of the party's esteem should properly be bestowed in the shape of credentials as national delegate. We think also that Mr. Peterson would be actuated solely at San Francisco by considerations of the highest regard for the nation's welfare.

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