

## Wonderful Cave Is Explored By Maupin Men

### \$10,000 AT STAKE H. S. ANNUAL PLAY

Saturday April 10, At School Auditorium Time and Place

Something Novel, Entertaining and Meritorious Promised Maupin People

"\$10,000 At Stake," representing the "High Cost Of Truth," will be the play staged at the High school auditorium on the evening of Saturday, April 10. This will be the annual play of the school, and combines romance, fun, close calls, music and novelties in the story.

For some time past the members of the cast have been studying and rehearsing the play and at this time it is virtually ready for production. All that will be done from now until the date mentioned will be rounding off a few rough spots, and when the curtain rises at eight o'clock on next week Saturday each part will be rendered with a smoothness and perfection worthy of professional actors.

The cast is made up of real dramatic talent, and includes the following:

The Winner—Stanley Wood  
The Girl He Won—Winifred Kaiser.

The Broker—James Appling.  
His Partner—Robert Lewis.  
His Other Partner—Earl Greene.  
The Bishop—Fred Shearer.  
The Social Leader—Olive Turner.  
The Shy One—Alda Pugh.

The Vamps—Jean Wilson, Berta Mathews.

The Maid—Helen Weberg.

Admission has been placed at 35 cents for the general public; children 25 cents, and reserved seats at 50 cents. These may be procured at the Maupin Drug Store with reservations on and after Saturday, April 3.

Plenty of seats will be in the auditorium, so there need be no hesitancy to attend on that score. All patrons and friends of the school are invited—no, expected—to attend, so be there when the curtain goes up.

### Many Flocks Lambing

The Times man accompanied Art Fargher to the lambing grounds of the Fargher flocks Monday. Scattered over the hill side were lambs beyond count, and more are expected from now on until the season is over. Mr. Fargher said his firm expects an increase of about 2800 lambs this season. They are of two breeds—Ramboulette and Delaine, the former being the course wool kind while the Delaines are producers of the finer grade of wool. The Farghers have contracted their mutton lambs and will retain their fine wool ones. As soon as the shearing is over they expect to drive their flocks to the mountains, where sufficient feed during the dry months may be procured.

Other sheepmen in this locality are having as good luck in increases as have the Farghers, and flock increases are proving satisfactory to all sheep owners.

### To Our Subscribers

Last week we sent out letters to our subscribers who are delinquent on their subscriptions. We would not have done this, but as we are desirous of printing a better and larger paper, found it necessary to remind delinquents and try and get in enough money with which to add to our equipment. So far we have met with but few responses to our letters.

We want to install a type setting machine, newer faces of job and advertising type and other things that go to make a first class print shop.

We feel that The Times is as much the people's as it is ours. We are merely publishing it in the interest of all the people of this section, and if the people hereabouts desire its continuance they will remember the little string attached to their letter, then fill out the accompanying check, and thus liquidate their back subscription.

We do not like to remind people of their indebtedness, but there are times when such a procedure becomes necessary, and this is one of them.

If you have receipts showing you have paid since the date on the letters, please bring them in and we will make corrections. All we have to go by is the books we bought when we took over the business. Trusting another reminder will not be necessary, we are,

Yours for a bigger Times,  
Semmes & Semmes,  
Publishers.

### Takes Daughter To Doctor

W. O. Chastain and wife went to The Dalles Saturday for the purpose of seeking medical advice regarding the health of their little daughter, Alta. The girl is just recovering from an attack of flu followed by whooping cough, which has left her greatly weakened.

### Back On The Job

O. J. (Johnnie) Williams has left employment with O. R. & N. bridge crew, where he has been at work all winter, and yesterday took charge of his East side service station. Johnnie is a favorite with the traveling public, and being on the job at his place of business means much more trade therefor.

### Will Build Residence

Mrs. Lucile Cantrell, teacher in the Maupin school, will have a modern residence constructed for her at The Dalles this season. Peerie Temple, carpenter-contractor of Dufur, was in Maupin Monday conferring with Mrs. Cantrell regarding plans, etc.

### Hauling Highway Posts

The contractor who is setting guard rails along the highway, has a truck employed in hauling concrete posts from the factory near the White River bridge. The truck hauls about 50 posts at a load and is taking them out past Criterion.

### Nature's Wonders Viewed Far Under Surface of Ground

Our announcement in last week's Times of the discovery of a steam spouting volcano up the river, caused considerable comment and speculation regarding the real nature of the eruptive nature of the subterranean steam boiler. Sunday morning John Foley chaperoned a party composed of Jim Woodcock, Bob Wilson, Jack Staats and The Times man, up the river on an inspection trip. Upon reaching the volcano the party separated, each going in a different direction. The editor remained near the crater, and took pictures. He was aroused from a reverie by a shout from Jim, and upon looking around saw that worthy, with Bob and Jack, gesticulating wildly.

The editor hurriedly joined the others. Approaching a ledge of rocks he was shown an aperture in the ledge which seemed to lead downward. By united effort the hole was enlarged. Then ensued a confab. Bob insisted he had forgotten to deliver milk to certain customers, Jack, of course, had to go with him. Jim expected a Simnasho Indian in with a load of wheat, while Foley remembered a rail bolt that needed tightening. The editor said he had promised to get out some bills for the school play that day and that he had better get back to town.

Foley relieved the tension by volunteering to descend into the opening first. He procured several bunches of old, greasy waste from the speeder. He lit one of these and entered the cavern, followed by his trembling companions. After creeping a few yards the explorers noticed the avenue was getting wider and the ceilings higher. Presently they entered a chamber seemingly as large as the Portland stadium. The walls reflected the light of the torch and upon examination proved to be similar to polished onyx. The party proceeded around the room and the far end entered a thoroughfare leading downward. Traversing this for quite a distance the Maupinites entered another generous chamber. The light of the torch seemed to dim. The room was flooded with an ethereal light which seemed to emanate from the roof and to penetrate the bodies of those who had invaded the sanctity and quietness of ages.

Through this room and another passageway, the now intrepid quartet proceeded on the way. They estimated the distance of the last lap to have been a half mile. At end of that hallway they entered another naturally lighted cavern. Here wonder gave way to awe. Stalactites and stalagmitic festoons, each radiating prismatic colors, scintillated and gleamed like the fruit-jewels in Aladdin's garden.

Strewn about on the floor were remnants of fluted columns, while in a recess at the far end was a natural altar. By the side of this were a number of stone axes, cooking utensils, arrow and spear heads. A peculiar stone, black in color and slicing apart in sheets, also was found.

While the men were examining the wonders of the cavern a resounding crash with accompanying concussion prostrated the members of the party to the floor. When the editor recovered his faculties he found himself on the floor beside his bed. He dreamed the above story and is printing it so he can say—April fool!

### How Much Water Have You?

THERE have been many inquires and much agitation around Maupin in the matter of just how much water is necessary to irrigate an acre of land during a growing season. It is the common belief that one acre-foot of water is sufficient to irrigate one acre of land. Let's figure it out:

According to local authority the State of Oregon allows one-eightieth of a cubic foot per second or one second-foot per acre running continuously during the irrigating season. There are practically 160 days during the irrigating season in this part of Wasco county. This means that 1-80 of a second-foot of water flowing one day of 24 hours, or two acre-feet per acre per season—the fair amount allowed by the state. According to the water master this amount is necessary to adequately water land this season. If farmers have paid \$60 per acre-foot for water it means they will pay \$120 for water for one acre of land. Where's the profit?

If the above is true, it's worth consideration

### Clark For Senator

Alfred E. Clark is one of the latest who has shied his hat into the senatorial ring. Mr. Clark issues a platform in which are several planks similar to other aspirants' ideas and makes a plea because of past performances and work done for the republican party of Oregon, he should be elected to the seat now occupied by Bob Stanfield.



ALFRED E. CLARK

If the latter were not running, and if Steiwer were not in the race we opine Mr. Clark would make a good run for the nomination. One thing is sure, and that is if he is successful in his object and is to be our next United States senator, he will be kept busy living up to the promises made to Oregon people in his platform.

### X-Ray Machine At Maupin Drug Store

Dr. Lawrence Stovall is up to the times when it comes to having the latest equipment in surgery. The latest addition to his already large supply of instruments is a Campbell X-ray machine. This is the last word in such machines and is being installed by R. B. Smith, representative of the H. G. Fischer & Co., Seattle dealers in surgical instruments.

Dr. Stovall has fitted up a room at the rear of the drug store as an operating room and the new machine, with reclining chair and folding operating table, makes an ideal place for the intended purpose.

### Family Gathering

Twenty-four members of the Hackler clan gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hackler near Wapinitia last Thursday and indulged in a family reunion. Mrs. Hackler had prepared a sumptuous dinner and at the table the 24 relatives proceeded to do justice to what was set before them. Miss Albertina Hackler, assisted her mother in serving the dinner.

### Maintains Average In Hogs

In last week's Times we mentioned that sows on the L. C. Henneghan ranch had averaged eight pigs this year. We should have gone further and said that that average had been maintained for the past three years, instead of for this year only. Art Gutzler is managing the Henneghan ranch, and it is to his knowledge of raising and feeding hogs that the high average was made.

The Times is \$1.50 per year.

### EASTER SERVICES SUNDAY AT CHURCH

United Brethren Sabbath School Will Render Program

Recitations, Songs, Instrumentals and Addresses Listed—Will Mark End of Lent

The scholars, assisted by some old friends of the U. B. Sunday school, will give an Easter program at the church Sunday evening, April 4, at 7:30 o'clock. Following is the program:

- Song—"Christ Arose" Quartet.
- Prayer—Rev. Mershon.
- Reading—"The First Appearance" Winifred Kaiser.
- Welcome—"Our Blessings" Jean Caton.
- Address Rev. Mershon.
- Song—"Awakening Chorus" Quartet.
- Exercise—"Easter Song" Three Children.
- Song—"Sweet Easter Time" Six Girls.
- Recitation—"He Lives" Aliene Greene.
- Solo—"Bearing His Cross" Mrs. J. H. Woodcock.
- Exercise—"Easter Carol" Four Children.
- Recitation—"Easter Decisions" Mabel Weberg.
- Exercise—"Two Crowns" Three Children.
- Recitation—"Resurrection of Christ" Mary Greene.
- Mandolin Solo, Winifred Kaiser.
- Exercise—"For Me" Four Children.
- Recitation—"Easter Gladness" Greatha Turner.
- Solo—"He is Risen Today" Mrs. R. E. Wilson.
- Exercise—"Easter Tidings" Six Children.
- Song—"Joy to the World" Congregation.
- Benediction—W. H. Aldrich.

### Adding Music Room

Dr. Lawrence Stovall is adding to his residence by building a structure 10x16 feet in size on the east side of the house. This will be used as a music and radio room, as well as giving his son and daughter and their many young friends a place in which to enjoy themselves. Wilbur Hurst is doing the carpenter work.

### Dance Saturday Night

The Winchester orchestra, the leading musical organization of The Dalles, is scheduled to give a dance at the Maupin Legion hall on Saturday evening. This dance orchestra uses xylophone, drums, violin and piano in its playing. The xylophone is something which is taking the country by storm on the dance floors and is played by Mr. Winchester, adept on the instrument. Each member of the organization is an artist on his own particular instrument and our people will be entertained with the very latest productions.

### Trap Shooters Out

A number of Maupin shot gun artists were at the traps Sunday and indulged in a practice shoot. Members out were Bob Wilson, Bates Shattuck, Joe Kramer, Geo. Morris and L. C. Henneghan. Each did fairly well, making many "kills," and as a consequence there were some sore arms around town Monday.