

**BREVITIES**

Mrs. Will Gould was down from Weston mountain Wednesday on a shopping expedition.

D. H. Wiley returned yesterday from his winter sojourn in southern California.

L. B. Davis was in Pendleton Wednesday on a business visit.

Mrs. C. C. Whiteman of Pendleton visited a few hours Wednesday with local relatives and friends.

R. L. Reynaud visited Walla Walla yesterday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips of State Line were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ashworth.

A policy in the Bankers' Reserve Life Insurance Co. will take care of your inheritance tax. Geo. House, agent.

W. H. Gould is doing jury duty at Pendleton this week. During recess periods he is busily engaged, painting woodwork and adding attractive features to the interior of the family home on Normal heights.

Mrs. E. T. Wicker, aged 60 years, died at her home in Weston Friday, April 15. For the past six months she had been bedfast, suffering from acute stomach trouble. Deceased is survived by her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Minnie Payne of The Dalles and Mrs. Bessie Holliday of Weston and five grandchildren. The funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon by Rev. W. R. Storms, pastor of the Baptist church, and interment made in the local cemetery. Jimmie Kirkpatrick injured his ankle badly while sliding into first base in Sunday's ball game. He has since been "hors du combat" insofar as baseball and agriculture both are concerned.

No bids were received April 20 for Weston's proposed bond issue. A verbal offer of 87 cents was afterward made by the representative of a Portland bond house, but is considered unsatisfactory. It is now regarded as probable that street improvements here will be postponed until the money market is easier.

Mrs. Robert Tweedy, who has been teaching school at Wasco, Oregon, arrived yesterday at her home on Weston mountain. She found Mr. Tweedy to be in need of her sympathy and attention as he was injured a few days ago by being kicked by a horse.

Accompanied by their mother, Homer and Roy Neal have moved from Helix to a farm in the Dry creek neighborhood near Weston. Roy Neal is a University of Oregon student and has just finished his freshman year.

Elizabeth Avery entertained Wild Flower club members at her home the afternoon of April 16. An interesting program was followed by games upon the lawn, and the serving of an appetizing lunch concluded the affair.

One of the cleverest school plays ever seen in Weston was that of "Mary's Millions," presented at Memorial hall last Friday evening by Weston High. This is one of the brightest of modern comedies, and was presented by a well-balanced and capable cast. An enjoyable feature was the clear enunciation of the young players, by reason of which their lines could be heard in every part of the hall. Splendid music was rendered by Payant's orchestra, and was warmly applauded by the capacity audience. Members of the cast were Nard Jones, Arden Lucas, Harold Phinney, Leonard Bulfinch, Walter Rayborn, Charlotte Hass, Gwen Compton, Esther Davis, Emma Thomy, Blanche Thorsen, Helen Rayborn.

Otis Ruffy of Echo is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. E. Lumsden.

Mrs. L. I. O'Hara directs attention to the Child Welfare conference to be held in Weston May 3 and 4. Entries must be made prior to the first named date. Children under school age will be examined by physicians, and mothers will be given a talk on nutrition by Miss Lane, an expert from O. A. C. Weston is fortunate in being able to secure a conference of this nature, and it is hoped much interest will be manifested therein.

Newton Loveridge is re-decorating the interior of his cottage and otherwise improving the picturesque family bungalow.

Dr. H. C. Curry, eyesight specialist, formerly of Walla Walla and now of Seattle, who makes regular visits to Weston, will make the next professional visit soon. Watch paper for date. Eyes examined and glasses fitted.

The nineteenth anniversary of the founding of the Women's Missionary society of the M. E. Church, South, was observed in a fitting manner Wednesday evening in the church auditorium and parlors. An interesting program was presented, after which the birthday cake was placed in a conspicuous position to receive offerings at the rate of one cent a year for each twelvemonth passed by the individual donors. During the

**Declares Filipinos All Want Independence**

**Former Illinois Congressman, Back From Philippines, Gives Interesting Views on Island Affairs.**

By FORMER CONGRESSMAN CLYDE H. TAVENNER.



Clyde H. Tavenner.

The 10,000,000 inhabitants of the Philippines are practically unanimous in their desire for independence. This is the strongest impression that I have brought back with me after touring the islands from one end to the other, and after having come in contact with all classes of the people.

I found, however, that the viewpoint of Americans in the Philippines, and Americans in the United States, on the subject of independence, is not the same. The attitude of the American government, and the great mass of the people of the United States, is to consider the Philippine question from the unselfish viewpoint of what is best for the Filipino people. Ninety-five per cent of the opposition to independence emanates from American investors in the islands who are quite naturally more interested in the size of their dividends than the freedom of an alien people.

The unfortunate feature of the situation is that the opponents of independence, in order to convince the people of the United States that the Philippines should not be granted their independence, find it necessary to label an entire race. To tell a sensitive Christian people that they shall not have their promised independence because they are not fit for it will in the end prove a mistaken policy. It will only make their demand for independence the stronger.

At the present time, however, the masses of the Filipino people still have absolute confidence in the good faith of America. Their loyalty and gratitude to Uncle Sam has not as yet been impaired by the misrepresentations of the retentionists. Their leaders are intelligent enough to distinguish between those Americans who oppose their aspirations to independence for purely selfish reasons, and the great mass of the American people whom they know desire this government to do by the Philippines only that which is just and right.

In this connection, it is interesting to review the development of the present friendly relationship between the Filipino and American peoples.

Previous to 1916 the Philippine-American relationship is declared to have been not of the best. But with the passage in that year of the Jones law by practically both the Republican and Democratic memberships of Congress, a better feeling developed. This "better feeling" has now grown into a very strong bond of sympathy and affection.

The happy attitude of the Filipino people toward America is due not principally to the fact that Americans have shown the Filipinos how to make their country a better place to live in; not principally to the fact we have superintended the implanting in the Philippines of one of the finest educational systems in the world; nor to the building of high class roads, bridges and public works—but is due

principally to the fact that in the Jones law America gave the Filipinos her word of honor that as soon as a stable government could be established we would withdraw our sovereignty from the Philippine Islands.

It might, at first thought, seem strange that in their sincere appreciation of all that we have done for them the Filipino people should place most emphasis on the promise to grant them their independence. For it cannot be successfully denied that on the whole the United States has treated the Filipino people better than any nation ever treated a dependent alien people in all the days since the curtain rose on the dawn of civilization. If we do not spoil it, it is a record that we can be proud of.

But it really isn't so strange that the Filipino should love us more for our promise to give them sovereignty over themselves than for our other good works, for which, after all, outside of army and navy expenditures, the Filipinos have been taxed, and properly so, for every cent of the cost. If we but reverse the situation, and place ourselves in the shoes of the Filipinos, which cannot be said to be an unfair way of getting at the other fellow's viewpoint, we shall see that it is not strange.

Suppose that Great Britain or any other power that you can think of by referring to your geography or history, should impose its sovereignty upon us against our will and then give us an infinitely better government than we now enjoy? Could any such foreign power ever succeed in convincing us that it had our welfare more at heart than we have ourselves?

But to return to my story, the Filipinos heartily thanked us for the Jones law, considering it a sort of a covenant between the Filipino and American peoples, and immediately applied themselves to the task of setting up the prescribed stable government. And they set it up. It is in the Philippines now. America's own representative in the islands, the governor general, officially reports it is there, and recommends that since the Filipinos have earnestly fulfilled their part of the agreement, America should be as prompt in carrying out its part of the contract.

So that, in a few words, it is not the Philippines that now are on trial, but the United States.

There is but one answer. America will carry out its agreement. And since we are going to do it, we cannot afford to quibble and split hairs and hesitate until our tardiness robs us of half the glory of our achievement. Let us act with a promptness and willingness really worthy of America.

And when the people of the United States set up the Philippine Republic as the first Christian democracy of the Far East, they will be building a monument to themselves that will stand throughout eternity. On that day the beacon light of hope, humanity and justice will flash around the world. Such an example by America will accomplish more for the weak and struggling peoples of the earth than the four year world war, with all its cost in life and treasure.

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**Notice of Filing Final Account.**  
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Zerelda C. Price, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have filed their account and report as administrators of the above named estate with the Clerk of the above entitled County Court, which Court has fixed upon 11 o'clock in the forenoon of May 2, 1921, as the time, and the County Court room in the Courthouse of Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place, when and where any person having any objection or exception to anything in said report contained or to anything done by the administrator at any time, may present the same and will be heard, and when and where the Court will finally settle said final account. This notice is published pursuant to order of the above entitled County Court made on March 28th, 1921. Dated April 1, 1921. JAMES H. PRICE, THOMAS FRANKLIN PRICE, Administrators.

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**Saturday Afternoon Club**

Sixteen members of the Saturday Afternoon club answered roll call at the country home of Mrs. Emory Staggs, April 16.

The home was made most charming with a profusion of apple blossoms and daffodils, and festoons of club colors, pink and white. Scores of blue birds about the rooms completed the suggestion of Spring.

After a lengthy business session the subject of Current Events was led by Mrs. Snider.

A most interesting paper on "Alexander Dumas, Writer and Man" was read by Mrs. Goodwin. Mrs.

Williams led the discussion.

A unique guessing contest was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Lundell received the prize, a basket of spring flowers. Miss Ruby Price and Mrs. Frank Greer were elected to membership in the club. Others than club members present were Mrs. Moore of Portland and Mrs. Gordon of Athena, sisters of the hostess.

The tables were artistically adorned with beautiful linens, spring flowers, and dainty place cards with hand-painted blue birds.

The dainty two-course luncheon was served by Mrs. Snider and Mrs. Lewis Van Winkle, assisted by the hostess. All pronounced this as one of the best meetings of the year. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Pisk Saturday, April 23, instead of April 30.

Memphis, Tenn.—With the death toll of the tornadoes and storms which swept six southern states Saturday remaining at approximately 100, relief work in the storm areas is being pushed. The list of known dead stands at 94, with a number more missing and believed dead in Arkansas and Texas. In Texas and Arkansas early planted crops were destroyed.

**School of Journalism in Philippines**  
Manila.—A school of journalism, the first in the Far East, has been established at the University of the Philippines, in Manila.

Admission to the School of Journalism is limited to third and fourth year students who have shown marked ability in the use of English. The course is open to both men and women. A class of about 50 registered at the opening of the journalistic course.